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RDA Board Update
Agenda

1. RDA Board in short
2. RDA Board work May 2019 to May 2020
3. New NI Representative for the Europe Region 2021-2023
RDA Board - tasks

- Responsible for setting the strategic direction for the development of RDA and ensuring the achievement of the strategic plan
- Signing off development plans
- Ensuring good governance
- Monitor risks and finance
- Role to play in raising the profile of RDA in their region
RDA Board – structure and members

Kathy Glennan (UMaryland)

Chris Oliver (CFLA, Chair)
Keri Cascio (ALA)
John Trevor Allen (CILIP)

RDA Board

3 representatives of Copyright holders
(ALA, CFLA, CILIP)

RSC Chair

RDA Steering Committee

6 National Institution Representatives
(Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, Oceania)

2 co-opted members
(optional - representing areas identified by the Board)

James Hennelly

Director of ALA Digital Reference

RDA Development Team

Chairs of Board Working Groups (as required)
RDA Board – members

- Europe (2017-2020): Ulrike Junger, German National Library
- Latin America and the Caribbean (2020-2022): Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano, Biblioteca Nacional de México
- North America (2020-2022): Merideth Fletcher, Library and Archives Canada
RDA Board work May 2019 to May 2020 Meetings

- Annual personal meeting 2019 May 6-8 in Chicago, Ill.
- 3 distant meetings (asynchronous virtual meetings) via Basecamp in September 2019, December 2019, March 2020
- Due to the Covid19-pandemic personal meeting in Frankfurt/Germany cancelled instead: Virtual meeting from May 11-15, 2020 with 2 hour online meeting
RDA Board work May 2019 to May 2020
Topics and issues

- Reports: RSC, ALA Publishing, NI representatives
  - Regular updates on the work of the RSC by RSC chair
  - Status of Toolkit subscriptions and usage; marketing issues
  - Status of RDA in the regions

- 3R project
  - Updates of project status (progress, timeline) by ALA publishing
  - Discussion and decision of time frames ("starting the clock")
RDA Board work May 2019 to May 2020

Topics and issues

- Review of the last strategic plan (2018-2019)
  - Board checks on action plan stemming from the strategy, e.g. continue to develop RDA as principles-based standard
  - Most activities are ongoing

- Shaping new strategic and action plan 2020-2022
  - Important topic in all the last meetings
  - Decision to have a 3-year strategy
  - Published on RDA Website
RDA Board work May 2019 to May 2020

Topics and issues

Strategy

RDA: a global standard enabling the discovery of content

1. Develop RDA as a responsive and dynamic standard
2. Increase the adoption of RDA
3. Provide relevant governance
RDA Board work May 2019 to May 2020

Topics and issues

- Governance review
  - Board evaluated the transition to the new governance structure for both Board and RSC
  - Transition completed for the Board, all regions are represented
  - Regional representation in RSC not complete
  - Forming regional bodies in all the regions is still an issue
RDA Board work May 2019 to May 2020

Topics and issues

– Internationalization document
  - Discussion about a document declaring the Board’s actions to make RDA truly international

– Development of RDA Board website
  - Discussion about broadening the content on the Board website, e.g. adding historical information

– RDA Board Operations document
  - Draft currently developed, respective RSC document as model
New National Institution Representative for the Europe Region 2021-2023

Requirements for the NI:
- Must have implemented RDA or implement it within a year
- National Library or National Bibliographic Agency

Requirements for nominees:
- Knowledge of cataloguing/metadata and issues of bibliographic control
- Familiarity with RDA and its objectives
- Working knowledge of English
- Capacity to use online tools
New National Institution Representative for the Europe Region 2021-2023

- RDA Board will issue a call to National Institutions in the region seeking applications
- Board will review applications, in case of more than one qualified candidate there will be an election (to take place in November 2020)
- Current NI rep cannot participate in the selection of successor
Thank you for your attention!

Questions and comments welcome!

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