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
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.