

TO: LITA Board of Directors

TOPIC: Governance Structure of the Metadata Standards Committee

ACTION / INFORMATION / REPORT: ACTION

SUBMITTED BY: Jodie Gambill, LITA Bylaws and Organization Committee Chair

DATE: January 3, 2019

SUMMARY

The Bylaws and Organization Committee received a request from the chair of the Metadata Standards Committee to change the committee's governance structure from a Co-Chair model to a Chair/Vice-Chair model.

BACKGROUND

From Michael Bolam, Metadata Standards co-chair: *The current structure of the committee is 2 co-chairs, plus 3 voting members from each of ALCTS and LITA, plus one voting member from RUSA. I believe the original goal was to have overlap between the membership and the chairs, but over the past couple of years, it has gotten out of sync. Both Scott (ALCTS Co-Chair) and I are rotating off the committee after this year (though he has the option to renew, and likely will). It is my fourth year on the committee and therefore cannot renew. Additionally, Scott "jumped ship" from LITA to ALCTS in order to chair after his first year on the committee, which has thrown off the membership cycle. Three ALCTS members will rotate off this year (Lauren, Ayla, and Scott, with only Jessalyn remaining) and only one LITA member will roll off (myself). We are hoping to propose a strategy where the committee is served by a Chair and Vice-Chair/Chair Elect model, which would rotate between ALCTS and LITA. The appointments would be for two years (one year as Vice Chair and the following as Chair), and would help us avoid situations like we're experiencing this year. The chair and vice-chair would have equal responsibilities, but with 2 year appointments, we could hopefully avoid some of the momentum loss we're experiencing this year.*

From Lindsay Cronk, LITA Board liaison to the committee: *Essentially the issue is that there are challenges for maintaining momentum and insuring mindful leadership of the group that they believe will be resolved through instituting the model described in Michael's email.*

From the Bylaws and Organization Committee: The Chair/Vice-Chair model has become common in LITA. The LITA bylaws revision would have addressed this on a larger scale; putting that revision on hold (due to the impending merger) is the only reason we don't have a broad policy on it.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve to change the Metadata Standards Committee's governance structure from a Co-Chair model to a Chair/Vice-Chair model.