PREMIS Editorial Committee Conference Call Notes

21 February 2008

In attendance: Rebecca Guenther, Priscilla Caplan, Angela Dappert, Bill Leonard (notes).

Teleconferencing difficulties prevented all members from attending.

1. Review of Data dictionary/report

We are all encouraged to read the Final Review Version.

http://pec.lib.uchicago.edu:8888/pec/uploads/1/premis-vers2_Final_review

_copy_20080307.doc

Send any minor editorial comments to Cynthia, the editor.

2. Extensibility

Angela discussed the paper she posted to the wiki pointing out some of the advantages and pitfalls.

Raising the extension containers up to the same level as the element it extends allows it to be used as an alternative container, but it loses the ability to associate elements in the extension container with elements in the Premis container.

Preference was expressed for the naturally nested structure, instead of the parallel structure.

Angela will modify the paper: bring significantProperties back down where it was to 1.4.3; change rightsStatement to Not Repeatable.

Decision: The container additionalTechnicalCharacteristics, 1.15, will move up to become an extension of objectCharacteristics.

Decision: All extensions should be repeatable so that users can apply constraints as they wish.

3. storageMedium

Priscilla recalled discussions in the original working group on making the storageMedium mandatory. At that time, it was thought that this is an element which an institution needs to know, so it was made mandatory.

Decision: Although an institution needs to know the storage medium on which objects reside, this information is not necessary for exchange.

The obligation of storageMedium will be changed to Optional.

The discussion on digital signatures was postponed until Zhiwu can be present.

4. eventDateTime

Rebecca raised questions about consistency of the date and time formats in an email March 6:

http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0803&L=premis-ec

The format used for storage of dates and times within repositories should be an implementation decision.

A second note could be added which clarifies that conformance to ISO 8601 is desired when the record is exchanged.

Rebecca will try to schedule another call next week.