TO: Minerva Executive Board
FROM: Minerva Cataloging Standards Committee
RE: September 2013 Report

**RDA**
The RDA training in at the University in Orono was informative. The instructor for the day, Bobby Bothmann, did point out that there are some RDA rules that were left up to catalogers, and the committee does have a better understanding of what we need to do going forward with RDA. During our September 17th meeting, the committee will continue to discuss RDA and writing Minerva RDA Core policy.

**Recommendation**

**Cataloging Rules (making exceptions within AACR2 and RDA)**
All rules and exceptions should come from the Minerva Cataloging Standards Committee, after being approved by the Executive Committee. The committee meets regularly and decides what is best for the consortium for cataloging rules and or exceptions. This would makes things less confusing for Minerva catalogers and a, hopefully, consistent OPAC.

With that said, we are trying not to make so many exceptions in how to catalog in Minerva. It is hard enough to maintain consistent cataloging within the rules and we are finding out that exceptions are making cataloging more confusing, especially to catalogers new to Minerva. We are asking that all rules and exceptions be approved and announced by the Cataloging Committee.