

ANSS Subject and Bibliographic Access Committee Minutes

Friday, January 15, 2016, 12 noon EST, Midwinter Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Attendees: Carolyn McCallum (Chair), Miriam Rigby (Chair of ANSS), Tom Durkin, Shonn Haren, Wade Kotter, Wayne Sanders, Isabel del Carmen Quintana, Ruth Baker

The 2016 ALA Midwinter meeting for the ANSS Subject and Bibliographic Access Committee was held virtually. The meeting began with all attendees introducing themselves.

Topics for Cataloging Q&As were discussed, and a tentative schedule was made for the months of January 2016 – June 2016. The schedule is as follows:

- January – Carolyn – Subject headings used for homes and households (e.g. architectural styles, building materials, settlement)
- February – Wade – Subject headings used for cross-cultural research and studies
- March – Tom – Subject headings used for materials related to ghosts, vampires, and zombies in folklore (topic proposed in a post-meeting email to committee members)
- April and May – Isabel will write a Q&A on one of the following topics listed below that she proposed and will speak to Lars about writing a Q&A of his choice during this time as well.
 - 3xx fields in authority records (e.g. birthplace, occupation)
 - What is VIAF (Virtual International Authority File) and how is it related to Library of Congress' authority record system? OR What is ISNI (International Standard Name Identifier) and how is it related to Library of Congress' authority record system?
 - If an author publishes under more than one name (i.e. pseudonym), should they have only one authorized record for their name?
 - What are the Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGT)?
- June – Shonn – Subject headings used for political or revolutionary Islamist movements

Wayne Sanders reported that he has compiled a list of new subject headings in the social sciences for October and November 2015. He is waiting for December's list to be published and will submit all three months' new subject headings to Carolyn McCallum for posting on ANSS-L.

The SBAC decided it was unnecessary to contribute an article to the spring 2016 edition of Currents on the relevance of subject headings in research because the topic has been covered in a past Q&A. It was suggested that the SBAC should send out a message on ANSS-L inviting people to give feedback on how the committee can help the greater ANSS community. Carolyn will write some copy and pass along to Miriam Rigby for her to post to the ANSS Facebook page. Shonn Haren volunteered to post the copy on Twitter.

Other business discussed was determining who will be rolling off the committee after the 2016 ALA Annual meeting. Individuals continuing on need to start thinking about who would like to be the next chair of the SBAC. Carolyn will be rolling off the SBAC after Annual.

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm.

Minutes recorded by Carolyn McCallum