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# Technical Services

*Anna Appelman, Columbia Theological Seminary, Acting Secretary*

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Twenty people attended the online business meeting of the Technical Services Interest Group, July 23, 2021

## **AGENDA**

- 1) The Year in Review
- 2) Reports
- 3) Steering Committee Elections
- 4) Other Business

## **THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

Richard Lammert, Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG) Steering Committee chair, reported that TSIG hosted quarterly online colloquial conversations during the last year:

- August 2020, “Colloquial Conversation: COVID-19”; with a follow-up in September 2020, “A Month into a New School Year with COVID-19 Precautions”
- December 2020, “The PCC Wikidata Pilot: What is it, what does it have to do with linked data, how does it work, and why should you care?” with Christa Strickler, Associate Professor of Library Science at Buswell Memorial Library, Wheaton College
- April 2021, “Colloquial Conversation: Quirky Cataloging and Rare Books Well Done” with Bro. Andrew Kosmowski, Librarian at the North American Center for Marianist Studies (NACMS) and Armin Siedlecki, Head of Cataloging and Rare Book Cataloger at the Pitts Theology Library, Emory University

The Steering Committee asked the question, “Do you want us to continue quarterly colloquial conversations?” The consensus was yes. The Steering Committee will continue to set these up and announcements will be posted in various places: the Atla-tech list, the Atla newsletter, and the Atla website under Events.

## REPORTS

Richard Lammert (Concordia Theological Seminary) reported that the SACO Funnel now has two active members and, in the last Atla year, produced ten new LC subject headings. Michael Bradford (Harvard University) reported the CONSER Funnel statistics for the current LC fiscal year to date.

*Theology Cataloging Bulletin Update, Christa Strickler (Wheaton College)*

Christa Strickler reported that Theological Cataloging Bulletin is undergoing a series of changes to expand the scope of the publication beyond cataloging to incorporate more aspects of technical services. The editorial board will also be adding new sections. The “Testimony” column is now entitled “Perspectives and Practices.” A new title for the publication is being considered. More information about the upcoming changes will be announced in the next few months. It is anticipated that the changes will occur with the new volume in January 2022. The current editorial board is Cindy Snell (Columbia International University) as editor-in-chief; the contributing editors are Anna Appleman (Columbia Theological Seminary) and Christa Strickler (Wheaton College).

*CC:DA Liaison Report, Donna Wells (Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary)*

Donna Wells reported that the CC:DA (ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access) met three times this past year and received task force and committee reports. The updated RDA toolkit is complete and training is available on YouTube. Upcoming projects include redoing romanization tables, updating the NACO participant’s manual, and preparing modules for proposing subjects. The cancellation of the multiples subdivision (“[Buddhism, Christianity, etc.]”) under “Religious aspects” is complete. Any new headings will need to be proposed individually.

Donna also reported that ALA is doing a major restructuring of all of their committees, so the future of CC:DA is yet to be determined.

*Atla Funnels Update (NACO/SACO/CONSER), Richard Lammert (Concordia Theological Seminary)*

Richard Lammert discussed the aging of technical services librarians and retirements. The Atla NACO funnel institutions typically have only one participant; when that individual leaves due to retirement, the new cataloger may not necessarily be hired for NACO capability. There is a need for more cooperative participation. One possibility is participating in the PCC Wikidata Pilot.

There is opportunity for Atla institutions to become involved in SACO. The subdivision “Religious aspects” is not a free-floating subdivision, except under a very few specific categories of headings. The subdivision generally needs to be proposed for each new use. This alone makes participation in the SACO funnel worthwhile.

## **STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

The terms for the Steering Committee positions filled by John Thompson and Anna Appleman are ending. Both are eligible for reelection. John is retiring, and is not standing for reelection. Anna is standing for reelection. Christina Torbert (University of Mississippi) nominated Brinna Michael (Emory University) for the open position, and Brinna accepted the nomination. Anna Appleman and Brinna Michael were elected by acclamation.

Chairman Richard Lammert reported that two steering committee member positions will be open next year, since the individuals in those positions will have each served two terms.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business for the meeting.

## CURRENT STEERING COMMITTEE

Richard Lammert (Concordia Theological Seminary), chair—2nd term ends 2022

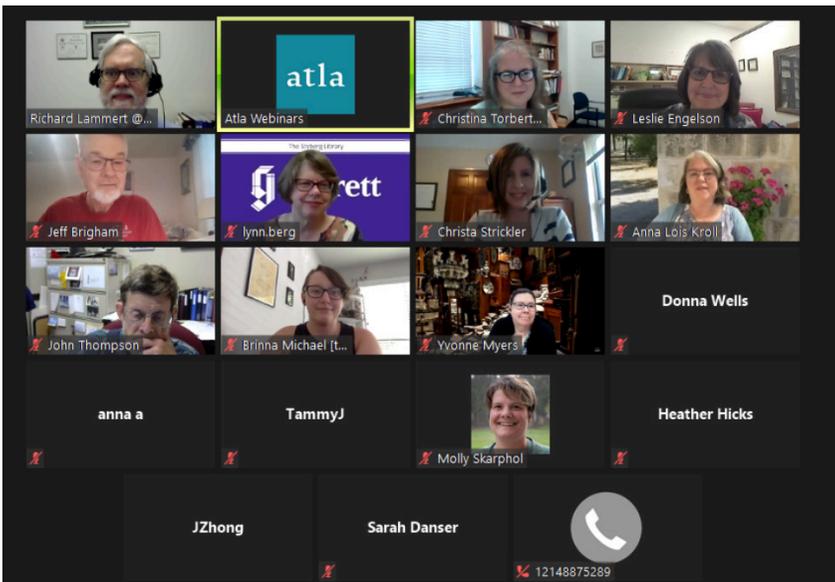
Donna Wells (Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary), vice-chair—2nd term ends 2022

Bro. Andrew Kosmowski (North American Center for Marianist Studies), secretary—1st term ends 2023)

Anna Appleman (Columbia Theological Seminary)—1st term ends 2021

John Thompson (Waynesburg University)—1st term ends 2021

Christa Strickler (Wheaton College)—1st term ends 2023



**2020–21 GROUP:** [pictured, left to right] Richard Lammert, Christina Torbert, Leslie Engelson, Jeff Brigham, Lynn Berg, Christa Strickler, Anna Lois Kroll, John Thompson, Brinna Michael, Yvonne Myers