

TO: Minerva Executive Committee
ROM: Minerva Cataloging Standards Committee
RE: November 2013 Report

Minerva RDA Core Policy

We are finishing up on writing the policy and will send it out on MinervaCats and Minerva-L so all catalogers and library directors are aware that we have a RDA policy in place.

Recommendations

Number of cataloging meetings be changed

The cataloging committee proposes that the number of meetings scheduled for Cataloging Roundtable Meetings be changed from six to four per calendar year. The meetings would be held twice in Augusta and once in Falmouth and once in Bangor. The Augusta meetings would be available to join remotely from satellite libraries connected to Tanberg.

We feel that four meeting per year is sufficient to discuss cataloging rules and Minerva standards. We are finding that the meetings have a reduced return on investment, and that it is difficult to justify having six of them. Agenda items have become repetitive, possibly driving lower attendance. For example: the November 1, 2013 meeting was cancelled due to only five registering to attend the meeting. Additionally, our perception is libraries that rarely or never attend are not driven by scheduling, so the additional meetings do not increase overall attendance. Hopefully, having fewer, more valuable meetings may make catalogers from more libraries willing to attend in person, as we have found that often libraries that never attend meetings are more likely to create poorer records, even if they fulfill their viewing requirement.