

NEWS FROM NARDAC

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OVERVIEW

- NARDAC: North American RDA Committee
- Intended to be a “lightweight” committee that is developed to represent the North American region, but *not* intended to replace the successful existing national committees
 - Canadian Committee on Cataloguing
 - ALA’s Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access
- This will be different model than some other regions
 - For example, closer to the EURIG Editorial Committee, rather than EURIG as a whole
- North American RSC representative would replace the existing reps from ALA, CCC, and LC under the new governance model

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FROM RDA BOARD

- Represent countries/organizations in the region who have implemented RDA
 - Doesn't need to be a legal entity, but needs terms of reference
- Serve as a conduit between regional RDA users and the RSC, especially open lines of communication
- Identify RSC representative and backup
- Develop proposals, discussion papers, etc., and provide responses on papers from other communities
- Foster development of supporting structures and new initiatives as they arise
- Support RSC working groups (e.g., identify members from the region)

NARDAC MEMBERSHIP

- Up to two members from each of these communities
 - American Library Association
 - Canadian Committee on Cataloguing
 - Library of Congress
- Selection and terms will be based on the requirements of the communities
- Possibility of additional communities in the future
- RSC Representative (elected from above)
 - Whether the RSC representative continues as a community representative will be the choice of the RSC rep
- North American RDA Board member (ex-officio)
- Possible Co-opt of up to two additional members

- One member will be chosen as Chair

RSC REPRESENTATIVE

- Elected by NARDAC
- Will fulfill duties as outlined in RSC policy and procedure documents (including the naming of a back-up representative)
- The representative and chair will make additional assignments to NARDAC members as necessary

NARDAC OPERATIONS

- Business will generally be conducted remotely, via electronic communications, teleconferences, wikis, or other collaborative tools
 - Face-to-face meetings may also be possible (e.g., a gathering of members in a single locale, funding for attendance)
- Decisions will be based on consensus; if that goal cannot be reached, a simple majority of votes
- NARDAC itself may establish working groups, if necessary
 - Draft papers, research, or other advisory products
- NARDAC will maintain a relationship with the editor(s) of policy statements included in the RDA Toolkit that emanate from North American communities

TIMELINE

- The new RDA governance model is intended to be in place by 2019
- Basic terms of reference will be developed and agreed upon in 2017
- NARDAC's current goal is to form after the April 2018 *RDA Toolkit* release, but requirements from RDA Board may impact timing