

## **AGENDA**

### **JANUARY 2026 MEETING of the RDA Steering Committee**

**Asynchronous, via Basecamp, Google Meet and Zoom**

**19-22 January 2026**

To be held on 19-22 January, asynchronously with synchronous Executive Session on Tuesday 20 January at 7pm UTC and synchronous Public Session on Wednesday 21 January at 7pm (There is a handy time converter [here](#)).

**Attending:** Getaneh Alemu, RSC Wider Community Engagement Officer  
Renate Behrens, RSC Chair  
Ahava Cohen, RSC Europe Representative  
Szabolcs Dancs, RSC Translations Team Liaison Officer  
Jack Ennis Butler, RSC Oceania Representative  
Jessica Grzegorski, RDA Examples Editor  
James Hennelly, Director, ALA Digital Reference (RDA publisher)  
Christopher Holden, RSC Technical Team Liaison Officer  
Felipe Martinez, RSC Latin America and the Caribbean Representative  
Robert Maxwell, RSC Chair Elect  
Christine Oliver, Canadian Federation of Library Associations (RDA copyright holder), RDA Board Chair  
Trina Soderquist, RSC North America Representative  
Elisa Sze, RSC Education and Orientation Officer  
Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

**Observers are welcome to attend online on Wednesday 21 January. Please email Anne Welsh, [RSCsecretary@rdatoolkit.org](mailto:RSCsecretary@rdatoolkit.org) to be added to the list to receive the Zoom meeting details.**

Agenda item numbering continues from the previous meeting.

## **Executive Session**

### **Asynchronous Meeting**

- 556 Welcome, Housekeeping and review of previous action items**
- 557 Annual Report**
- 558 Action Plan**
- 559 Operations Documents**
- 560 Training**
- 561 Updates from Working Groups**
  - 561.1 Task and Finish / Advisory Working Groups – Renate Behrens and Ahava Cohen**
  - 561.2 Examples Working Group – Jessica Grzegorski**
  - 561.3 Technical Working Group – Szabolcs Dancs**
- 562 Updates from Regional Representatives**
  - 562.1 Europe – Ahava Cohen**
  - 562.2 Latin America and the Caribbean – Felipe Martinez**
  - 562.3 North America – Trina Soderquist**
  - 562.4 Oceania – Jack Ennis Butler**
- 563 Update from the Education and Orientation Officer – Elisa Sze**
- 564 Update from the Wider Community Engagement Officer – Getaneh Alemu**
- 566 Update on *Catalogue & Index* May 2026 issue – Renate Behrens**

**Synchronous Meeting**

**Tuesday 20 January, 7:00-9:00pm UTC**

**online, via Google Meet**

**556 Welcome, housekeeping, introductions and review of previous action items – Renate Behrens**

**[Items 557-565 in Asynchronous portion of Executive Session]**

**566 Update from the Board – Christine Oliver**

**567 Update from ALA Digital Reference -- James Hennelly**

**568 Update from the Chair and Chair Elect – Renate Behrens and Robert Maxwell**

**569 Meetings 2026 – Renate Behrens**

**570 Extent Proposals – Renate Behrens**

**571 Discussion Paper on Soft-deprecated Terms – Chris Holden and Renate Behrens**

**572 Questions from New Members -- Christine Oliver, Trina Soderquist**

**[Items 573 - 583 in Public Session]**

**584 AOB – Renate Behrens**

## **Public Session**

**Wednesday 21 January, 7:00-9:00pm UTC**

**online, via Zoom**

**556 Welcome – Renate Behrens**

**[Items 557-572 discussed in Executive Session]**

**573 Introduction to the Extent proposals by Thomas Brenndorfer, Chair of the Extent Working Group and Incoming Chair of the String Encoding Schemes Working Group**

**574 [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1](#) – Renate Behrens**

**575 [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/2](#) – Renate Behrens**

**576 [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/3](#) – Renate Behrens**

**577 [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/4](#) – Renate Behrens**

**578 [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/5](#) – Renate Behrens**

**579 [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/6](#) – Renate Behrens**

**580 [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/7](#) – Renate Behrens**

**581 [RSC/ExtentWG/2025/8](#) – Renate Behrens**

**582 [RSC/TechnicalWG/2025/1](#) – introduced by Chris Holden**

**583 Dates for your diary – Renate Behrens**

**584 AOB – Renate Behrens**