

**SCRAP Advisory Group Meeting
Minutes
October 18, 2023 at 9:30 AM**

Attendees

SCRAP Members present: M. London (HPK), L. Rubio (DPK), T. Skwierczynski (GRK), A. Galindo (PAK), H. Campbell (LVK), K. Milfajt (MJK), N. Mastny (PHK)

CCS Staff: R. Fischer, V. Seward

Non-members present: Brad Peterson (CPQ), Tiffany Pruitt (GRK), Stephanie Girardi (WNK)

The meeting was brought to order at 9:32.

New Business

1. [Local practice about height for creating new records](#)

Discussion: If height is more than 2 cm and it is the only difference, is a new record necessary?

Summary of Emails from CATS listserv:

- The 2 cm guideline for a major difference requiring a separate record comes from section A5c in [Differences Between Changes Within : guidelines on when to create a new record](#). You can download a PDF of the document here: [Differences between Changes within: Guidelines on When to Create a New Record \(ala.org\)](#)
A5c. Dimensions. The following differences in dimensions not attributable to different measurement techniques, different foldings, local binding or trimming, or local packaging are MAJOR.
 - Books, pamphlets, and printed sheets: any significant difference (more than 2 cm.). For example:
 - 23 cm. vs. 25 cm. is MINOR
 - 28 cm. vs. 34 cm. is MAJOR
- [OCLC guidelines](#): 300\$c “a difference of more than 2 cm that is not a result of local binding or trimming may justify a new record.”
- Rule may be because the difference between the mass-market paperback and a trade paperback is usually around 3 cm.

Discussion: SCRAP members voiced their opinions on the local and national practices about needing a new record for height. OCLC’s use of the phrase “may justify a new record” means that it is at the catalogers’ discretion to decide whether a new record is necessary. The attendees discussed how the change could affect patrons looking for specific font size or format and if it would be harder for staff to identify the version that patrons request. The SCRAP members initially voted on a motion to recommend combining records if the only difference was the height. They had mixed feelings about it and decided to pass the motion if catalogers could make the decision at their own discretion.

A. Galindo (PAK) moved and N. Mastny (PHK) seconded:

Recommend to CAMM that catalogers can use their discretion to decide to combine the records if the only difference is the height.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53.