NARDAC: The regional experience

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NARDAC Representative to the RDA Steering Committee
The beginning of NARDAC

- **North American RDA Committee**
  N A R D A C

- Formed in January 2018 to represent the North American region on the RDA Steering Committee (RSC)
United Nations geoscheme for North America

- Canada
- United States of America
- Greenland
- Bermuda
- Saint Pierre and Miquelon
NARDAC communities

• Canada
  ○ Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC)

• United States
  ○ American Library Association (ALA)
  ○ Library of Congress (LC)

[Bermuda, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon: If/when they implement RDA]
NARDAC members

Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) - two representatives
• Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library
• Nathalie Mainville, Library and Archives Canada

Library of Congress (LC) - two representatives
• Damian Iseminger, Bibliographic Access Section, Music Division
• Melanie Polutta, Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division [replaced Kate James]

American Library Association (ALA) - two representatives
• Dominique Bourassa, Yale University (3-year term)
• Stephen Hearn, University of Minnesota [replaced Kathy Glennan, University of Maryland]

Nonvoting ex-officio member
• RDA Board representative for North America, Beacher Wiggins, Library of Congress
NARDAC voting membership

- Two voting members from each community: ALA, CCC, LC.
- Future representation from other countries or areas in North America.
- Up to two co-opted members based on the needs for expertise as determined by NARDAC.
- The RSC representative can decide not to be the community representative, and the community can provide another representative.
NARDAC meetings

**no money** for in-person meetings

- via GoToMeeting [teleconference calls – by computer or telephone]
- via Basecamp [online discussion and chat tool]
- via Google Drive [shared documents with joint editing functions]
First NARDAC meeting

- Introductions
- Review of NARDAC’s terms of reference
- Selection of chair, RSC representative, RSC representative back-up, and coordinator of NARDAC web content

at http://www.rda-rsc.org/northamerica
NARDAC roles

Chair
• Dominique Bourassa, Yale University (3-year term)

Representative to the RDA Steering Committee
• Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library (2-year term)

RSC Representative back-up
• First back-up was Kate James, Library of Congress Policy & Standards Division

Coordinator of Web content
• Damian Iseminger, Library of Congress Bibliographic Access Section, Music Division
NARDAC web site

http://www.rda-rsc.org/northamerica
NARDAC presentations

This page provides access to selected presentations related to RDA and created by members of NARDAC. Content from these presentations may be re-used as long as attribution is given (CC-BY). Note that some information contained in these presentations may be out of date and may not reflect the current views of NARDAC.

- 2019 presentations
- 2018 presentations
Some initial NARDAC activities

• Set up a virtual workspaces in Google Drive
• Obtained a NARDAC chair email: nardacchair@rdatoolkit.org
• Discussed how to communicate with our various communities
  ○ CCC, CC:DA, RDA mailing lists (“listservs”)
• Kept up-to-date with the development of the new RDA Toolkit and activities of the RSC
• Accepted RSC assignments
• Participated in outreach events
• Worked on designing a NARDAC logo
NARDAC Logo
NARDAC charge

• Formulate North American positions on RDA proposals, discussion papers, and drafts
• Keep the North American communities informed of RDA developments and RSC decisions
• Select a member of NARDAC to serve as the North American regional representative to the RSC
• Respond to other RSC initiatives as they arise
• Support the work of RSC by helping to identify possible members for the working groups

NARDAC Terms of Reference:
More recent NARDAC activities

- Proposals for revisions to RDA ...
- RSC assignments ...
- Outreach events ...
Proposals for revisions to RDA ...

Because
• NARDAC is an umbrella committee
• NARDAC does not replace the successful committees already in place

Proposals for additions and revisions to RDA are submitted through regular channels:
• Canadian proposals: CCC [Canadian Committee on Cataloguing]
• American proposals: CC:DA [Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access – American Library Association]
• Library of Congress proposals: Library of Congress representatives on NARDAC
RSC assignments...

- RDA Toolkit element review – review of the text on a sample of RDA element pages

- “Friendly labels” review – determining labels to use for public display of RDA element names
A few outreach event examples ...

• **Presentations as association meetings...**
  American Association of Law Libraries annual meeting, Baltimore, July 16, 2018

• **Webinar participation...**
  American Libraries Live webinar “What’s Next for RDA and the 3R Project?”, September 14, 2018

• **Events with the RSC annual meeting...**
  “The Redesigned RDA Toolkit: What You Need to Know to Get Ready,” Montreal, October 22, 2018

• **“RDA Forum” – Designated session at American Library Association conferences...**
  ALA Midwinter (Seattle, Wash., January 2019) and ALA Annual (Washington, D.C., June 2019)

• **Workshops...**
  American Library Association pre-conference sessions
Embracing Challenges and Opportunities
RDA regions

In Place:
• Europe: European RDA Interest Group (EURIG)
• Oceania: Oceania RDA Committee (ORDAC)
• **North America: North American RDA Committee (NARDAC)**

Still to be formed:
• Africa
• Asia
• Latin America and the Caribbean
NARDAC versus EURIG

6 members

44 members

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Northern_America_(orthographic_projection).svg
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Europe-Europe_(orthographic_projection).svg
How can NARDAC...

• respond to other RSC initiatives as they arise?
• reach out to constituents when they are so spread-out?
• make sure our constituents’ needs are met when they are so diverse?
Opportunity...

• NARDAC constituencies include people
  ➢ With expertise and experience in developing cataloging and metadata standards
  ➢ With strong convictions!
• NARDAC will identify possible members for the RSC working groups.
• NARDAC will look for people with
  ➢ Special expertise
  ➢ A record for getting work done
  ➢ A willingness to work on international solutions
Thank you !!