

RDA Council Conference Call
Wednesday 12th February 2020
UTC 12:00-13:30

Meeting Chair: Mark Leggott

Attendees:

1. Kevin Ashley
2. Jill Benn
3. Sandra Collins
4. Ingrid Dillo
5. Robert Hanisch
6. Edit Herczog
7. Mark Leggott
8. Claudia Medeiros
9. Amy Nurnberger
10. Isabelle Perseil
11. Kay Raseroka
12. Andrew Treloar
13. Hilary Hanahoe (RDA Foundation SG)
14. Bridget Walker RDA Foundation EA (notes)

Apologies: Jason Haga

Notes and actions following the telcon meeting 17th December 2019

Decision: Notes and actions accepted.

RDA 15th Plenary Meeting, 18-20 March 2020 – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:

Council was presented with an update on the status of plenary 15 preparations, current registrations and Council meetings.

It was decided that results of post plenary survey results and package would be provided to the local organisers of Plenary 16 to assist with their organisation.

RDA Working & Interest Group Chairs Representation in RDA Governance Boards – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:

Hilary informed Council of a proposal arising from the RDA Group Co-Chairs meeting in Cologne June 2019 for direct representation of RDA Group co-chairs on Council.

Council discussed the feasibility and practicality of this. It was concluded that a meeting should be arranged with some Group Chairs at Plenary 15 to discuss further.

IDW 2021 & 2023 Update – Hilary Hanahoe

Discussion:

Hilary provided Council with an update on the status and discussions with CODATA and WDS to clarify the next steps. IDW 2021 is confirmed for Seoul, South Korean between 9th and 12th November 2021. Eligible applications for IDW 2023 continue to be under assessment.

Financial Subcommittee Update

Discussion:

The Subcommittee provided Council with a brief update on the RDA Foundation UK and the progress with the setting up of a European Foundation office in Belgium.

Data Together Update

Discussion:

Council was provided with an update on the collaboration document being defined together with CODATA, GO FAIR, RDA and WDS. It was decided that Mark would communicate with collaborators to discuss the points raised among Council.

Governance Update

Discussion:

Secretariat – Hilary Hanahoe

Hilary informed Council that she was working on the part time technical and communications support envisaged from June due to staff reduction. Maintenance of the website beyond June is yet to be resolved and tied to potential funding.

TAB – Andrew Treloar, Isabelle Perseil

Council was updated on the 4 new TAB members which provided a good balance across the regions but difficulties with meetings due to diverse time zones.

OAB – Kevin Ashley, Amy Nurnberger

Council was informed that new elections were complete with no members lost or gained. The new co-chair for the OAB is to be elected after Plenary 15.

Governance Document Updating/Polishing – Mark Leggott

Discussion:

Mark informed Council that the Governance Document was complete and ready for Council vision and approval. It was agreed that Council would approve changes and recommendations at the Plenary 15 meeting in March.