

NARDAC: The regional experience

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The beginning of NARDAC

- **North American RDA Committee**
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- Formed in January 2018 to represent the North American region on the RDA Steering Committee (RSC)

United Nations geoscheme for North America

- Canada
- United States of America
- Greenland
- Bermuda
- Saint Pierre and Miquelon

NARDAC communities

- Canada
 - Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC)
- United States
 - American Library Association (ALA)
 - Library of Congress (LC)

[Bermuda, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon: If/when they implement RDA]



NARDAC members

Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) - two representatives

- Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library
- Nathalie Mainville, Library and Archives Canada

Library of Congress (LC) - two representatives

- Damian Iseminger, Bibliographic Access Section, Music Division
- Melanie Polutta, Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division [replaced Kate James]

American Library Association (ALA) - two representatives

- Dominique Bourassa, Yale University (3-year term)
- Stephen Hearn, University of Minnesota [replaced Kathy Glennan, University of Maryland]

Nonvoting ex-officio member

- RDA Board representative for North America, Beacher Wiggins, Library of Congress

NARDAC voting membership

- Two voting members from each community: ALA, CCC, LC.
- Future representation from other countries or areas in North America.
- Up to two co-opted members based on the needs for expertise as determined by NARDAC.
- The RSC representative can decide not to be the community representative, and the community can provide another representative.

NARDAC meetings



no money for in-person meetings

- via GoToMeeting [teleconference calls – by computer or telephone]
- via Basecamp [online discussion and chat tool]
- via Google Drive [shared documents with joint editing functions]

First NARDAC meeting

- Introductions
- Review of NARDAC's terms of reference
- Selection of chair, RSC representative, RSC representative back-up, and coordinator of NARDAC web content

North American RDA Committee

Terms of Reference

1 NARDAC Charge

The North American RDA Committee (NARDAC) is the entity responsible for representing the North American region on the RDA Steering Committee (RSC). NARDAC's membership comes from the following North American communities that have implemented RDA: the American Library Association, the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, and the Library of Congress. NARDAC is intended as an umbrella committee, developed to represent the North American region, but is not intended to replace the highly successful existing national committees such as the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing and the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access of the American Library Association.

Context: The North American region as defined by the United Nations Statistics Division includes the following countries or areas: Bermuda, Canada, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, United States of America.

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/>

Organizations from North American countries or areas listed above not already represented on NARDAC, whose organizations have implemented, or intend to implement RDA, may be considered for representation on NARDAC.

The charge is to:

- 1.1. Formulate North American positions on RDA proposals, discussion papers, and drafts.
 - 1.1.1. Initiate, review and/or finalize proposals and discussion papers emanating from the various North American communities.
 - 1.1.2. Develop formal responses to proposals and discussion papers emanating from other regions and RSC Working Groups.
 - 1.1.3. Suggest acceptable bases for negotiations during RSC discussions.
- 1.2. Keep the North American communities informed of RDA developments and RSC decisions.
 - 1.2.1. Encourage members of the North American communities to participate in the development and revision process by expressing opinions on the issues, volunteering to serve on RSC working groups, drafting papers, etc.

http://www.rda-rsc.org/sites/all/files/North%20American%20RDA%20Committee_TermsOfReference2018.pdf
at <http://www.rda-rsc.org/northamerica>

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NARDAC roles

Chair

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

Representative to the RDA Steering Committee

- Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library (2-year term)

RSC Representative back-up

- First back-up was Kate James, Library of Congress Policy & Standards Division

Coordinator of Web content

- Damian Iseminger, Library of Congress Bibliographic Access Section, Music Division

NARDAC web site

A screenshot of the NARDAC website. On the left is a navigation menu with the following items: 'Navigation', 'News and Announcements', 'RDA Board', 'RSC Members', 'RDA Regions' (expanded), 'Africa', 'Asia', 'Europe', 'Latin America and the Caribbean', 'North America' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Presentations', 'Oceania', and 'About RDA'. The main content area shows the breadcrumb 'Home > RDA Regions', the title 'North America', the NARDAC logo (a globe with 'NARDAC' and 'North American RDA Committee' text), and a welcome message: 'Welcome to the North American RDA Committee'. Below this, it states: '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.' It then says: 'Please see the terms of reference ([English | French](#)) for more information concerning NARDAC.' and 'NARDAC may be contacted by using the email nardacchair@rdatoolkit.org.' The words 'English | French' are circled in orange.

<http://www.rda-rsc.org/northamerica>



NARDAC presentations



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NARDAC Presentations

This page provides access to selected presentations related to RDA and created by members of NARDAC. Content from these presentations may be re-used as long as attribution is given (CC-BY). Note that some information contained in these presentations may be out of date and may not reflect the current views of NARDAC.

- [2019 presentations](#)
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Some initial NARDAC activities

- Set up a virtual workspaces in Google Drive
- Obtained a NARDAC chair email: nardacchair@rdatoolkit.org
- Discussed how to communicate with our various communities
 - CCC, CC:DA, RDA mailing lists (“listservs”)
- Kept up-to-date with the development of the new RDA Toolkit and activities of the RSC
- Accepted RSC assignments
- Participated in outreach events
- Worked on designing a NARDAC logo

NARDAC Logo



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NARDAC charge

- Formulate North American positions on RDA proposals, discussion papers, and drafts
- Keep the North American communities informed of RDA developments and RSC decisions
- Select a member of NARDAC to serve as the North American regional representative to the RSC
- Respond to other RSC initiatives as they arise
- Support the work of RSC by helping to identify possible members for the working groups

NARDAC Terms of Reference:

http://www.rda-rsc.org/sites/all/files/North%20American%20RDA%20Committee_TermsOfReference2017.pdf

More recent NARDAC activities

- Proposals for revisions to RDA ...
- RSC assignments ...
- Outreach events ...

Proposals for revisions to RDA ...

Because

- NARDAC is an umbrella committee
- NARDAC does not replace the successful committees already in place

Proposals for additions and revisions to RDA are submitted through regular channels:

- Canadian proposals: CCC [Canadian Committee on Cataloguing]
- American proposals: CC:DA [Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access – American Library Association]
- Library of Congress proposals: Library of Congress representatives on NARDAC

RSC assignments...

- RDA Toolkit element review – review of the text on a sample of RDA element pages
- “Friendly labels” review – determining labels to use for public display of RDA element names

A few outreach event examples ...

- **Presentations as association meetings...**
American Association of Law Libraries annual meeting, Baltimore, July 16, 2018
- **Webinar participation...**
American Libraries Live webinar “What’s Next for RDA and the 3R Project?”, September 14, 2018
- **Events with the RSC annual meeting...**
“The Redesigned RDA Toolkit: What You Need to Know to Get Ready,” Montreal, October 22, 2018
- **“RDA Forum” – Designated session at American Library Association conferences...**
ALA Midwinter (Seattle, Wash., January 2019) and ALA Annual (Washington, D.C., June 2019)
- **Workshops...**
American Library Association pre-conference sessions



Embracing Challenges and Opportunities

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RDA regions

In Place:

- Europe: European RDA Interest Group (EURIG)
- Oceania: Oceania RDA Committee (ORDAC)
- **North America: North American RDA Committee (NARDAC)**

Still to be formed:

- Africa
- Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean

NARDAC versus EURIG



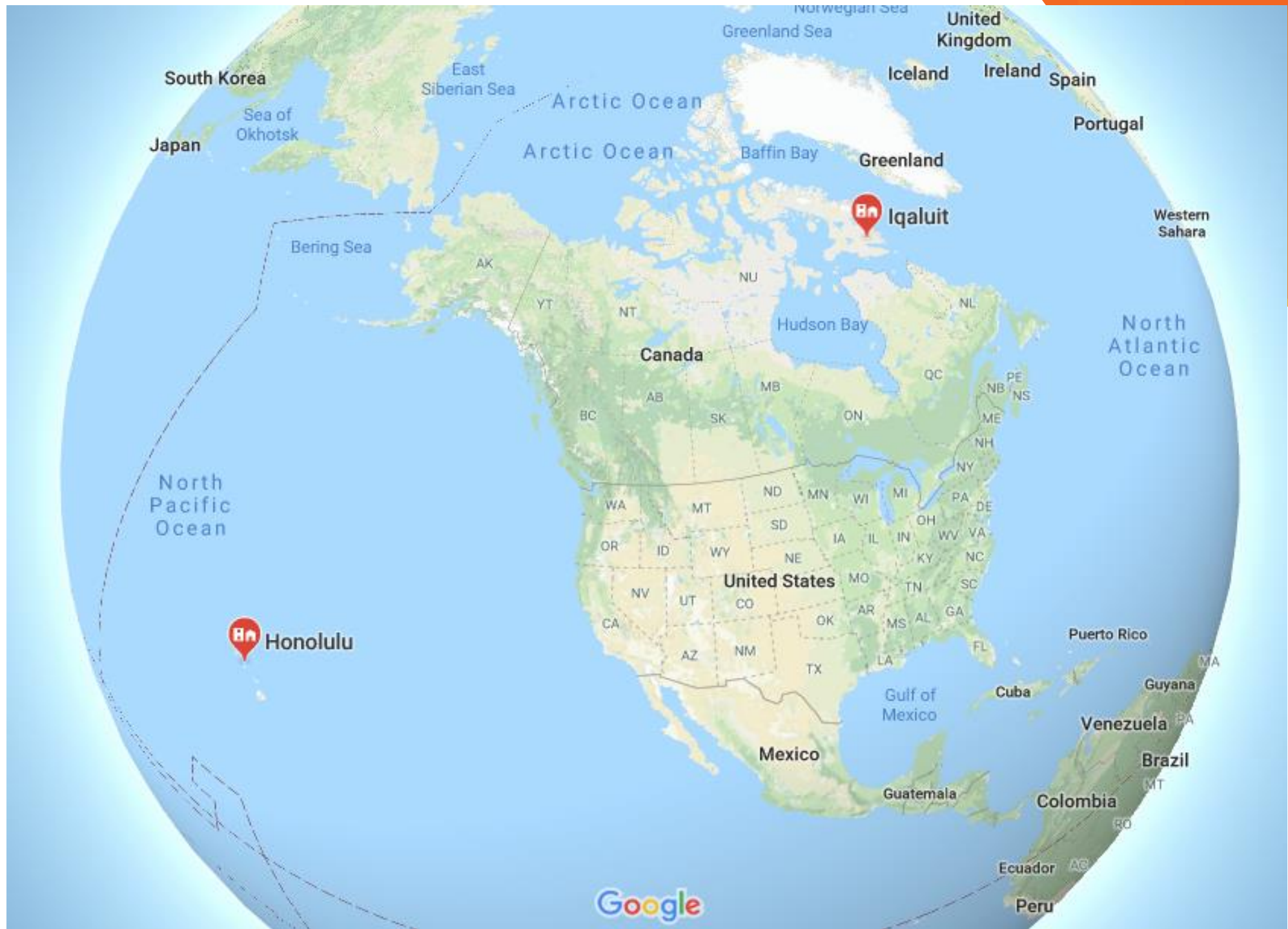
6 members



44 members

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Northern_America_\(orthographic_projection\).svg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Northern_America_(orthographic_projection).svg)

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<https://www.google.com/maps/search/honolulu++iqaluit/@49.7449477,-115.836709,2.69z>

How can NARDAC...

- respond to other RSC initiatives as they arise?
- reach out to constituents when they are so spread-out?
- make sure our constituents' 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 RSC working groups.
- NARDAC will look for people with
 - Special expertise
 - A record for getting work done
 - A willingness to work on international solutions

Thank you !!



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