News from NARDAC:
The North American Region Fledges Its Wings

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North American RDA Committee (NARDAC)

- Represents the North American region on the RDA Steering Committee (RSC)

- Formed in January 2018

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Membership Changes

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NARDAC Members: 2019

American Library Association (ALA) Representatives
- Dominique Bourassa, Yale University, NARDAC Chair
- Stephen Hearn, University of Minnesota

Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) Representatives
- Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library, NARDAC Representative to the RSC
- Nathalie Mainville, Library and Archives Canada

Library of Congress (LC) Representatives
- Damian Iseminger, Bibliographic Access Section, Music Division, Coordinator of Web Content
- Kate James, Policy & Standards Division, Back-up Representative to the RSC

RDA Board National Institution Representative from North America (ex officio)
- Beacher Wiggins, LC

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Review of Discussion and Proposal Papers

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RSC resumes broad community review

- NARDAC solicited feedback on the following papers:
  - ➢ Expression Excerpts
  - ➢ RDA Content Elements
  - ➢ RSC Operations Documents
  - ➢ String Encoding Schemes in RDA Toolkit
- Comments received informed NARDAC's responses to the RSC

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Challenges

- Short turnaround time for comments
- Feedback periods during holidays
- More frequent meetings (quarterly instead of annual)

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Still To Do…

- Figure out

  ➢ how community feedback on proposals and discussion papers can be handled more efficiently

  ➢ if and how NARDAC responses can be shared with communities

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Experiment to Create an RDA Proposal

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The Proposal

To add elements for curators who play a role at the work level (ex. curators of exhibitions)

- curator agent of work

- curator collective agent of work

- curator corporate body of work

- curator family of work

- curator person of work

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Process: Step 1

Proposal drafted by

- ALA Representatives to NARDAC
- ARLIS/NA, chaired by Andrea Puccio
- CC:DA 3R Task Force, chaired by Robert Maxwell

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Process: Step 2

Proposal sent to CC:DA

- Discussion

- Vote

Decision: send proposal to NARDAC as an ALA proposal with revisions stemming from CC:DA discussions

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Process: Step 3

NARDAC evaluates the proposal

- Discussion
- Revision (back and forth with ARLIS/NA)

Result:

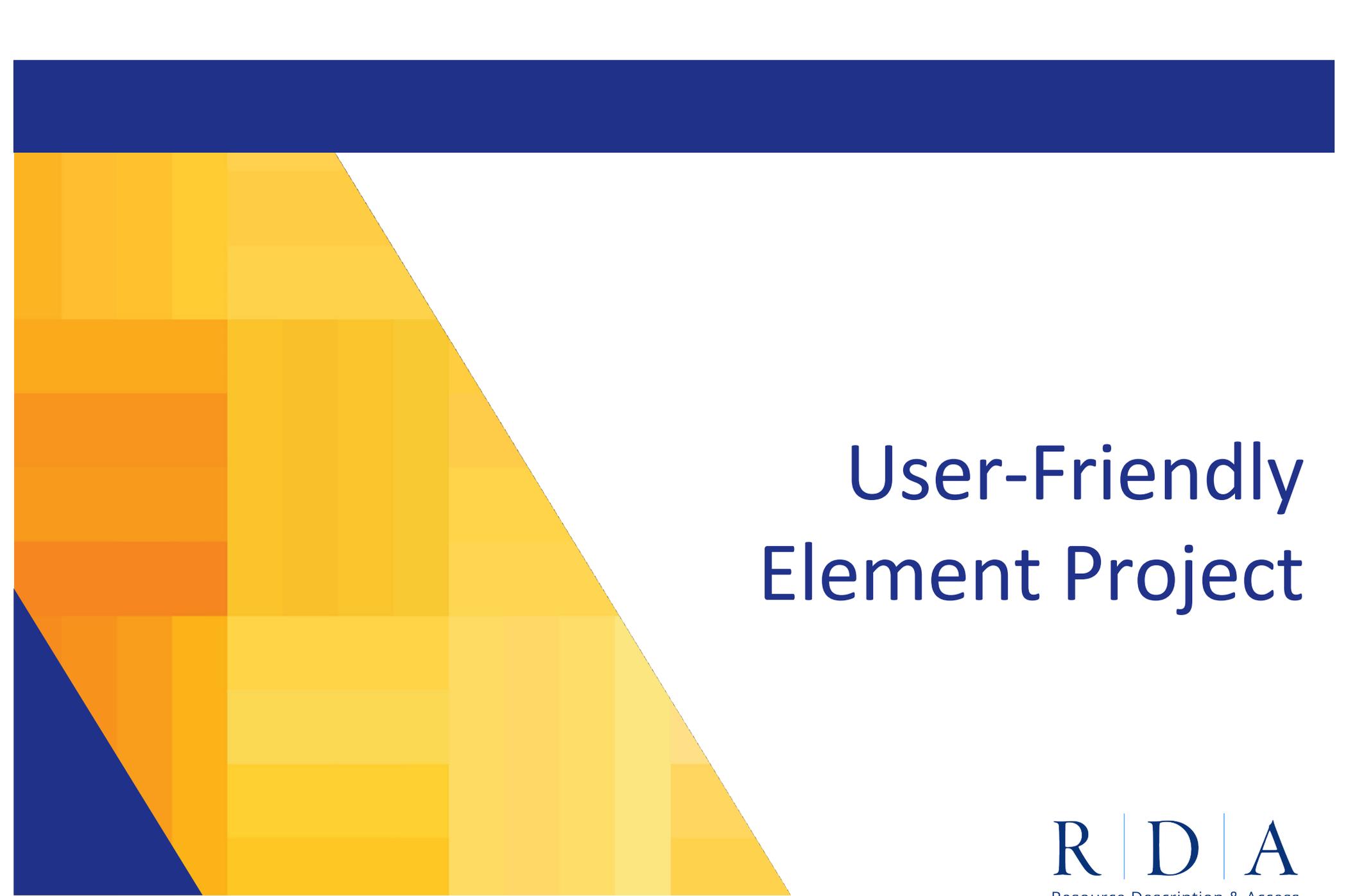- Strong proposal
- Several issues still unresolved

Decision: proposal not forwarded to the RSC at this time

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Still to do…

- Define how future North American RDA proposals will be handled based on insight we gained from our experiment

- Continue work on proposal following RSC advice

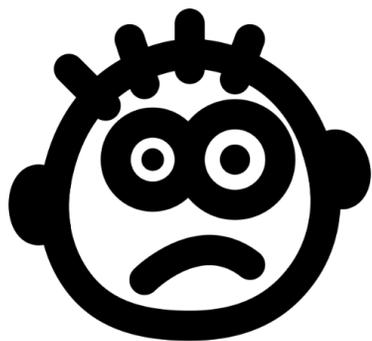**R|D|A**
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Special thanks to ARLIS/NA

- For bringing the curator issue to NARDAC's attention

- For their patience during this process

- For serving as NARDAC's guinea pig!

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User-Friendly Element Project

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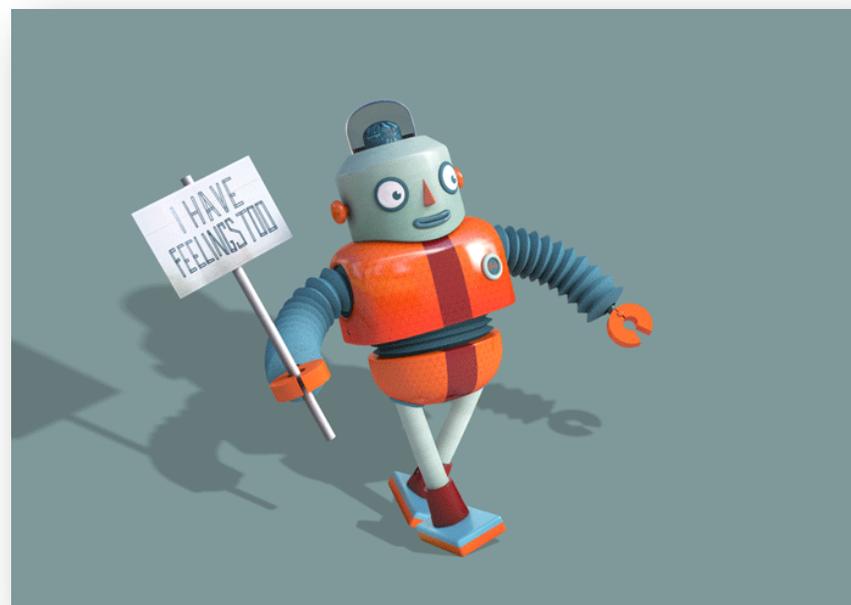Resource Description & Access

Premise

- Baffling and intimidating element labels
  - ➢ contributor person of still image
  - ➢ contributor agent to amalgamation
  - ➢ medium of performance of choreographic content of representative expression

- Element labels not intended for "human consumption"

- Element labels and definitions grounded in linked data principles

- Elements designed to be meaningful to machines

Confused by Ben Davis from the Noun Project.
https://thenounproject.com/search/?q=confused&i=817476 ;
Happy robot. https://gifer.com/en/o6j

User-friendly Element Project

- NARDAC charged by the RSC to develop a set of user-friendly element labels to be used for public display

- CC:DA 3R Task Force helped review the entire set of RDA unconstrained elements and definitions (Merci beaucoup!)

- NARDAC report and list of user-friendly labels discussed at the RSC meeting in Santiago

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Still to do…

- Revise list of labels based on RSC comments

- Write discussion paper

- Submit revised list of labels and discussion paper to the RSC

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RSC Expectations

- Developing a single set of user-friendly labels suitable for every community using RDA is probably impossible

- Communities will develop their own vocabularies

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Outreach activities

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Some Outreach Events

- Damian and Kate: "Anticipating the New RDA," Lecture series Digital Future and You, LC (16 July)

- Thomas: "Relationship Elements," RDA Orientation New Concept Series Webinar (7 August)

- Dominique: "RDA: From Development Towards Implementation," Connecticut Library Association 2019 Technical Services Section Fall Meeting (24 October)

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Participation in the Development of Local Policies

- Stephen: co-chair, LC-PCC Task Group on Data Provenance in Beta RDA Toolkit

- Melanie: co-chair; Dominique: consultant, LC-PCC Task Group on Element Labels in the Beta RDA Toolkit

- Melanie: leader, LC-PCC policy statements (with Damian and four other staff at LC)

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NARDAC's Goals

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NARDAC's Goals

- Develop effective interaction with the communities NARDAC represents

- Become a support and information hub

- Provide support and direction to constituent groups that assume training responsibilities
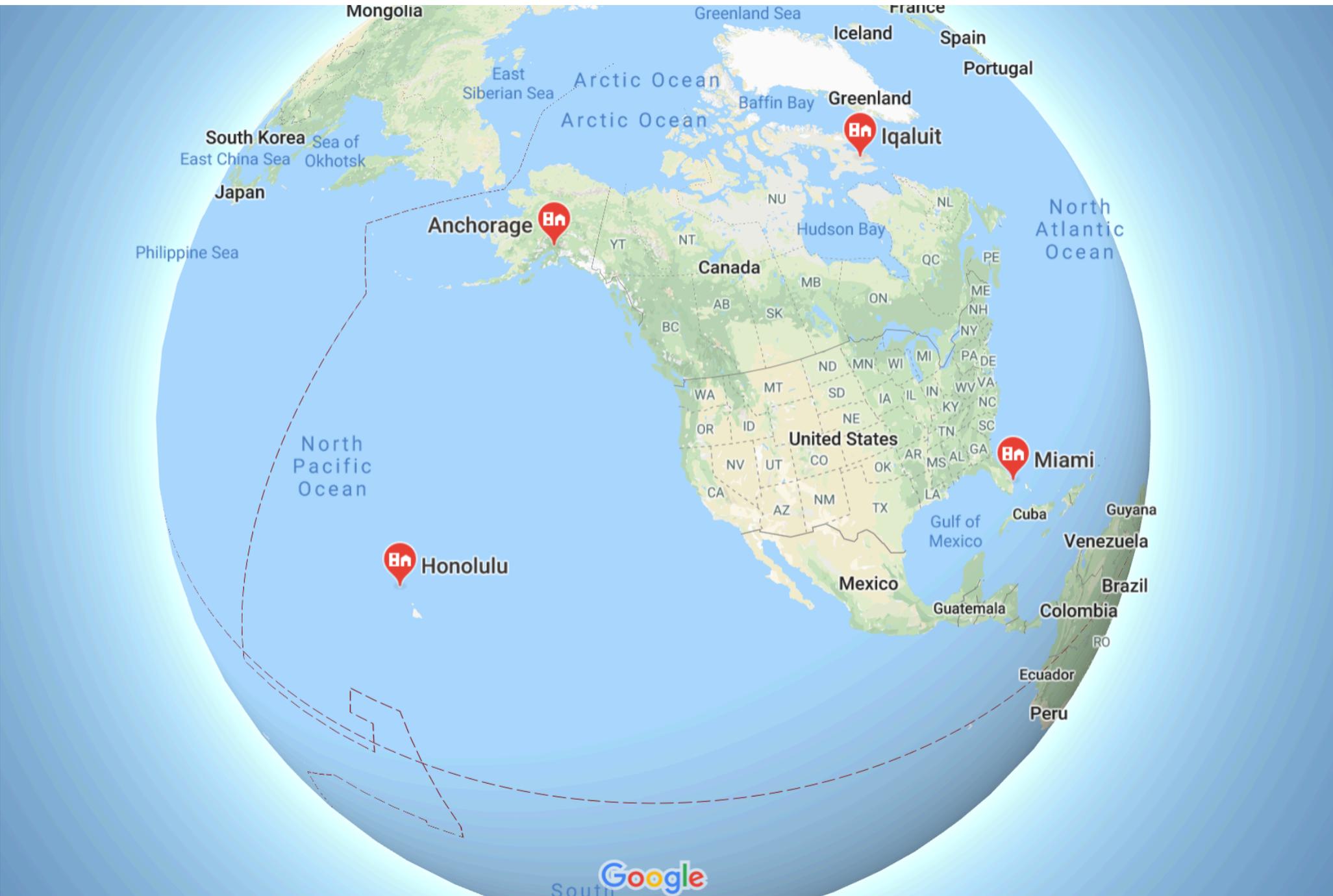
- Extend outreach

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Caveats

NARDAC reality:

- only 6 members representing a widespread region

- 🚫💲 for operations

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