RDA Council Meeting
14 June 2024 UTC 07:00-13:00
National Library of Technology, Prague

Meeting Chair: Lee Wilson

Attendees:

1. Juan Bicarregui
2. Maria Cruz
3. Joyce Gosata Maphanyane - virtual
4. Rosie Hicks
5. Amy Nurnberger - virtual
6. Rob Quick (TAB) - virtual
7. Shelley Stall (OAB) - virtual
8. Mikiko Tanifuji - virtual
9. Lee Wilson
10. Hilary Hanahoe (RDA Foundation Secretary General)
11. Irina Hope (RDA Foundation)
12. Connie Clare (RDA Foundation) - virtual
13. Bridget Walker (RDA Foundation (notes))

Apologies: Jill Benn, Wolfram Horstmann, Patricia Munoz Palma

Executive Committee Meeting 07:00-07:30 UTC

Elected RDA Council members and STFC representative, Juan Bicarregui discussed:

- Request from RAB co-chairs to extend Francoise Genova’s role for one year - approved.
- Consideration of nomination of Sara Garavelli as European Council member to take up vacant European seat (2024-2026) with the possibility of running for a 2\textsuperscript{nd} term in 2026 – approval for Hilary Hanahoe to move forward with formal invitation. RDA Governance Document to be updated with Council given the decision on replacing lost Council members.
- Additional member to the Financial Subcommittee – decision for Hilary Hanahoe to put a request in writing to Council.
- Extension of Jill Benn’s role as Council Co-chair by one year – approved.
- Secretary General annual appraisal – Council Co-chairs to proceed and inform Council.

Conflict of Interest, Agenda approval and actions following meeting of 20 February 2024

Discussion:

All actions complete except the following to be carried over:

- Active/inactive TAB member document.
- RDA Strategy Implementation Plan
No conflicts of interest with the agenda items were expressed.

**RDA Web Platform Delay and Budgetary Issues – Hilary Hanahoe**

*Discussion:*
Due to the RDA web platform being significantly delayed and issues with the developers, including possible additional costs, Hilary Hanahoe updated Council on the current situation. This was followed by a discussion on the next steps in terms of scenarios and budgets.

*Decision:*
As a result of the discussions, it was decided Hilary Hanahoe would check the contract with Wicket, the web developers and she would also contact the Wicket CEO immediately to confirm the meeting scheduled for 21st June with herself and Lee Wilson. An emergency Council meeting was scheduled for the week beginning 24th June.

**Organisational Assembly / Organisational Advisory Board – Shelley Stall**

*Agenda item postponed due to lengthy website and then IDW discussions,* and Co-chair Shelley Stall’s need to leave the meeting early. Shelley Stall to send a written report to Council.

**RDA Plenaries Analysis and Future Editions of IDW – Irina Hope**

*Discussion:*
Council was presented with an overview of the plenary analysis carried out by Irina Hope with the aim of confirming or adjusting the RDA Plenary Policy of two plenary meetings per year, one of which fully virtual and the other hybrid. The future of RDA plenaries in the framework of International Data Week (IDW) was also discussed.

*Decision:*
Council approved the continuation of RDA fully virtual plenary meetings and hybrid plenary meetings, the latter not having co-located events organised by RDA Secretariat. From P24 virtual plenary meetings will take place over one week instead of two and repeat sessions should be removed from virtual plenary meetings. Council confirmed its preference to continue with IDW but gave the mandate to continue past 2027 which should involve proposal of a new model within the same framework.

**RDA Risk Registry – Task Force**

*Discussion:*
Juan Bicarregui gave an overview of the task force’s progress to date with the risk assessment, explaining the risks and issues considered and included in the draft template.

*Decision:*
The task force will follow up by email to Council requesting feedback on the Risk Assessment spreadsheet and framework. The task force will meet again with an extension to TAB co-chairs to join to discuss engagement with other governing bodies.

Sarah Jones Award – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:
An update on the status of the Sarah Jones Award was given, followed by a discussion on the Award selection committee.

Decision:
Council gave approval for Hilary Hanahoe to invite members to form a selection committee.

RDA in Latin America – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:
Council was presented with a summary of Hilary Hanahoe’s recent tour of Latin America which involved visiting 9 countries, facilitated by LA Referencia and funded by the RDA. The overarching takeaways were highlighted which included the provision of training materials on the RDA, RDM and FAIR to help support the culture change, and facilitation of content translation and interpretation at plenary meetings.

Update on Regional Support – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:
An update on regional support to the RDA with particular focus on prospects for the US and EU was provided, followed by a discussion on regional engagement partnerships with Europe and the US and the impact on RDA Global from 2025 onwards. It was highlighted that only one of the three major founding funders of the RDA is in a stable situation.

Decision:
Council approved the proposal for a combined meeting with the RDA Foundation Council members and RDA Association (AISBL) Board members prior to RDA P23 in Costa Rica, November 2024.

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No topics were raised.