

PREMIS Editorial Committee Conference Call Notes

30 August 2007

In attendance: Olaf Brandt, Rebecca Guenther, Priscilla Caplan, Brian Lavoie, Zhiwu Xie, Gerard Clifton, Steve Bordwell, Bill Leonard (notes).

Apologies: Rory McLeod.

1. Discussion of membership

In light of Yaniv's decision to resign from the committee the question of adding a new member was discussed. People representing institutions which are implementing PREMIS are preferred.

ACTION: All send suggestions to Rebecca.

2. Proposed revisions to Rights Entity

Priscilla summarized the background of the Rights Entity and examples documents found on the EC wiki. These revised versions incorporate the first set of feedback from the KB, CDL and others. More feedback it yet to be incorporated.

<http://pec.lib.uchicago.edu:8888/pec/uploads/rightsStatement.2.doc>

http://pec.lib.uchicago.edu:8888/pec/uploads/Examples_of_proposed_PREMIS_rightsStatement.1.doc

One of the changes is to rename the permissionStatement container and its constituent units to rightsStatement.

There are concerns about redundancy of data in the rights entity with descriptive data elsewhere.

Discussion on the obligation of rightsGranted followed. Considering that there are no rights to grant for public domain material, it was decided to make it optional. RightsStatementIdentifier has to remain mandatory.

The proposed revised rights entity will contain information identifying the copyright holding agent, license granting agent and potentially the author/creator. Priscilla asked whether she should develop a generic linking agent container with a role unit to replace the existing agent containers. A generic definition could raise the potential for confusion with types of agents outside of preservation events.

Specific definitions for the specific agents provides the benefit of separating agents which grant permission to do something from the agents which constrain.

The extensibility of the rights entity was discussed. Should it be permissible to substitute the PREMIS units with semantic units from another schema, e.g. CDL. There will be differences in the scope of each unit and the breadth of data. For instance, CDL records <country> and PREMIS records <jurisdiction>.

The extensibility discussion included the following points:

- it is good to allow for extensibility and to allow PREMIS to be open;
- PREMIS should record the "core" elements;
- a principle on extensibility in PREMIS needs to be established;
- the W3C document referred to in .

More time is needed to continue the discussion on extensibility.

ACTION:

Priscilla will revise the rights entity revision document with these changes:

- rightsGranted made optional;
- generic linking agent structure.

All: Any suggestions or comments on rights should go to Priscilla via the EC list.

Note for future: The supplementary material to the data dictionary (introduction, report, examples, etc.) will need revision. It was suggested that the report by Karen Coyle be referenced.

3. Controlled Vocabularies

Discussion of Brian's document deferred to a future meeting.

<http://pec.lib.uchicago.edu:8888/pec/uploads/1/SemanticUnitsDataConstraints.doc>

4. Extensibility

The discussion of rights, above, included some discussion of extensibility. A full discussion of extensibility will be deferred to a future meeting.

<http://pec.lib.uchicago.edu:8888/pec/21>

<http://pec.lib.uchicago.edu:8888/pec/26>

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0706&L=premis-ec&T=0 &P=1167>

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