

RDA Council Meeting
9 February 2026
UTC 20:00-21:30

Meeting Chairs: Juan Bicarregui

Attendees:

1. Juan Bicarregui
2. Louise Bezuidenhout (TAB)
3. Marcus Closen (RA/B)
4. Sara Garavelli
5. Rosie Hicks
6. Wolfram Horstmann
7. Amy Nurnberger
8. Magdalena Szufliita-Żurawska (OA/B)
9. Marta Teperek
10. Lee Wilson
11. Mingfang Wu (TAB)
12. Hilary Hanahoe (RDA Foundation Secretary General)
13. Bridget Walker (RDA Foundation (notes))

Apologies: Joyce Gosata Maphanyane, Mikiko Tanifuji

[Item 1: Conflict of Interest, Agenda approval and actions following meeting of 17 July 2025](#)

Discussion:

No conflicts of interest were expressed.

Actions from previous meeting: The analysis of IDW attendees and a breakdown of regions is to be completed.

[Item 2: RDA Foundation Financial Status Update – Hilary Hanahoe, Juan Bicareggi, Amy Nurnberger](#)

Discussion:

Following circulation of the RDA Foundation's financial summary 2025 and forecasts 2026-2028, Council were presented with an update on the financial situation, with both confirmed and unconfirmed income for 2026 highlighted. No increase in Organisational Membership is forecast for 2026, but an incremental increase applied for 2027 and 2028. If income remains the same, an overall loss can be expected, and winddown costs have been foreseen. These costs are to be included in all future financial reports.

Item 3: Incorporation of Grant-based Section within RDA Foundation

Discussion:

The RDA Council was presented with the proposed structure, staff, line management and workflow of a grant-based section within the RDA Foundation dedicated to the support and management of grants, in view of overall restructuring and streamlining of regional activities. It is envisaged that new projects could and would be bid for by the RDA Foundation. Successful grants would be managed directly by the Foundation through a self-sustainable section within the legal entity. All grants should contribute to the overall growth and align with the mission of the RDA. The structure of the Foundation would remain as it currently is, with the Secretary General having operational oversight and responsibility and the Financial Subcommittee and Council having legal and financial responsibility.

Decision:

The proposal was supported by Council with approval of two newly acquired grants by the European regional office, to be transitioned to the RDA Foundation.