RDA Council Meeting
14th December 2020 UTC 13:00-14:30

Meeting Chair: Ingrid Dillo

Attendees:
1. Kevin Ashley
2. Jill Benn
3. Sandra Collins
4. Ingrid Dillo
5. Jason Haga
6. Robert Hanisch
7. Edit Herczog
8. Mark Leggott
9. Claudia Medeiros
10. Isabelle Perseil
11. Rob Quick
12. Hilary Hanahoe (RDA Foundation SG)
13. Bridget Walker RDA Foundation EA (notes)

Apologies: Michelle Barker, Joyce Gosata Maphanyane

Notes and actions following the VP16 Meeting 4th November 2020

Discussion:
Note added to previous meeting notes to clarify future use of financial reporting template by the Financial Subcommittee.
OAB to finalise procedure for unpaid invoices and removal of members.
Hilary to meet with TAB co-chairs, Isabelle and Rob, to discuss issues raised in previous meeting.

Decision: Notes and actions accepted.

RDA Strategic Plan 2020-2023 – Ingrid Dillo

Discussion:
Council was given an update on the results of the community consultation, the implementation plan and next steps and timing.

Decision: Hilary would contact TAB and WG / IG chairs with invitation to still comment and request discussion of implementation plan. Hilary will return to Council with any further changes and in the meantime proceed with the implementation plan and engagement
exercise to be presented to Council at next meeting and to remain on agenda as standing item for future updates.

Finances – Financial Subcommittee – Edit Herczog

Discussion:
Council was provided with an update on the current financial situation. Edit confirmed that organisational members with outstanding invoices had been contacted.

Decision: Approval of Hilary’s contract, as agreed in Helsinki, given by Council. Approval also given for timing of future quarterly and forecast reports.

Communities of Practice – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:
Hilary informed Council on the status, timing of Communities of Practice, the RDA’s new group category, and Council’s expected role. Hilary confirmed the Framework Document will be deposited in Zenodo and the Secretariat are working on defining the new group requirements together with the workflow to be included in different areas of the website. One definite CoP is expected to be set up and endorsed by the first semester of 2021.

Data Together – Mark Leggott

Discussion:
Mark informed Council that 12 people plus Secretary Generals from the 4 participating organisations are now involved in the ongoing Data Together discussions. There is enthusiasm from all parties for investing in this initiative albeit with caution as the boundaries of 4 groups working together are determined.

OA / OAB – Kevin Ashley

Discussion:
Kevin updated Council on OA and OAB actions and plans and confirmed that OA members would be drafting a response to the negative responses received from the community with regard to registration fees for virtual plenaries.

TAB Update – Isabelle Perseil

Discussion:
Isabelle updated Council on TAB actions and plans with particular reference to the operational and strategic issues raised at the previous meeting. List of actions resulting from the TAB and WG / IG Chairs to be sent to Council.
Council Elections 2021 – Mark Leggott

*Discussion:*
Mark confirmed that Ingrid, Jason and Claudia have terms expiring on Council but can put themselves forward to serve another term. The nominations committee is being formed, call for nominations will be published in mid-January with deadline of 4th March.

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*Discussion:*
Claudia requested suggestions for 2 people to open and participate in a panel at Latin American Data Workshop in February.

Council discussed and agreed the need to send Christmas message to the community.