

Standards Committee

Agenda for 2025 March 13, 9-10 PDT, 10-11 MDT, 11-12 CST, 12-1 EST

Zoom info: **You can join this meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.**

<https://smith.zoom.us/j/92651039913>

Attending: Regine, Sue, Anna, Alexis, Dan, Heather, Maristella, Lara, Lydia, Jen

Regrets: Kelli

Leading the meeting: Dan

Minute taker: Sue

Operations

Roster issues:

- Should hear soon about midterm appointments

Deadlines for council item submission:

- May meeting: April 14, 2025
- Annual meeting: July 21, 2025
 - Will affect committees with end of term dates

[Liaison](#) assignments (no change)

Continuing Business

- Proposal for Standards Development Form
 - Do we want to move to Google form? Impossible for Standards to edit and hard to get SAA admin to edit. Standards would have more control with a Google form. Unanimous support for this in the committee
- [Standards survey](#)
 - Continue to share link (around 90 responses so far)
 - Up to 97
 - Announcement will appear in the March 19 issue of In the Loop. Also to the Education newsletter (3/12)
 - Send a last reminder prior to survey closing on April 2

New Business

No new business

Updates (if any)

Co-chairs (Lara and Dan)

- Update: Collection Management Section likely to take on the *Joint Guidelines for Standardized Holdings Counts and Measures for Archival Repositories and Special Collections Libraries*. Dan will draft a proposal for Council.
- Update: Have not heard back from the Archives Management Section about taking on *Best Practices for Volunteers in Archives* (currently maintained by the Committee on Education's Graduate Archival Education subcommittee) and *Best Practices for Archival Term Positions*.
- RiC updates (Dan)
 - There was previously discussion about creating an International Standards Coordinating Subcommittee to try and improve relations between EGAD and SAA (it even found its way into a proposed governance manual revision).
 - We (the TS-EAS and Standards co-chairs) think this proposed group would be counterproductive. Lydia will make sure it is removed from the revision to the governance manual.
 - Discussion of EGAD's place in ICA
 - TS-EAS feels confident they can handle the relationship
 - There is currently no representative from EGAD to Standards or from SAA to EGAD (the latter has never existed). It is not clear whether either role will be filled in the near future.
 - Call for volunteers garnered some interest but unclear when this will be filled.
 - At this time, the only work going on relating to RiC is in the subcommittees. Standards is available to provide support as needed.

Council (Lydia)

- Council finalizing governance manual revisions
- Finalizing talking points about ethical investments, statements re federal government, set up two working groups to address current political landscape, Lydia on a subgroup digging into Project 2025, other is about generating statements in a more timely fashion
- Upcoming Council deadlines
- Lots of change in SAA leadership
- Current strategic plan will be extended to November

Technical Subcommittees (liaisons to)

TS-DACS (Dan)

- [Developed a method](#) for submitting comments on Github pull requests without needing to register an account
 - Will use a dummy email address to automatically add comments to Github.
- Preparing to bundle multiple pull requests into a single call for comments soon

TS-EAS (Lara)

- TS-EAS met on Zoom on Feb 26/27
 - TS-EAS has been engaged in a process of aligning the revisions of its standards so they can coordinate and work collectively and better respond to RiC. The revision cycles are now aligned and now they are moving into next steps.
 - Discussion of issues with Annual Meeting, which TS-EAS normally holds in person but still has no clear commitment of funding from SAA Council, which has not taken up the issue (though the request was sent in in October).
 - The group is in the process of deciding whether to do the meeting online and is soliciting feedback from its members
 - Lara will reach out to Karen to see if they want Standards to have Lydia intervene

TS-AFG (Heather)

No updates

TS-GRD (Heather)

The group is considering a minor restructuring of the standard. This would not be a major edit, but they are looking at making reappraisal and deaccessioning as discrete parts

- Heather will reach out with reminder about Council deadlines

Other Groups (liaisons to)

Accessibility and Disability (Sue)-no updates

College and University Archives (Sue)- no updates

Education Committee (Alexis)

Reached out to them and to GAES on March 3 and have not heard back. Will try again in the coming weeks.

Intellectual Property WG (Anna) No updates

Museum Archives (Anna) No updates

Reference, Access and Outreach Section (Jen):

No activity that I'm aware of, I reached out to Jay to find out the status of the committee.

Accessioning, Acquisitions and Appraisal Section (Sue)- no updates

Liaisons from Other Groups

ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access and MARC Advisory Committee (Becca)

Action Items:

Next meeting: