

Standards Committee

Agenda for 2023 November 9, 10-11 MDT

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Attending: Jodi, Lara, Regine, Dan, Sue, Wendy, Anna, Stephanie, Maristella, Heather, Lydia

Regrets: Becca

Guests: None

Chairing meeting: Jodi

Minutes: Lara

Members: Alexis, Heather, Susan, Anna, Daniel, Wendy

Liaisons to other groups: Bethany, Karin, Maristella, Regine, Stephanie, Sharry, Rebecca, Lydia

Continuing Business

Procedures

Revision of [Procedures for Review and Approval of an SAA-Developed Standard](#)

[Marked up version](#)

[Summary of issues in markup](#)

We will be discussing *only* the items in section 3, DEI considerations

Outcomes we would like to get to:

- What would be the *ideal* role of the Diversity committee?
- What would be an *acceptable* role for the Diversity committee?
- What elements of diversity and accessibility should come from the Standards committee?

Discussion: How might the Diversity Committee review standards proposals?

- Standards proposal form include field dedicated to addressing diversity issues
- Diversity Committee appoint an ex-officio member to Standards to review proposals on an ad hoc basis
- How do we define diversity and inclusion? What are elements of diversity and inclusion?
 - Diversity statement without parameters. Let the group define diversity.
 - Should not be standards committee's responsibility to define what DEIA looks like. Consult strategic plan.
 - Importance to be thoughtful about how we define or don't define DEIA.
 - Concern that leaving it open ended makes it more work for groups creating standards. Reach out to the Diversity Committee for guidance on this. Maybe a statement of what diversity considerations might include (but not be limited to...)
 - Lydia in chat: Quick mock up of a potential DEIA question for the submission portal: Describe how this work will address Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility to address elements including but not limited to racial diversity, gender and sexuality, disability/accessibility, economic disparity, power dynamics, and systemic equity.
 - Can we look at other standards groups for idea? PCC??
 - Avoiding too much specifics
 - Wrap up: have some open ended considerations for groups with some structure. Useful for us as a group to look at examples. Other SAA groups, other standards organizations??
 - Homework for members to go looking for examples in their own institutional and standards universe. Jodi will provide a document to collect ideas/examples.

Standards Portal

No resolution yet

Funding for Standards Maintenance

Question to SAA Foundation about how much interest there would be for this. Response is that these requests have not gone well before. SAA should fund standards creation and revision. Not the Foundation.

Lydia: Foundation says go to SAA. SAA says go to foundation. SAA is running a budget deficit. Working with Alison Clemens (liaison to membership committee) to advance some kind of compensation (perhaps not monetary) for this work. Lydia asks for ideas and thoughts on this.

Minor Revision Request

TS-EAS: [EAC-CPF minor change request](#)

Vote: Approved unanimously

Updates

Co-chairs (Jodi and Lara)

Glamour! Intrigue! RiC!

- EGAD is the group working on RiC
- TS-EAS contacted in October and asked to adopt RiC. TS-EAS is feeling pressured by EGAD to align before it is ready to align. EGAD has not been particularly collaborative or willing to engage.
- Not an emergency to get this approved. Needs proper review and consideration.
- Concerns about incorporation of comments and responsiveness to concerns about EGAD. European implementations are pilots, experimental.
- We have a long way to go before SAA can slap a seal of approval on this (general consensus)

Re-up of ARM BIBFRAME group

- Inquiry from Regine Heberlein re: the re-upping of Standards support for Art and Rare Materials Bibframe ontology and related work.
- Originally part of a 2016-2018 Mellon funded Linked Data for Production (LD4P) project
- A second work cycle was then conducted by a task force led by Jason Kavari and appointed, jointly, by the Art Libraries Society of North America's Cataloging Advisory Committee, the Association of College and Research Library's Rare Books and Manuscript Section's Bibliographic Standards Committee and the Society of American Archivists' Standards Committee.
- Regine would like to initiate a third work cycle and is asking for a similar model—with SAA, RBMS and ARLIS support. What do we recommend? Do we support a Council agenda item for Jan/Feb?
- Carry this project forward to see if SAA can take up this project? SAA reach out to standards committee of RBMS and ARLIS to get buy in and then send out letters of appointment.
- Standards Committee agreed to send this to Council.
- Regine, Lara and Jodi will be in touch about next steps.

Council (Lydia)

Update from October 31-November 1 Council meeting. TS-AFG re-up? Yes, approved

Technical Subcommittees (liaisons)

TS-DACS (Dan)

- Meeting on October 17 primarily focused on an explanation of the status of RiC (TS-DACS co-chair Regine Heberlain also serves on EGAD) and a discussion of the implications for DACS.
- TS-DACS and Standards co-chairs + Dan meeting today to discuss further

TS-EAS (Lara)

Summary from October 24 meeting

- EAC-CPF
 - Wants to reach out to formal/informal communities to see if they are using EAC-CPF and if there are any questions/concerns
 - A new revision is on the horizon, so the team is beginning to talk about how to engage with the community because EAC-CPF is not as widely used as EAD.
- EAD
 - Described their meeting as a team in Washington, D.C. They talked about NAFAN and community engagement and other topics. They also had a presentation from the RiC team.
- EAC-F
 - Functions have been highly discussed in Europe, but not necessarily in the U.S. Questions of functions team: How do we engage with communities in the US? How do we connect with EAD work?
- Issues around RiC alignment were a major topic of discussion in the meeting

TS-AFG (Heather)

- On 10/19, TS-AFG said they are in favor of both a traditional in print paper publication as well as an electronic version. They plan to address this at their next meeting
- Followed up on 10/30 to ask for more specifics on the revision process, but have not received a reply
- As noted above, Council approved their extension and appointments. Jodi will make sure their listserv and web page get taken care of.

TS-GRD (Heather)

- Have reached out twice since the last meeting, but received no reply

Other Groups (liaisons)

Accessibility and Disability (Jodi)

No updates.

Acquisitions and Appraisal (Wendy)

College and University Archives (Sue)

Education Committee (Becca)

Intellectual Property WG (Anna)

Action Items

- Lara, Jodi, Regine, Maristella, Dan, and Sue will be following up on the statement about RiC
- Lara, Jodi, and Lydia will check in to strategize about how to get that statement to Council for communication to the ICA and EGAD.
- Regine, with help from Lara and Jodi, will get an agenda about the BIBFRAME group for the February Council agenda.
- Prepare for a continued discussion of how we address diversity in standards. Homework for members to go looking for examples in their own institutional and standards universe. Jodi will provide a document to collect ideas/examples.
- Lydia will continue working on non-monetary compensation for standards development.
- Jodi will ensure that TS-AFG gets its infrastructure (listserv, microsite) set up
- Karin will very kindly follow up about the minor change proposal after the co-chairs forget to notify her. ;-)

Next meeting: December 14