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Initial NACO training was held during the week of July 11-15, 2005.

The Idaho NACO Funnel consists of six institutional members (12 catalogers in all) who are predominately academic or special libraries.

- Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Boise Public Library
- Boise State University
- University of Idaho
- Highline Community College
- BYU-Idaho (joined the funnel in October 2005)

(Idaho State University participates in the Mountain West NACO Funnel.)

On September 30 of this year we finished our first full NACO fiscal year (August 31 for statistics).

In FY 2005 (July 15, 2005 to August 31, 2005) our members worked on **53** name authority records.¹

In FY 2006 (September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006) our members worked on **252** name authority records.

So far in FY 2007 (September 2006) our members have worked on **18** name authority records.

In total for the 15 months of our existence, we created or changed **323** records (an average of 21 to 22 records a month):

- 211 (65%) were personal name headings
- 111 (35%) were corporate headings
- 1 was a place name heading

How do we compare to other NACO projects? The full FY 2006 is not yet posted on the PCC Web site, but in FY 2005 these state projects were credited with new and changed name headings

Vermont Project—62

Alaska Project—113

North Dakota Project—119

Mississippi Project—200

Idaho Project—252 ← our unofficial statistics for FY 2006

Tennessee Project—356

South Dakota Project—424

Connecticut Project—511

Virginia Project—722

Mountain West Project—734

Minnesota Project—1,242

Most of the records worked on by Idaho NACO funnel members were new records (240 or 74%).

¹ All figures used here are those that I collected as records were submitted to me from funnel members. They are not official. Official statistics are posted on the PCC Web site at <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/stats/stats.html>

Our members made changes to another 83 (26%) records.

Types of changes may be

- Adding a note to an authority record to document additional information about a person that could be helpful later in preventing identical headings for different authors with the same name.
- Adding additional information that will make it easier for a cataloger to determine if the person in the NAR is the same person who is responsible for the item she or he has in hand to catalog.
- Adding a cross reference heading from a variant form of a name to the form established as the authorized heading.
- For corporate entities that have changed their name, adding a cross reference from its previous or later name (A recent example is the Idaho State Library and the Idaho Commission for Libraries. The name authority record for the former was changed to include a cross reference to its new name and an authority record was created for the latter with a cross reference to the former name)
- Merging authority records when it has been determined that they are both for the same person.
- Modifying an undifferentiated personal name record to split off a personal name into its own new and distinct authority record.
- Correcting a typo or other error in a record.

Idaho Names

It was not always evident when a name submitted for review is for a person or corporate body with an Idaho connection but often I could tell. At least 224 (69%) of the headings we worked on had an Idaho connection.

That connection might be someone who has written on an Idaho topic, is an author living in Idaho, is the author of an Idaho State document, is a graduate student at BSU or UI who has written a thesis or dissertation, is a faculty member at BSU or UI, is a Idaho state or local government agency, is a non-government agency or corporation operating within Idaho.

Some examples of corporate headings our members have contributed to the Name Authority file are:

Camas District (Idaho)—a mining district
Idaho. Bureau of Homeland Security
Idaho Human Rights Education Center
Boise Public Library
Boise State University. Institute for Urban & Regional Planning
Idaho National Laboratory Site Environmental Management Citizens Advisory Board
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Idaho Chapter
Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Plan (Idaho)
Latah Soil and Water Conservation District
Idaho. Division of Aeronautics and Public Transportation

Current status: On September 14, 2006, our trainer pronounced us independent on personal names.

Goals for the Funnel:

- Become independent on corporate names
- Annually to maintain or exceed our statistics for FY 2006 of 252 name authority headings
- Get more Idaho libraries involved—either as new funnel members or by developing a process that allows them to contribute headings through a funnel member
- Provide additional training opportunities—ongoing training for current members and entry-level training for new or potential members