New Ways of Working?
The RSC in the Post 3R Era

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Internal RSC Communications

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Written Communications

- Currently (or in recent past)
  - Use different email lists
    - Core Team
    - RSC members only
    - RSC members and backups
    - RSC members, backups and working group chairs
    - Etc.
    - Working groups may have their own email lists
  - Use collaborative workspaces
    - Now utilizing Basecamp and Google Drive
  - Regular email reminders from the RSC Secretary about meeting agendas, deadlines, etc.

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Written Communications

- Future
  - Consolidate RSC email lists, and use them less for official business
  - Instead, rely on collaborative workspaces
    - Use Basecamp's functionality to
      - Post and comment on issues
      - Plan and archive agendas
      - Set response deadlines
      - Document decisions
    - Use Google Drive for
      - Evolving documents
      - Sharing presentations
      - Etc.

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Oral Communications

- Currently (or in recent past)
  - Weekly Core Team virtual meetings and monthly RSC virtual meetings
    - Make recordings of these available to the entire RSC for later viewing
  - Annual face-to-face RSC meetings
  - Core Team meetings at ALA Midwinter, ALA Annual, etc.
- Future
  - Phase out Core Team meetings
  - Determine appropriate frequency of RSC virtual meetings
    - Continue to make recordings available to RSC members
    - Conduct asynchronous multi-day RSC meetings via Basecamp
  - Continue with annual face-to-face RSC meetings

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External RSC Communications

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Written Communications

- Distribute RSC information via
  - RSC website: http://rda-rsc.org/
  - RDA Toolkit site (as appropriate): https://www.rdatoolkit.org/
- Publicize announcements, new documents, presentations, annual reports, and other useful information through posting to various email lists, including
    - RDA-L, CC:DA [rules] list, PCCLIST, lists for regional groups, etc.
- Sharing information directly with regional groups (currently EURIG, NARDAC, and ORDAC)
- Sharing information directly with affected RSC Working Groups

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Oral Communications

- RSC (and RSC-related) presentations at conferences
  - Selected presentations available at http://www.rda-rsc.org/rscpresentations
  - When possible, videos are also included
  - Some presentations available in multiple languages
- RDA Toolkit YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd5pa3AoQIr17wESE9YHcnw
  - Includes videos of Toolkit training topics and RSC presentations
    - Not just in English
  - Watch for new content throughout 2019

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Proposals to Enhance RDA

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Previously…

- Formal proposal process
  - Primarily initiated by constituencies, who wrote a document detailing the suggested changes and providing a rationale for them
    - Constituent groups identified need, reached consensus and submitted a proposal, which included marked-up and clean copy of the affected text
    - All other constituent groups reviewed and wrote formal responses in return
    - Normally discussed (and resolved) at face-to-face RSC meetings in the fall
      - Incorporated into RDA the following April
    - Entire process could take at least one year

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Previously…

- Discussion papers
  - For issues that could be resolved in more than one way

- Fast track process
  - For less significant changes (including increasing consistency, additions to vocabularies, etc.)
  - Proposed and reviewed internally by RSC members
  - Folded into RDA on a quarterly basis

- Fast track plus process
  - Something of a middle ground between formal proposals and fast tracks
  - Introduced to accommodate addition/deletion of instructions that needed little discussion
    - These were officially out of scope for fast track proposals

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During 3R Project

- Formal process on hold
- RSC responded to particular requests, incorporating them when possible
- No formal review by user communities
- Feedback form link in Beta Toolkit
  - Responses shared with RSC; inform Toolkit content and development
- Assignments given to regional groups for development and/or analysis
- Working with an ever evolving text

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Post April 2019

- After English text stabilization, many changes still on hold
  - Must allow policy statement writers and translators to complete their work with a stable text
  - Will not accept substantive rewording that would lead to re-translations of existing text
- However, the following types of changes can be made
  - Consistency in wording
  - Correction of outright errors
  - Addition of new condition/option boxes in existing elements
  - Addition of new elements
- Will continue to rely on Beta Toolkit feedback and comments from user communities

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Future

- New proposal process needed
- Goals
  - Make major changes/enhancements to RDA quarterly, rather than annually
  - Continue to seek user community feedback, but through a less time-consuming process
  - Rely on regional groups and RSC Working Groups to identify and resolve difficult issues before sending to the RSC for a decision
  - Identify proposed changes that need consultation vs. those that require little discussion
  - Enable RSC members to flag proposals for discussion at face-to-face meetings
  - Make process, proposals, and decisions public

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Yet to be Determined

- When does this future process start?
  - Can proposals for change be considered at the RSC's 2019 meeting and be approved for implementation in early 2020?

- Should the RSC introduce new terminology to replace "Proposal", "Fast Track", etc., because there will be a new approach?
  - If so, what terms should be used?

- What are the roles of regional groups vs. RSC Working Groups in the proposal process? In the responses?

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Yet to be Determined

- What happens if regional groups or RSC Working Groups cannot reach consensus?

- How can the user communities present coherent change proposals when the new Toolkit is not yet familiar to them?

- Who serves as a gatekeeper if the proposed change is not LRM compatible?

- How will the RSC track and communicate the status and outcome of proposals?

- How will regional groups vet and respond to proposed changes?

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What is Clear…

- The RSC needs to update its existing documents in the /Policy series to reflect the post 3R environment and governance changes
- The RSC should provide a template for communities to complete when proposing a new element
  - An update to RSC/Policy/5, *Guidelines: proposals and discussion papers; responses to proposals and discussion papers (and Sample proposal)*
- The RSC must determine what belongs in RDA itself and what is more appropriate for policy statements
- The proposal process must measure submissions against RDA editorial standards
  - An updated editorial guide will help with this

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What is Clear…

- Users have a continuing interest in adding more relationship elements
  - No longer "relationship designators"
- Will have to submit using a proposal process, but these may still be able to be treated as a "fast track" equivalent
  - When proposed, must include the inverse element as well
- Improved treatment of aggregates in RDA will have an influence on what relationship elements are needed
  - A choice could be made to describe the aggregate in detail, rather than creating very granular relationship elements

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Questions?

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