

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 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 Danes

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