RDA FUTURE DEVELOPMENT : GOVERNANCE, PARTICIPATION AND FUTURE CHANGE

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- ❑ Internationalisation is not a new question…

- ❑ 1997 International Conference on Principles and Future Development of AACR2

- ❑ COP discussions in 2001 but delayed until AACR3, later RDA, development complete

- ❑ COP re-opened discussions in 2007 due to rising international interest in RDA development and strong contributions to the development and consultative process from non English speaking communities

How is RDA governed at present?

RDA governance structure

Ownership	Strategy	Rule development and revision	Product development
Co-publishers and Fund Trustees	Committee of Principals (COP)	Joint Steering Committee (JSC)	ALA Publishers
ALA	ALA	ACOC	Facet Publishing, CILIP
CILIP	BL	ALA	
CLA	CILIP	BL	
	CLA	CCC	
	LAC	CILIP	
	LC	LC	
	NLA		

Current RDA business model

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Publication and marketing

Policy and programmes

Committee of Principals
[CEOs/Directors or designates]
ALA, CLA, CILIP,
LC, LAC, NLA, BL

Co Publishers
[Copyright Holders]
ALA, CLA, CILIP

Joint Steering Committee
ALA, BL, CCC,
CILIP, ACOC, LC

AACR Fund
[Trustees]
ALA, CLA, CILIP

**Editor
(2004-2009)**

Content development
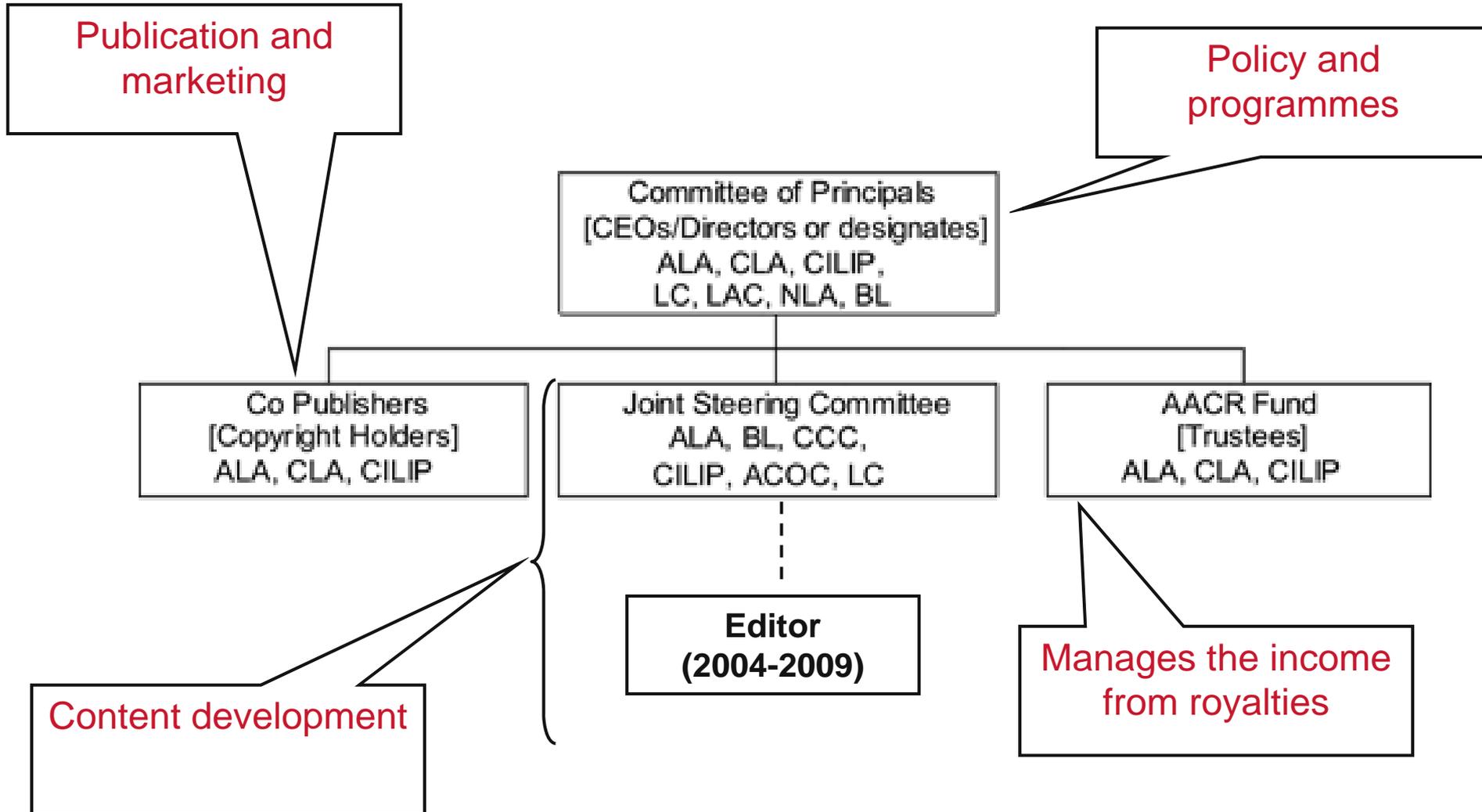
Manages the income from royalties

What are the advantages of internationalisation?

❑Supports wider adoption of the code in a global information environment

❑Gain a broader and more diverse input to rule development

❑Enhance relations with other national communities and cataloguing/metadata constituencies

❑Enable greater reuse of library data in open, linked applications

What are the disadvantages of internationalisation?

❑May slow down rule development and revision through a more complex process

❑Different cultural, national, linguistic needs may require more compromise

❑Possible resistance to compromise from existing national constituencies

❑Threat to 'consensus' approach if trying to serve too many competing interests

We need to find a model that allows international participation and contribution without jeopardising the efficiency and timeliness of future development

What have we decided to date?

❑ Ownership or IPR is not under discussion at this stage of development.

- ❑ Future models must be sustainable and support development
- ❑ Some aspects will be open source e.g. vocabularies

❑ A stable strategy is important during implementation and initial expansion

- ❑ Consider COP membership in 2-3 years depending on how many countries adopt the standard

❑ The development process is already open to all but we need to formalise this

- ❑ JSC structure and membership is first focus for review
- ❑ New models may be transitional

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Guiding principles for future participation

- ❑ Representative and egalitarian
  - ❑ All stakeholders are able to influence direction of policy and development of the content and the products.

- ❑ Open Development
  - ❑ Input to the development process should be open to all interested parties (this is already the case)

- ❑ Clear responsibility for the content
  - ❑ JSC (in whatever form it takes) is responsible for the content of RDA

- ❑ Language
  - ❑ English remains the development language for the code

Guiding principles to ensure sustainability

❑ Whatever structure is put in place, the business model must provide funding for the ongoing work of JSC

❑ We must maintain distinction between the development process (open) and the business model (pay for access to support development)

❑ JSC work is arduous and demanding. Significant commitment of time and effort is required of all members

❑ Future models should be
  ❑ flexible to accommodate future levels of growth and expansion
  ❑ extensible for future expansion of COP membership

JSC 'change' options under consideration

❑ Who?

- ❑ National constituencies who adopt the code
- ❑ Regional constituencies e.g. Europe, Asia/Australasia
- ❑ Professional constituencies e.g. IFLA
- ❑ Language constituencies

❑ How?

- ❑ Increase the number of JSC members incrementally?
- ❑ Set a fixed number for JSC seats?
  - ❑ Introduce rotation?
- ❑ By invitation or open call for new members?

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What are our next steps?

❑ COP is preparing a formal position paper on transitional models for discussion at our next meeting.

❑Canvas the views of libraries who will be using RDA but are not currently represented on the governance committees

❑Canvas the views of other constituencies with a stakeholder interest in RDA.

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What can you do to contribute to the debate?

❑ Please tell us what you think on the RDA discussion list

http://www.rda-jsc.org/rdadiscuss.html

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Thank you for listening

Any questions?

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