

PREMIS Editorial Committee Conference Call Notes

7 June 2007

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

Apologies: Yaniv Levi.

1. Discussion of draft of expansion of rights entity

Consultation

It was agreed that members will solicit comments as below:

These organizations will be contacted and asked to comment on the rights entity draft expansion.

They will be asked whether they think it is worthwhile expanding PREMIS rights in this way and whether it would be useful.

ACTION: PEC members from national libraries will consult within their libraries. Priscilla will contact: Evan at Portico, John Kunze at CDL to pass the paper on to whoever is responsible for CopyrightMD, Karen Coyle, Hilda at KB.

2. Schedule of proposed topics for future calls

The schedule was agreed upon.

The general question was asked whether the EC will review the Best Practices for Premis and Mets documentation. Rebecca will add this to the schedule of topics for discussion.

Items 35, 36, 39 and 40 were discussed as per Rebecca's email of June 4.

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It was agreed to remove no. 35 and 40 from the list.

DD revision item no. 36 dealing with 'conformance' will be revisited closer to completion of the revised DD text. Brian commented that conformance matters most when exchanging data and suggested that conformance means that the "mandatory elements have to be included in exchange data even if they are not recorded as PREMIS elements."

It was agreed to set the review date of item no. 36 to later in the revision process.

DD revision item no. 39 concerns the situation when all semantic components within a mandatory container are optional. It was agreed that the an empty component can be included.

ACTION: Zhiwu will draft a statement for the Usage Notes sections of the semantic components stating that they cannot all be empty.

Item no. 34, PREMIS DD to OAIS mapping, has the potential to be a large mapping exercise or a quick statement that it is out of scope.

ACTION: Rory will add this to the list of topics for future calls.

3. Relationships (items no. 13, 14, 15, 26, 27, 30)

No. 13. Interpretation of linkingIntellectualEntityIdentifier.

Zhiwu agrees with Rebecca's recommendations in this email.

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It was asked whether we need to explicitly state that a link contains an item identifier, work identifier, manifestation identifier.

No. 14. relatedObjectSequence is mandatory but does not apply to derivative relationships.

There was an earlier decision to change this to optional and change the notes. Rebecca reminded the committee that this element was originally made mandatory because we don't want it to be forgotten.

No. 15. relatedEventSequence is optional in the DD but mandatory in the schema.

Agreed with Rebecca's assessment that this is an error and it should be corrected.

No. 30. Bidirectionality of link between agents and events.

Further to email discussion it was confirmed that the generic repeatable structure (option 2) proposed in this email would break the data model:

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0706&L=premis-ec&T=0&P=1242>

It was agreed to make all links bidirectional. It was agreed not to include links between Agents and Objects; and Rights and Events.

The diagram in the DD will be replaced with the second diagram in this linked document, minus the dotted lines. Links between entities are represented by two one-way arrows (with or without the 1,N, etc. notations?). The Link between Intellectual Entity and Object is represented by one double-headed arrow.

http://pec.lib.uchicago.edu:8888/pec/uploads/1/PREMIS_problems_Data_Model.2.pdf

Olaf will work on simplifying image 2.

No. 26 and no. 27 concern use of whole/part and parent/child terminology. The discussion led to the idea of using "has part" and "is part of" terminology instead of whole/part and parent/child.

This led into a discussion of controlled vocabularies and the lists of suggested values, with questions being: Should PREMIS simply provide a place to input values and not prescribe or

suggest any? Should controlled values be taken out of the data dictionary and recorded elsewhere?

ACTION: Bill will draft possible options for handling this.

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Summary of Actions from this call:

ACTION: Consultation of rights proposal.

Steve Bordwell, Gerard Clifton and Bill Leonard will consult within their libraries. Priscilla Caplan will contact: Evan at Portico, John Kunze at CDL to pass the paper on to whoever is responsible for CopyrightMD, Karen Coyle, Hilda at KB.

ACTION: Zhiwu will draft a statement for the Usage Notes sections of the semantic components within mandatory containers (when all components are currently optional) stating that they cannot all be empty.

ACTION: Bill Leonard will draft options for handling the parent/child discussion.