Call to order, welcome, and election of new members (Lori Van Deman)

Report on activities from this year (Lori Van Deman, for James P. Ascher)
This year, we have spent some time as a section reflecting on how we can contribute to the Society. After looking at the needs of the members, we decided to return to our roots by sponsoring programs and providing a venue for cataloging related discussions. This year we proposed five different sessions for the annual conference, and two of them are occurring this week. Rodica Krauss has organized--and taken the leadership role in--"Discovery on this side of the virtual wall: evolving authority control resources and techniques in the digital age," we also have senior cataloger Maria Oldal presenting on her cutting edge work, and a Laurie Chipps, a newer voice in the profession, reacting to the modern trends in cataloging.

CCO and MARC Update (Maria Oldal, Head of Cataloging and Database Maintenance, Pierpont Morgan Library)
Maria presented her current progress and ideas regarding the application of the data standard Machine-Readable Cataloging (MARC21) to recording cataloging generated by the content standard Cataloguing Cultural Objects (CCO). Her approach shows great promise for use in MARC21 cataloging environments that house cultural objects. She concluded with a call for record contributions in order to create a set of CCO/MARC21 records suitable for further testing.

Fresh Perspectives on RDA: Around the Bend (Laurie Chipps, Catalog & Reference Librarian, Ryerson & Burnham Libraries, Art Institute of Chicago)
Laurie presented RDA’s development in light of its historical antecedents, paying particular attention to the similarities and differences in the theoretical bases between AACR2 and RDA. While maintaining that a new cataloging content standard is indeed needed, she also presented on the inconsistencies and difficulties encountered with RDA thus far, bringing us up to its current state.

The section’s new leaders are:

Moderator
The meeting concluded with a request for representatives of libraries who will be testing RDA in the coming year to please contact the moderator about the possibility of presenting at the section meeting next year. In addition, please send any ideas, or interests, for future sessions to the section moderator.