

## **PCC Task Group on Engagement and Broadening the PCC Community**

### **Background:**

Since its inception in 1994, the PCC has valued inclusiveness and collaboration. This has tended to translate into cooperation in cataloging and collaboration with catalogers in PCC libraries. The move to linked data requires the PCC to reach out more intentionally to other communities to exchange expertise and skill sets and to increase its visibility in those communities. The PCC must become a “big tent” organization that reaches out and draws in others and engages a more diverse range of members from different types of libraries and cultural heritage organizations, nationally and internationally. This broadening of PCC’s membership, skill sets, and culture will help transform the PCC into an organization that will accomplish its strategic directions.

### **Charge:**

Reporting to the PCC Policy Committee, the Task Group on Engagement and Broadening the PCC Community is charged to investigate ways to broaden the scope of the PCC’s membership, skill base, and community of practice. Consider the PCC’s strengths and weaknesses as an organization, using the Values statement as a starting point.

### **Specifically:**

1. Identify PCC initiatives and areas of activity that resonate with other communities, including other cultural heritage communities. Make recommendations about ways to incorporate outreach into those efforts.
2. Explore alternative models for membership (e.g. moving beyond production targets, including individual participation).
3. Make recommendations about how to expand liaisons to cover a wider range of partner communities, including other cultural heritage communities. Include recommendations on ways to empower liaisons to serve actively and facilitate information exchange between the PCC and other communities.
4. Make recommendations about how to increase the inclusiveness and diversity of the membership, including libraries of different types and sizes and librarians with skill sets beyond traditional cataloging.
5. Work to expand international participation.
  - Identify the barriers to membership that are experienced or perceived by libraries outside the US that catalog in English
  - Identify what has worked for those international members that have chosen to participate
  - Make recommendations for increasing international membership.

**Reports to:** PCC Policy Committee

**Timeline:** The Task Group should provide a preliminary report to the Policy Committee by October 15, 2018 and a final report by June 1, 2019.

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