



EPUG UK&I 2021 AGM

COMMUNITY ZONE MANAGEMENT GROUP
UPDATE

OVERVIEW

- Membership changes, expansion plans
- Revised charge to reflect broader scope
- Updating CZ contributor guidelines documentation
- Developing additional training for CZ contributors
- Community engagement and communications

CZMG COMMUNITY MEMBERS - 2021



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Librarian

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Librarian



FAREWELL & THANK-YOU

Members departing

- Ebe Kartus (Australian Catholic University)
- Betsy Friesen (University of Minnesota)
- Lachlan Young (University of South Australia)
- Unni Knutsen (University of Oslo)

HOW THE CZMG ALIGNS WITH OTHER GROUPS

The Community Zone Management Group (CZMG) functions under the auspices of the Alma Product Working Group (PWG) in collaboration with Ex Libris staff.

We have Liaison Members working in the Alma PWG and Content Working Group



Alma Product Working Group

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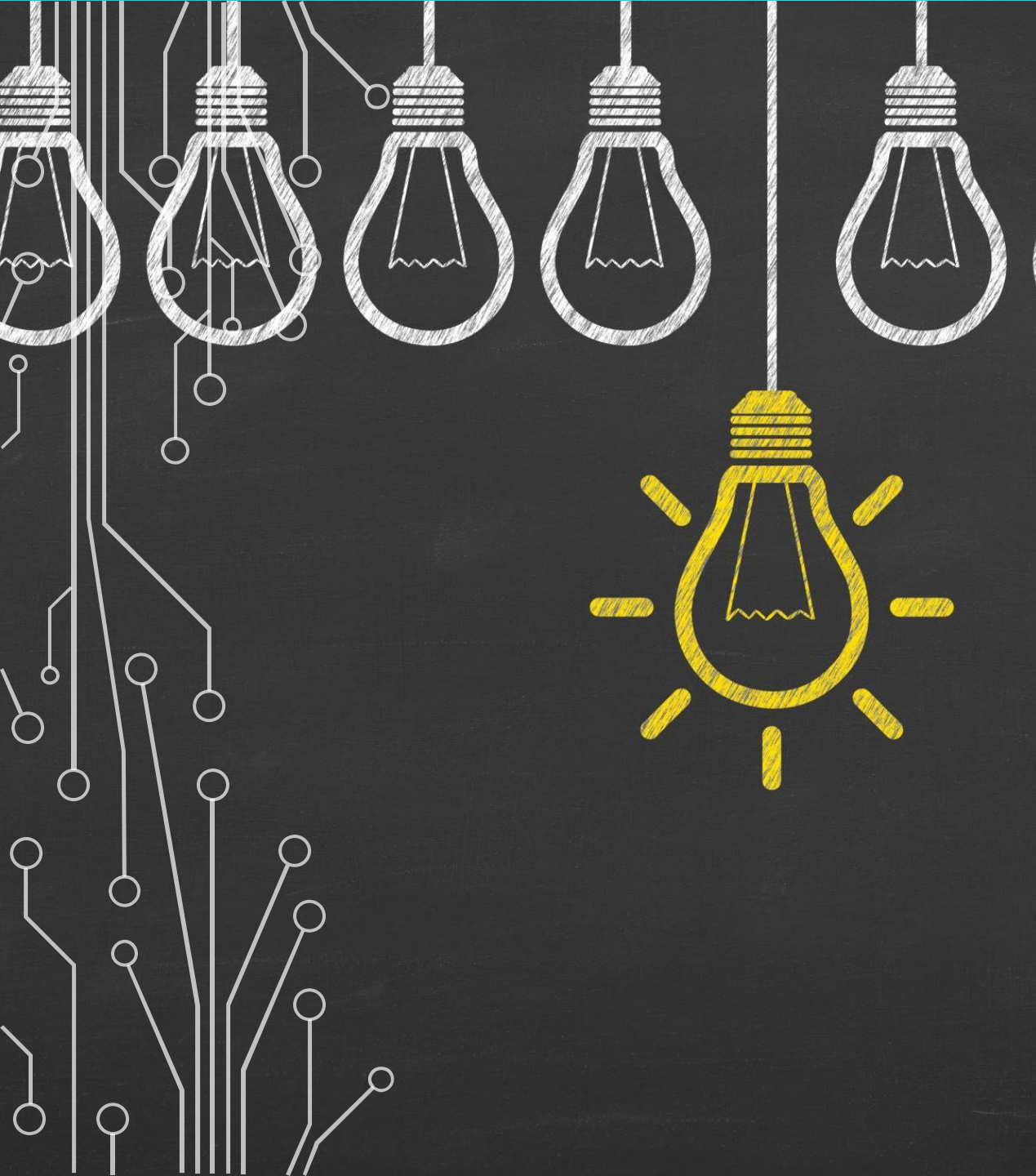
Member(s)	Role
Amelia Rowe (RMIT)	Co-Chair / Coordinator
Catherine Grove (Northwestern University)	Co-Chair / Coordinator

Content



Joint IGeLU/ELUNA Content Working Group

(Previously Knowledge Base Advisory Board (KBAB))



ESTABLISHING A NEW FOUNDATION

- Meeting frequency – aligned with Content Working Group
- Refreshed 2014/5 charge
- Task and Finish Groups to broaden insight and deliver meaningful change
- Better communications and documentation

CZMG T&F GROUPS

- We are in the process of defining pieces of work to be accomplished by Task and Finish Groups
- Institution membership of ELUNA or IGELU will not be a requirement for involvement in T&F Group activities
- There is no prescribed limit to the number of T&F groups or the number of individuals in each group. The Groups will be administered and managed by the CZMG.

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NEW MEMBERS CALL

- > Contact Galen or Jane if you would like to discuss what CZMG membership entails
- > A call will go put to Alma-L for expressions of interest May 2021
- > We're discussing the possibility of hosting an annual meeting open to observers
- > If you can't commit to full membership, consider joining one of our T&F Groups



Alma Community Zone Management Group

1st March 2021

Purpose

The Community Zone Management Group (CZMG) functions under the auspices of the Alma Product Working Group (PWG) in collaboration with Ex Libris staff.

Using the document created by Ex Libris and the Community Zone Advisory Group, *Alma Community Catalog: Cataloging Standards, Policies, Rights, and Responsibilities* (Ex Libris, 2014 revised 2021 TBC), as a foundation, the group will gather, interpret, and communicate the needs of users to Ex Libris on issues relating to the practical implementation of the initial document.

The Group will also work in the best interests of the Community Zone (including the Provider Zone) and Alma users to improve the data and functionality of the CZ.

Charge

The Community Zone Management Group has a broad charge due to the range of the activities it undertakes with Ex Libris, community users, library patrons, and content providers, aggregators and publishers.

The following list indicates the extent of the Group's responsibilities:

Review, update and advise ExLibris on policies and procedures related to Community Zone bibliographic metadata, including:

- Community metadata editing best practices and field editing restrictions. Work with Ex Libris to develop and deliver training and advocacy for CZ best practices. Review existing training provisions and upgrade when necessary.
- Record merging and overwrites, especially seek to prevent automated record overwrites which degrade the CZ data after community edits. Identify conditions for record locking and seek community feedback.
- Analyze batch-loaded records from vendors or other sources as needed

Collaborate with Ex Libris to explore new ways of working with content providers and publishers "upstream" for delivering fuller and better quality into the Community and Provider Zone.

Advocate for adherence to standards with content providers, industry bodies and other metadata providers

THE NEW CZMG CHARGE

- Despite efforts over the last few years, the outdated 2014-5 Group charge remained in place up to Dec. 2020.
- In early 2021 the CZMG collaborated to produce our new Charge to reflect the changes that have occurred



KEY ASPECTS OF CHANGE

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Gathering, interpreting, and communicating the needs of users

Developing and delivering training and advocacy for CZ best practices

Preventing automated record overwrites and record merges which degrade the CZ data after community edits



KEY ASPECTS OF CHANGE 2

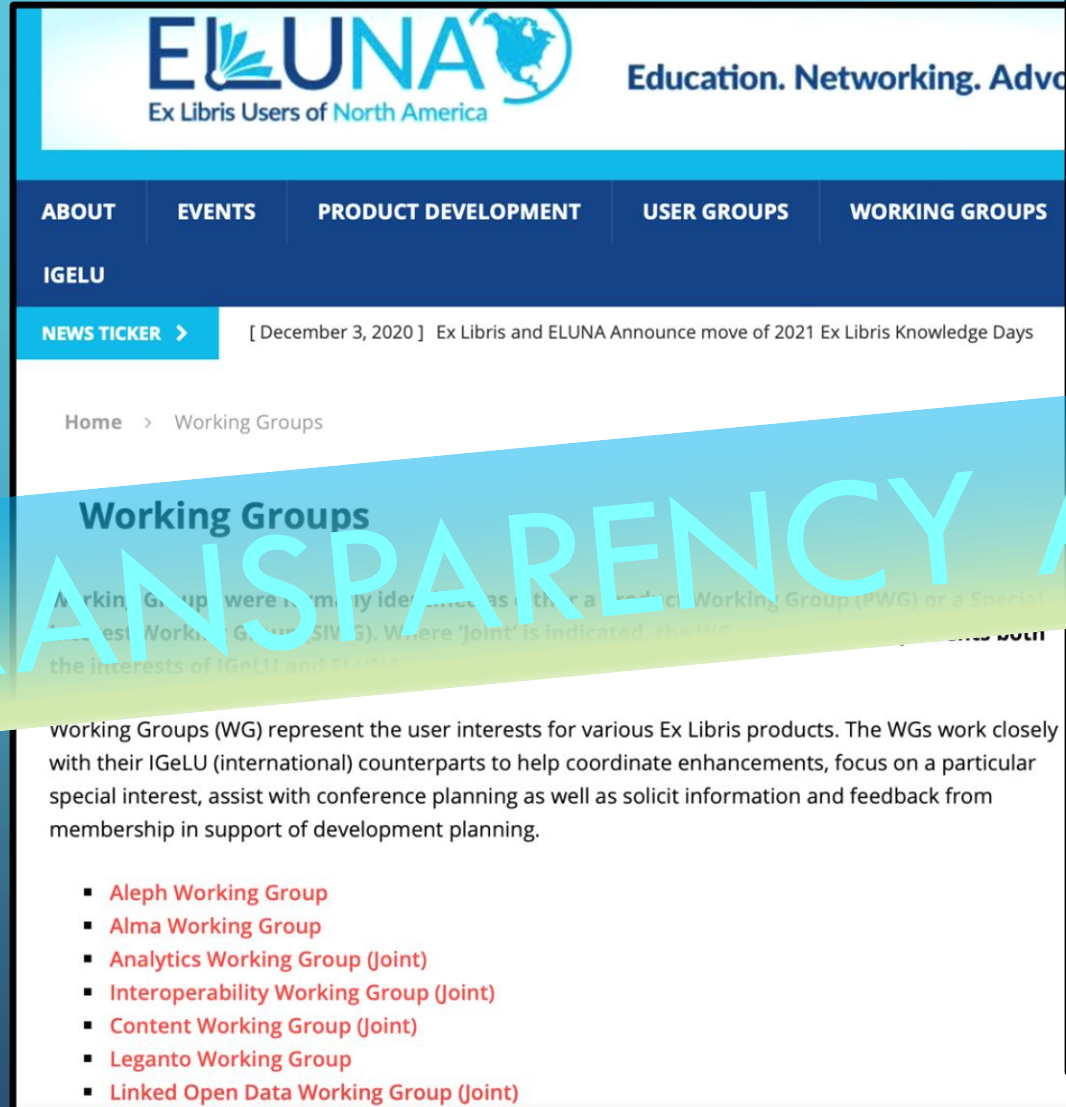
Exploring new ways of working with content providers and publishers “upstream” for the delivery of fuller and better-quality metadata

Advocating for adherence to standards with content providers, industry bodies and others throughout the entire supply chain

Establishing communication channels with Alma users and between users and Ex Libris

The CZMG's online presence has been absent for the last 6 years.

We are actively addressing this currently!



TRANSPARENCY AND OPENNESS

UPDATING CZ CONTRIBUTOR GUIDELINE DOCUMENTATION

- The existing guidelines document URGENTLY need to be updated.
- The CZ has evolved with the emergence of the Provider Zone, local extensions, etc.
- Sometimes guidelines are not adhered to, so we hope to also clarify instructions, develop interlinking with related topics and determine which areas to concentrate our efforts to develop and deliver training



Alma Community Catalog: Cataloging Standards, Policies, Rights, and Responsibilities



<https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/@api/deki/files/60631/AlmaCommunityCatalogCatalogingStandardsPolicies.pdf?revision=2>





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ALMA-LIST & SUPPORT CASES

CZMG members monitor issues raised on Alma-L and indeed within their own institutions.

A recent item brought forward onto the agenda relates to the issues we face with incorrect record matching for Ebsco ebooks without identifiers.



.. Tackling gnarly issues with multiple causes in collaboration with Ex Libris and suppliers

BRIEF LEVEL RECORD DEFINITIONS

- The record level definitions were revised and reassigned to CZ records in Nov. 2020
- CZMG members have remaining concerns about the ISSN requirements (i.e. that a CZ serial record can be assigned level 9 without an eISSN)

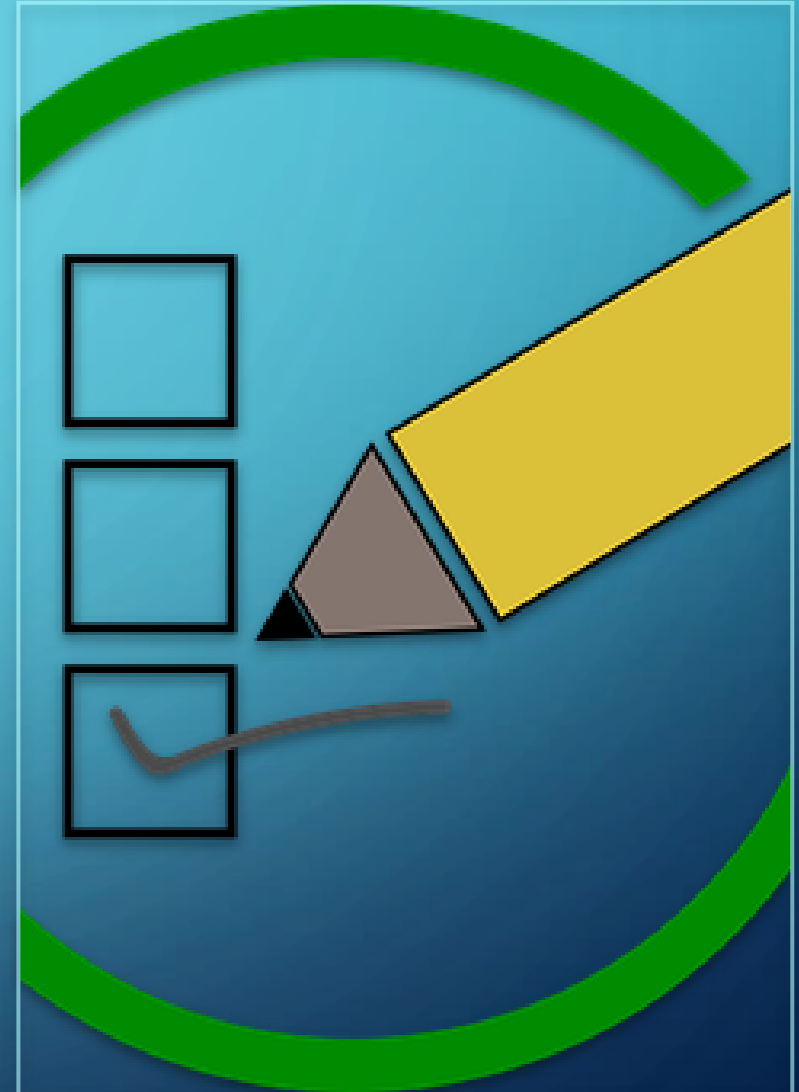
Brief Level/Type	Monographs	Serials
1	No 245 title exists	No 245 title exists
2	No ISBNs (020\$a or 776\$z) or Authors (100/110/111/700/710/711) exist	No ISSN (022\$a or 776\$x) or classification numbers (050 or 082) exist
3	No Authors (100/110/111/700/710/711) exist	No classification numbers (050 or 082) or 650 (subject) exist
4	n/a	No ISSN (022\$a or 776\$x) exist
5	No 260 or 264 exists	No 260 or 264 exists
6	n/a	No classification numbers (050 or 082) exist, but has 650 (subject)
7	No 6XX subjects exist	No 6XX subjects exist
8	Missing 505 or 520	No 010 or 016 exists
9	No e-ISBN (020\$a) exists	No e-ISSN (022\$a) exists
10	Records with title, e-ISBN, Authors, Publisher data, Subjects, 505 AND 520	Records with title, e-ISSN, Publisher data, Subjects, 010 OR 016, 050 OR 082

COMMUNITY SURVEYS

You will soon receive the first CZMG survey via Alma-L relating to editing, adding and deleting fields in CZ records.

We want to understand how the community works with CZ metadata, whilst also considering the system requirements for link resolution.

Please engage with the survey (which should take about 10 mins to complete) as this will help us inform the work we do.



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