

PREMIS Editorial Committee Conference Call Notes

3 May 2007

In attendance: Priscilla Caplan, Brian Lavoie, Steve Bordwell, Olaf Brandt, Bill Leonard (notes).

Apologies: Rebecca Guenther, Gerard Clifton, Yaniv Levi, Rory McLeod, Zhiwu Xie.

1. Update on significant properties funding call

Discussion of the action items from the last meeting was deferred.

2. Discussion of DD change no. 30

Issue: "Two questions were asked on the PIG list concerning links between entities: 1. Is the reciprocal link between Events and Objects redundant? 2. There is a link from Event to Agent, so should there be a link from Agent to Event?"

Discussion: Continuing the discussion on the PEC list:

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0704&L=premis-ec&T=0&X=4400140155C62ADDF1&Y=bill.leonard%40lac-bac.gc.ca&P=2449>

The broader question of linking between entities was discussed and it was mentioned one of the arrows on the diagram in the DD, page 1-1, points the wrong way. Discussion led to two ideas:

1. Two way linkages already are defined between Objects and Rights, and Objects and Events. It was suggested to change the one-way linkages to two-way linkages between Rights and Agents, and Events and Agents. This would require changing text in various parts of the DD and defining new semantic units.
2. The idea of defining a generic, repeatable linking mechanism was also raised. This could allow one-way or two-way linking between any two entities according to the implementing institution's needs. This would require a large revision of text and defining new unit along the lines of: linkToEntity with possible sub-units, entityType and entityIdentifier.

Action:

Bill Leonard will send draft questions to go to the PIG list asking:

whether any implementing institutions see the need for links (where none are defined now) between Rights and Events, and Objects and Agents;
and asking whether there is interest in a generic linking structure.

3. Rights

Priscilla Caplan drafted an outline for a proposed expansion of the PREMIS rights entity which uses Karen Coyle's suggestions as a starting point. The draft is posted in the Topics section of the PEC wiki: http://pec.lib.uchicago.edu:8888/pec/uploads/premis_rights.1.doc

Priscilla gave a walk-through explanation of the document.

Decision: Priscilla will draft this into the PREMIS format with some examples. The resulting document could be reviewed by experts in preservation rights. PEC members should try to identify such experts in their own institutions or countries. After review, the document should go to PIG for comments.

4. Controlled Vocabularies

Brian Lavoie gave a recap of the progress of work on this topic and proposed working toward a solution which would define an optional Data Constraint Container to record information about controlled vocabularies, registries, or other data constraints. This would roll all possible data constraints into one optional, reusable container. The proposed container would be in the category of information a repository will want to know, but which they may not wish to record explicitly in PREMIS for every appropriate semantic unit.

Action: Brian will write up some examples for the PEC.

5. Discussion of DD change no. 33, Extensibility

Question: Some places in the DD suggest that additional metadata structure is needed. Do we need to say something in DD about extensibility issues?

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0604&L=pig&T=0&P=542>

Discussion: Extensibility is related to container format used, e.g. METS or MPEG21/DIDL.

Changing the schema would conflict with the principle of implementation neutrality. A statement to this effect may be required in the data dictionary.

[Note from BL: "Implementation Considerations" section?]

Action: Olaf will draft a statement.

[subsequent email discussion followed:

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0705&L=premis-ec&T=0&P=313>

6. Current status of revision and next steps

Discussion deferred.

7. Tutorials

PREMIS tutorial in Albuquerque – Zhiwu Xie sent feedback on the Albuquerque tutorial to the PEC list.

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0705&L=premis-ec&T=0&P=140>

Upcoming tutorials:

IS & T, Alexandria, Virginia, May

National Library of Medicine, June 13

Rebecca Guenther

Preceding the American Library Association annual conference, June

Brian Lavoie and Rebecca Guenther will present this tutorial.

NEXT CALL: 17 May 2007

9:00am Eastern US, Ottawa

7:00am Mountain time US

14:00 UK

15:00 Europe/Germany

16:00 Israel

23:00 Canberra AU