RDA Governance Changes

The North American Perspective
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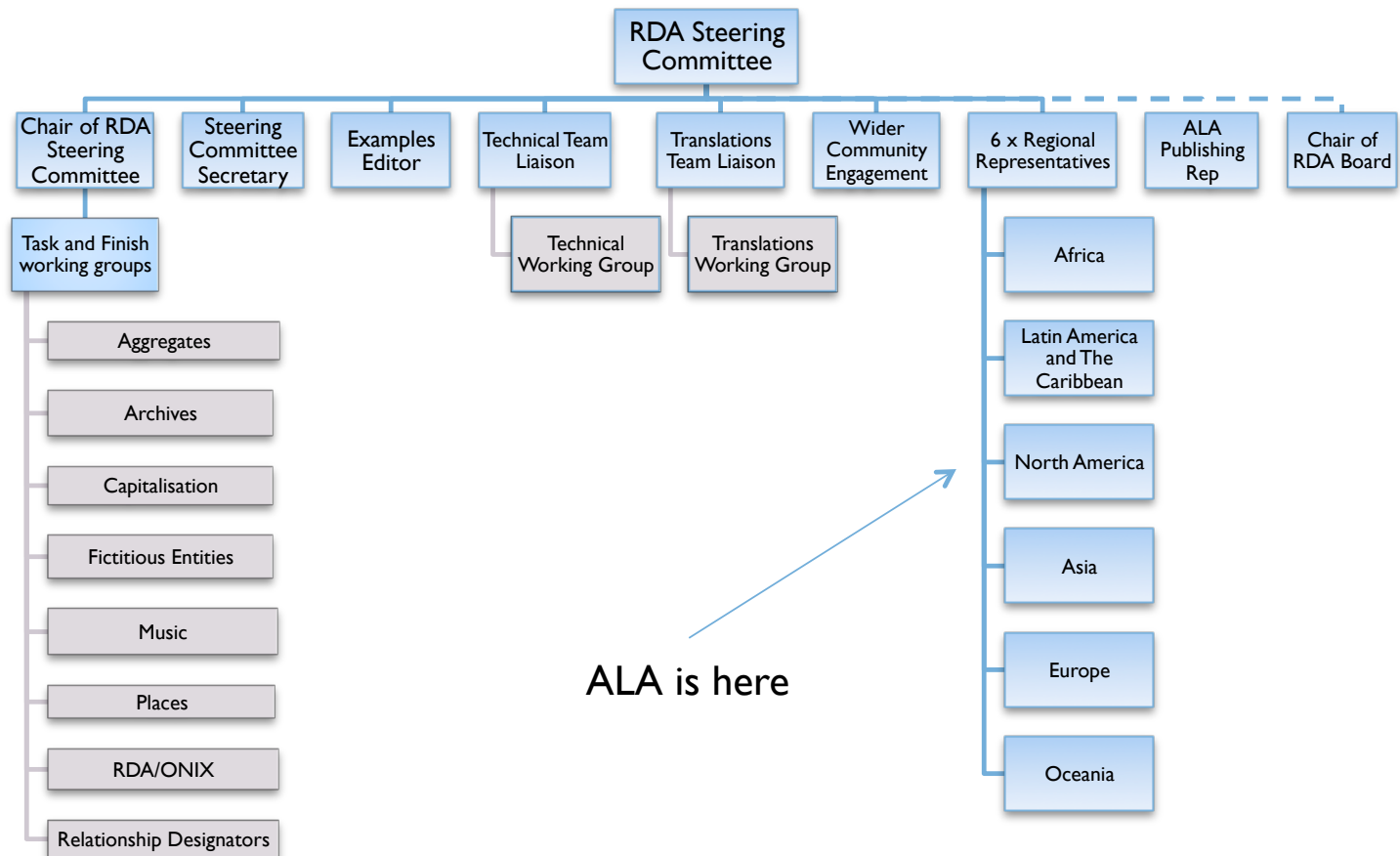
- Committee of Principals renamed to

  RDA Board

- Joint Steering Committee renamed to

  RSC RDA Steering Committee

- Representation changing on both - broadening to represent
  - International stakeholders
  - Wider cultural heritage communities

RDA Steering Committee – by 2019

Changes for RSC

- Three-year transition plan for changing representation
  - Moving toward representation by geographic region
  - Each region will develop its own structure
    - Europe already in transition
- Greater reliance on Working Groups as source of change proposals
  - These will mostly be "task and finish" groups
  - ALA members can/do serve on these

North American Community

- Membership based on UN regions – comprises:
  - Canada
  - United States

  And, if they ever adopt RDA:
  - Bermuda
  - Greenland
  - Saint Pierre and Miquelon

North American Structure?

- Goals
  - Retain voices of current constituencies (ALA, CCC, LC); consider adding others
  - Continue to rely on existing committee structures for support and expertise (CC:DA, SAC, etc.) – don't make these obsolete; don't invent anything new
  - Create a new "lightweight" layer in the hierarchy between ALA and the RSC
    - Perhaps named the North American RDA Committee (NARDAC)
    - ALA rep goes here

NARDAC Representation

From:

- ALA

- Canadian Committee on Cataloguing

- Library of Congress

And possibly…

- Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec

  [national library, not officially represented on CCC]

NARDAC Representatives

- Represent a unique group
  - For ALA, this means all US catalogers, with the exception of those working at LC
  - These catalogers are represented via voting members and liaisons at CC:DA and SAC
- Identified from among their own constituencies
  - Have corresponding term limits, if they exist
- NARDAC members will select their own RSC representative

Challenges

- Yet another layer of hierarchy?
- Time pressures / deadlines
- Virtual meetings of NARDAC only; face-to-face not possible
- More work for the RSC Representative?
- Consensus within NARDAC, or not?
- Dividing the workload among NARDAC members?
- Succession planning

Time Frame

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
• Initial discussions with current NA reps	Discussions about developing NARDAC with: • ALA • CCC • LC	• Implement NARDAC rep • Possible other NARDAC RSC members	• Single NARDAC rep • Possible other NARDAC RSC members	• Single NARDAC rep • Single rep from other regions

ALA will have a representative to the RSC until NARDAC is in place and may continue to have a rep until RSC is fully populated

Impact on CC:DA

- Minimal
- RDA-related work should continue "as usual"
- Opportunity to share individual expertise / viewpoints through service on RSC Working Groups

New Opportunities for CC:DA

- Chance to rethink what CC:DA does, and how it's done
  - Role in developing best practices & application profiles beyond those offered by LC & PCC
  - Consider succession planning
    - Backup to ALA Representative?
    - CC:DA Chair's role?
    - Other?

Questions?