News from NARDAC: The North American Region at Year One

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North American RDA Committee (NARDAC)

- Represents the North American region on the RDA Steering Committee (RSC)
- Formed in January 2018
Introducing NARDAC Members
NARDAC Members: 2018

American Library Association (ALA) Representatives
• Dominique Bourassa, Yale University
• Kathy Glennan, University of Maryland

Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) Representatives
• Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library
• Nathalie Mainville, Library and Archives Canada, Standards and Systems

Library of Congress (LC) Representatives
• Damian Iseminger, Bibliographic Access Section, Music Division
• Kate James, Policy & Standards Division

Nonvoting ex-officio member
• RDA Board representative for North America, Beacher Wiggins, Library of Congress
NARDAC Members: 2019

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Building the Infrastructure of the North American Region
Organizational Structure

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

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

Representative back-up
• Kate James, LC Policy & Standards Division

Coordinator of Web content
• Damian Iseminger, LC Bibliographic Access Section, Music Division
Digital Infrastructure

• Virtual workspaces:
  ➢ GoToMeeting
  ➢ Basecamp
  ➢ Google Drive

• Email addresses:
  ➢ Chair: nardacchair@rdatoolkit.org
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• Website:
  ➢ http://www.rda-rsc.org/northamerica
Welcome to the North American RDA Committee

The North American RDA Committee (NARDAC) is the entity responsible for representing the North American region (Bermuda, Canada, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, and the United States of America) on the RDA Steering Committee.

Please see the terms of reference [English | French](#) for more information concerning NARDAC.

NARDAC may be contacted by using the email nardacchair@rdatoolkit.org.
Branding NARDAC
A Few Activities of NARDAC
June 2018-January 2019
Development of RDA

• NARDAC members reviewed the text of RDA elements.
• NARDAC members participated in discussions to add a new content type for performed movement and to add new elements and to RDA.
• Thomas undertook a project to review and reword the 96 appellation elements.
• Five NARDAC members attended the RSC Meeting in Montreal.
A Few Outreach Events

- American Association of Law Libraries annual meeting, Baltimore, 16 July
- American Libraries Live webinar “What’s Next for RDA and the 3R Project?”, 14 September
- RSC event “The Redesigned RDA Toolkit: What You Need to Know to Get Ready,” Montreal, 22 October
- RDA Forum: ALA Midwinter and Annual
Embracing Challenges and Opportunities
NARDAC versus EURIG

6 members

44 members
How can NARDAC...

• Respond to other RSC initiatives as they arise?
• Reach out to constituents when they are so spread-out?
• Make sure our constituent’s 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 working groups.
- NARDAC will target people with
  - Special expertise
  - A record for getting work done
  - A willingness to work on international solutions
ALA and the RSC

• ALA is represented on the RSC by the NARDAC representative to the RSC, i.e. Thomas.
• Thomas keeps ALA representatives to NARDAC informed of RSC activities and decisions.
• Current ALA representatives to NARDAC are not RSC members.
• NARDAC will continue to find ways to address the challenges caused by the extra layer created between ALA and the RSC.
Revision Proposals

• NARDAC has received requests for additions and revisions to RDA.

MORATORIUM ON REVISION PROPOSALS
STILL IN EFFECT!

• NARDAC will assist in defining how future proposals will be handled.

• American proposals (except for LC proposals) will have to be submitted to NARDAC by the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access.

• Stay tuned...
NARDAC is ...

The conduit between ALA constituencies and the RSC

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Sources of images

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