

# RDA Council Meeting

## 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 UTC 12:00-13:30

**Meeting Chair: Jill Benn**

**Attendees:**

1. Jill Benn
2. Juan Bicarregui
3. Francoise Genova (RAB)
4. Joyce Gosata Maphanyane
5. Jason Haga
6. Wolfram Horstmann
7. Amy Nurnberger
8. Gabriela Pino Chacon (OAB)
9. Rob Quick (TAB)
10. Lee Wilson
11. Hilary Hanahoe (RDA Foundation Secretary General)
12. Bridget Walker (RDA Foundation (notes))

**Apologies:** Ingrid Dillo, Claudia Medeiros, Connie Clare

[Conflict of Interest, Agenda approval and actions following meeting of 27 October 2023](#)

**Discussion:**

All actions complete except Risk assessment which will be taken forward with those concerned.

No conflicts of interest with the agenda items were expressed.

Reflection on loss of Sarah Jones, RDA Council member.

Thanks to Jason, Ingrid, Claudia and acknowledgement of their work and contributions over past 6 years to Council and to the Financial Subcommittee (Jason).

[Council Elections Update – Hilary Hanahoe \(on behalf of Ingrid Dillo, Nominations Committee Chair\)](#)

**Discussion:**

Council was provided with an update on the Nominations Committee and progress for the 2024 elections. 4 nominations received for 3 open seats – 2 EU & Africa, 1 US, 1 Asia & Oceania.

Candidate statements approved by the Committee having checked eligibility.

Recommendations from Committee members:

- Investigate better alignment between search activities for potential nominees by Secretary General and Committee members.

- Explore possibility to move nomination process ahead in time to allow for better timing in southern hemisphere.
- Reiterate recommendation from 2023 Nominations Committee that disciplinary balancing criteria could be removed due to not being meaningful or feasible for RDA Council.

*Decision:*

Nominations Committee Terms of Reference to be updated with Committee recommendations.

[RDA Technical Advisory Board Update – Rob Quick](#)

*Discussion:*

Council was presented with an update on TAB activities including the issue of inactive members and action required.

*Decision:*

Document on definition of active/inactive TAB members to be drawn up by TAB with Secretariat support.

[RDA Foundation Financial Update – Juan Bicarregui](#)

*Discussion:*

Council was provided with an update on the RDA Foundation's financial status first quarter 2024 and forecast for the year 2024.

[RDA Strategy 2024-2028 and Implementation Plan \(January 2024-June 2025\) – Hilary Hanahoe](#)

*Discussion:*

Council was presented with the implementation actions for each strategic area and priorities for the period January 2024 to June 2025. Members discussed involving others board and regional members to support the plan.

*Decision:*

Council approved the implementation plan and the flexibility with the need to prioritise business as usual and then balance the actions across the 4 strategic pillars. A call to action was also approved to engage board members and/or stakeholder groups.

[Web Platform Update – Hilary Hanahoe](#)

*Discussion:*

Council was presented with an update on the progress of the new web platform and timing for launch, scheduled for 25 March 2024.

Acknowledgement to staff in Canada and EU office for assistance in content migration.

[Council Meetings Calendar – Lee Wilson](#)

### *Discussion:*

Council was presented with a proposed meeting calendar matrix to better map out agenda items and high level strategic priorities and give clarity on Council meeting types required throughout the year.

### *Decision:*

Council members approved the proposed calendar matrix and tasked Hilary Hanahoe with incorporating lead times and preparatory actions for agenda items.

### AOB

#### Remembering Sarah Jones

Council discussed the several proposed initiatives from different RDA members and external people. The RDA would like to establish an award for an RDA community member, recognising contribution to open science and the community.

Coordination of award to be discussed by Hilary, Gabriela, Juan, Jill, Rob and Kevin Ashley (DCC).

#### OAB Update

OAB provided Council with a written update prior to the meeting.

#### Next Council Meetings

Council agreed the next conference call would take place mid to late April followed by a face to face meeting in Prague 14 June 2024, on the occasion of PIDfest.