

RDA Council Meeting 8th June 2021 UTC 10:00-11:30

Meeting Chair: Mark Leggott

Attendees:

1. Juan Bicarregui
2. Ingrid Dillo
3. Jason Haga
4. Robert Hanisch
5. Edit Herczog
6. Mark Leggott
7. Joyce Maphanyane
8. Isabelle Perseil
9. Shelley Stall
10. Hilary Hanahoe (RDA Foundation SG)
11. Bridget Walker RDA Foundation OM (notes)

Apologies: Michelle Barker, Jill Benn, Sandra Collins, Claudia Medeiros, Rob Quick

Notes and actions following the VP17 Meeting 27 April 2021

Discussion:

Following a request from Isabelle, Hilary confirmed results of RDA Membership fees survey have been given to the Financial Sustainability Task Force and a public report will be provided at a later date for the RDA community.

Decision: Notes and actions accepted.

Plenary Meetings 2021 - 2023 – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:

Hilary provided Council with an overview of proposed RDA plenary meeting scenarios and options for 2021, 2022 and 2023. Council discussed the four scenarios presented which acknowledge the need to incorporate a good virtual component in all future plenary meetings. Much focus and discussion was given to global and regional hybrid events. Due to reduced Secretariat staff the effort for the next plenary must be kept to a minimum but community momentum remains important. Council considered and agreed to the proposal of a registration fee for Virtual Plenary 18. Furthermore, the need to engage dedicated event support staff was discussed.

Decision:

Council agreed to Hilary's proposal of a registration fee for Virtual Plenary 18. The Financial Sub Committee will meet to discuss the financing of an events manager and report back to Council with their decision through email. Pending feedback from the Regional Advisory Board meeting on 9 June 2021, Hilary will take forward discussions on organising a regional plenary meeting in Europe, following up on a proposal already received.

Data Together Update – Ingrid Dillo

Discussion:

Ingrid presented an update on joint activities and plans under the Data Together collaboration framework. The DT team is working on the GORC – GOSC topic and a strike team has been formed to work on the SDGs with proposals submitted to IDW 2022.

Financial Sustainability Task Force Status and Update – Bob Hanisch

Discussion:

Council was presented with an update on the Task Force activities, status and plans. The group have been looking at diversifying revenue streams, in particular individual membership fees, increased plenary meeting fees and increased organisational membership fees with tiers to differentiate between profit and non-profit or based on revenue. The recommendations will be defined by 20th June 2021 and presented to Council on 30th June 2021 at a special meeting.

RDA Association AISBL – Edit Herczog

Discussion:

Edit presented Council with an update on the status of the RDA European legal entity, the RDA Association AISBL (initially RDA Foundation ASBL) set up in April 2020. Current grant funding from the European Commission for the EOSC Secretariat and EOSC Future projects will be paid to the European entity.

RDA Regional Advisory Board Update – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:

Hilary provided an overview on the plans for first RAB meeting of 9th June 2021 which will include discussions on the role, responsibility, nomination of co-chairs, an update on the Financial Sustainability Task Force and the first Regional Assembly meeting. The aim of the RAB is to decide on strategic intervention and common and not so common initiatives. Hilary explained the definitions of New, Aspiring and Contributing Regions and the need for MOUs or Partnership Agreements (with the RDA Foundation).

AOB – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:

RDA Group Case Statement Review

Council discussed the GORC International Benchmarking WG Case Statement, currently with Council for endorsement. Council members had differing opinions on certain aspects of the WG's Case Statement and due to this, 4 possible solutions were presented by Hilary.

Decision:

Consensus was given to recognise and endorse the Case Statement subject to specific revisions.