

From the Continuing Education Coordinator

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In our approach to RDA programming, we have also kept a close eye on what might be offered in this regard at MLA 2014. In particular we have coordinated our planning with the MLA’s Bibliographic Control Committee in order to design complementary programming and avoid duplication at our respective annual meetings. Our thinking at present is that MOUG is well positioned to offer a plenary session on “RDA and Authorities,” most likely in a panel format that would include both librarians and vendor representatives. While this session is still very much in the planning stages, our hope is that speakers on RDA might address not only the authority records in our systems but also such issues as bibliographic file changes and maintenance.

The 2014 program will again include a “Lightning Talks” session, as this feature has proven effective in recent years and remains most popular among the MOUG membership. We envision the talks this year as a sequence of six presentations on “Cataloging Challenges with RDA,” in which presenters might focus on procedural and mechanical challenges encountered while cataloging in RDA. Although this concept certainly echoes that of the 2012 Lightning Talks, it hardly runs the risk of repetition, given the depth and dynamic nature of the subject under discussion.

While it might appear that MOUG Program Committee discussion has been about RDA support and little else, we are actually considering a range of excellent program suggestions from the membership. Several of these—a follow-up to last year’s WMS and FirstSearch sessions, for example, and an update on the OCLC Credit and Incentive Program—may well be effectively incorporated into MOUG Hot Topics and the Enhance Working Session. And no doubt additional topics will enliven both the NACO-Music Project meeting and the MOUG Business meeting. Also noteworthy is that an introductory session on BIBFRAME, a subject very much on MOUG minds at present, is among the offerings in planning for MLA 2014.

Members of the Program Committee look forward to MOUG 2014 in Atlanta and will continue revising and refining the program until we see you there in February.

