

SAA Description Section Meeting Agenda

Fri., Aug 6

8:30-10:30 AM

I. Welcome from the Chair

II. Section Reports

Descriptive Notes - John Rees

Section Web Site - Diane Ducharme

Finding Aids Fair - Kelcy Shepherd

III. Reports from SAA Committees and Liaisons

EAD Working Group - Kris Kiesling

DACS - Kiesling

SAA Technical Subcommittee on Descriptive Standards (TSDS) - Brad Westbrook

Encoded Archival Context - Daniel Pitti

US MARC Advisory Board (MARBI) - Michael Fox

ICA Committee on Descriptive Standards - Fox

OCLC - Pam Kircher

RLG - Anne Van Camp/Merrilee Proffit

ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) - Susan Hamburger

Archivist Toolkit Project - Westbrook

ALEPH - Bob Sink

2005 Annual Meeting - Elizabeth Kaplan/Kathy Marquis

IV. Ongoing Business

2003 sessions sponsored by Description Section - Chris Prom

Ideas for 2004 program sessions - Kelcy Shepherd

V. New Business

VI. Election of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (results announced at the end of the program)

VII. Program

C. Jerry Simmons from NARA will describe how its ARC system mixes topical subject thesauri and corporate name authority files drawn from multiple sources. One major challenge is meshing controlled vocabularies of differing formats and creators together in one system and in a single catalog record. Other challenges for this indexing approach include training the "description archivists," specificity and context issues without pre-coordinated subject headings, and applying MARC21-style authority control in a system that isn't MARC compliant.

Patricia Williams of the National Air and Space Museum will then cover the evolution of non-LC subject headings used in cataloging NASM's archival collections. She will highlight the application of NASM's recently published *The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Directory of Airplanes: Their Designers and Manufacturers* and NASM's plans to convert the vocabulary into a database appropriate for inclusion in the Smithsonian's SIRIS database of archival holdings.