Metadata Working Group
Minutes – July 18, 2017

Present: Kalaivani Ananthan (co-chair), Isaiah Beard, Rhonda Marker (recorder), Tara Maharjan (guest), Jane Otto, Caryn Radick, Mary Beth Weber (co-chair), Yang Yu (guest)

1. Creation and display of organization name in RUcore resource records
   Radick reported a problem with the display of organization name (e.g., Rutgers University. Special Collections and University Archives) not displaying in resource records. Instead, only a comma displayed. This value is inherited from the Organization Record through the Collection Record, but it does not display in the Workflow Management System, so metadata creators were supplying an additional Organization Name in the descriptive metadata record. If the <mods:location><mods:physicalLocation authority="marcorg"> construct is not in the element, it displays as an empty element (thus, the comma). The MDWG agreed that we should change the default portal setting in RUcore, and the Special Collections and University Archives portal setting to display all values regardless of the presence or absence of the authority attribute.

   There was consensus that it would be useful to have the WMS display inherited values such as the Organization Name, but there was not agreement that even the inherited values should be editable. Thus, the WMS still will not display the inherited Organization Name in resource records.

   The MDWG agreed that all Metadata Application Profiles should include the element-subelement for <mods:location><mods:physicalLocation>.

2. Radick reported that he Special Collections and University Archives department of New Brunswick Libraries discussed the preferred representation of their department(s), and agreed that it should reflect the combined department: Rutgers University. Libraries. Special Collections and University Archives. We had set up the two entities separately after discussion with SC/UA but now find that the separateness is confusing. Ananthan and Marker will manage the organization-collection structure changes in the WMS and in the public collection hierarchy lists. They will propose a strategy for changing the organization metadata in ingested resource records.

3. Yu reviewed the functionality of rightsstatements.org rights metadata selection in the development instance of the WMS. The rights statement ID and the rights statement [value] use the linked data service at http://rightsstatements.org to populate the metadata in a resource record based on the rights statement type that the cataloger chooses. There remains an outstanding question as to how the rightsstatements.org icons would be accommodated. It was noted that Creative Commons (CC) licenses are analogous to these rights statements, in terms of metadata (both have a name, statement, logo, and link). In SOAR, CC license information is recorded in the Rights Declaration and also in Rights event, which allows the license name, statement, and link to co-occur with a date. CC licenses also use logos (not yet accommodated). There was some concern that the new declaration element designed for the rightsstatements.org statements did not accommodate a date. Overall, the MDWG responded positively to this approach.