

Digital Library Working Group
Minutes: July 29, 1998

FIRST DRAFT!

Present:

Gail Clement, chairperson; Dr. Miller, Sherry Carrillo, Salvador Miranda, Nancy Hershof, Kass Evans, Tim Walker, Mayra Nemeth, Jennifer Fu, David Goldsmith, Vicki Grahame, Heidi Lowry

Old Business:

The minutes from the previous meeting were edited. Gail Clement reviewed the topics discussed in the meeting previous to the last meeting. David Goldsmith and Vicki Grahame continue to explore possibilities for a tracking system. The vision statement of the DLWG is still in process.

Gail reminded the group about the elements of descriptive metadata which were presented by Kass Evans at the last meeting.

New Business:

Gail Clement began discussion of how digital objects and structural metadata work. Tim and Kass Evans described the process used by the IMS to map these digital objects to descriptive records using the Blue Angel software program. They discussed the navigation around the records and the objects. The group expressed interest in seeing how a NOTIS MARC record would show the descriptive fields and links for a multipart record in the Blue Angel Database. Regarding long records, Kass noted that another committee is looking at theses and their digitization. Vicki and Kass will work on this mapping with MARC to possibly provide this example. Sherry Carrillo and Mayra Nemeth brought up another project that might provide examples. Mayra reported on her work to catalog architecture slides that are in a digital format on CD-ROM. A workshop for how to enter records in the Blue Angel program was also requested.

Other concerns about digital objects, especially text files and their structure led to further discussion. Gail Clement proposed that each collection of items will need to be examined in light of each set of criteria and that no one solution, model or format might fit every collection. The decision process for this could involve a 'curator' for each collection to look at a whole project intellectually and make judgement calls. It was also suggested that the architecture slides project might provide a good way to evaluate products of the decision process. Mayra suggested that several groups including the UNIS group, IMS, and the Library meet to discuss each collection or item. Tim and Kass mentioned that some items come to them with descriptions already included and that the IBM DL implementation committee has already settled upon standards to use. Gail noted that standards and the evaluation process might be discussed in another forum.

At the next meeting the DLWG will see a demonstration of slides mapped to MARC from Kass, Mayra, Vicki, and Margarita. The group will discuss the tracking of digital objects, a production process for items in consideration, and the management of digital content in a variety of formats.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 23, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.