



AAF Association Document Succession and Referencing Policy

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1 Background

The AAF Association contemplates several revisions to the AAF Specification in addition to the creation of a number of Protocols. This document describes a policy for succession and referencing.

2 Process

2.1 Specifications

AAF Specifications shall be self-standing documents. They shall completely supersede previous versions. Example – AAF Specification V1.0.1 when approved shall replace AAF Specification V1.0. V1.0.1 shall be authoritative and shall, by itself, describe the AAF Specification. AAF Specification V1.1 shall replace V1.0.1 in its entirety. By definition, AAF Specifications may not contain normative references to previous AAF Specifications. Generally speaking, it will be the policy of the AAF Association to make extensions to the Specification in a backwards-compatible way.

2.2 Protocols

AAF Protocols shall reference an AAF Specification as normative. The Protocols shall not be sufficient in and of themselves to define a conformance level. AAF Protocols shall add an additional layer of restriction upon a basic AAF Specification. An entity that desires to properly interpret an AAF Protocol must read the AAF Protocol *and* the associated normatively referenced AAF Specification.