

TO: Core Board of Directors

TOPIC: Core Standards Coordination Committee – ALCTS Webliography

ACTION / INFORMATION / REPORT: Information

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SUMMARY

The Core Standards Coordination Committee will discontinue updating the ALCTS Webliography. With guidance from the Core staff liaison, the committee will draft a formal announcement to the Core community. The reasons for discontinuing the webliography are below.

BACKGROUND

The ALCTS Webliography was the creation of the ALCTS Standards Task Force of 2012-2013. The charge and tasks of the task force were: (ALCTS Standards Task Force, 2013)

Charge: To examine ALCTS' role in standards development and make recommendations for future standards involvement.

Specific tasks include:

- Conduct an environmental scan of the standards universe relevant to ALCTS
- Review ALCTS' current participation in standards development and identify gaps in ALCTS standards coverage
- Recommend a division-level approach to involvement in standards that may include the formation of a Standards Committee

The task force report included an appendix that became the ALCTS Webliography. The webliography is a 40+ page document that covers standards related to acquisitions, cataloging, collections, continuing resources, and preservation. The document currently resides on the ALCTS Standards libguide (https://alcts.libguides.com/alcts_standards).

Discussion of Webliography in Core Standards Coordination Committee

On Nov. 11, 2022, the Core Standards Coordination Committee discussed what the committee believes is the future of the ALCTS Webliography. In addition, the committee looked at how the document's scope fits Core's needs and the effort involved in maintaining the webliography across a highly diverse division.

The ALCTS Webliography contains a significant amount of information about ALCTS standards, but the amount of information on standards has outgrown such a document, especially in the scope of Core. A better option or wiki would need to be constructed to keep a standards list with a wide range of disciplines involved. Creating this would be a large endeavor and require significant committee work. The overall consensus from the group is the work involved in creating a comprehensive document that covers the scope of the webliography is no longer feasible within Core.

Works Cited

ALCTS Standards Task Force. (2013, May). *ALCTS Standards*. Retrieved Dec. 1, 2022, from https://alcts.libguides.com/alcts_standards