RDA Governance Changes

The North American Perspective
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Changes at the Top – Nov. 2015

- Committee of Principals renamed to RDA Board
- Joint Steering Committee renamed to RDA Steering Committee
- Representation changing on both - broadening to represent
  - International stakeholders
  - Wider cultural heritage communities
RDA Steering Committee – by 2019

Chair of RDA Steering Committee
Steering Committee Secretary
Examples Editor
Technical Team Liaison
Translators Team Liaison
Wider Community Engagement
6 x Regional Representatives
ALA Publishing Rep
Chair of RDA Board
Task and Finish working groups
Aggregates
Archives
Capitalisation
Fictitious Entities
Music
Places
RDA/ONIX
Relationship Designators

ALA is here

Africa
Latin America and The Caribbean
North America
Asia
Europe
Oceania
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

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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?