

Friday, September 5, 2024

Dear CRL Global Collections Stakeholders,

I hope this update finds you all well!

Today, the Advisory Task Force submitted a recommendations report to the Board of Directors for their upcoming meeting in November. A public copy of the report can be found on the [Strengthening Global Collections](#) landing page on the CRL website. On that page you will find links to register for Zoom meetings with me and with Task Force members for conversations about the process. Also, there is a placeholder for FAQ as we gather questions raised in those conversations.

Summary of Recommendations:

- **Formation of Collection Committees:** CRL should create member committees to guide our collaborative collection development efforts.
- **Reflecting Collection Strengths:** These committees should reflect area studies currently supported by the AMPs and GRNs.
- **Migration Opportunity:** Participants in these groups will have the option to migrate to the committee structure if they choose.

This report is the result of many conversations and communications; thoughts, opinions, and observations from program participants coming in from all directions. While there are still details to finalize, this proposal aligns with CRL's mission and work already being done by focusing on collection development and emphasizing area studies.

We ask that the AMPs and GRNs reflect on the following:

- If the recommendations are approved by the board, can we work within this model?
- Also, the proposal includes parameters for fiscal sponsorship for your consideration.

Please coordinate internal discussions and have your current Chair email me by October 15th with your program's decision: if the recommendations are approved, would you migrate to a committee, pursue fiscal sponsorship, or explore other arrangements.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement!

- Kevin