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RDA Strategy and Governance

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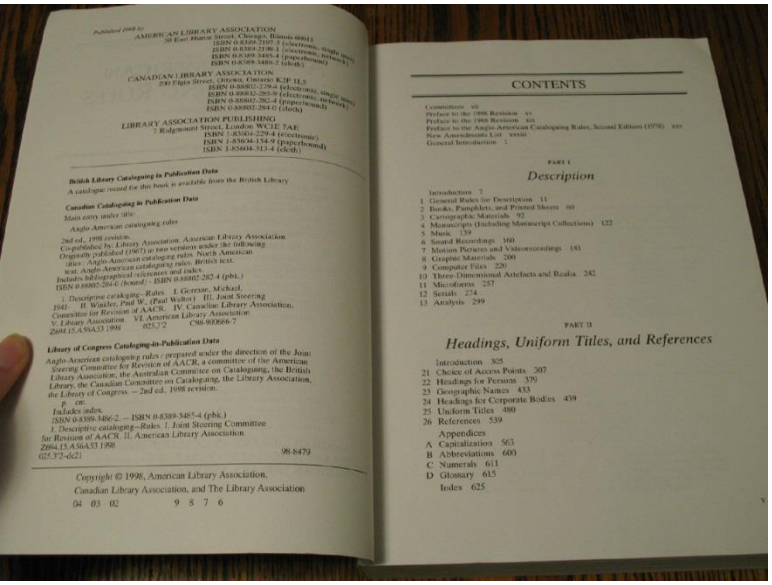
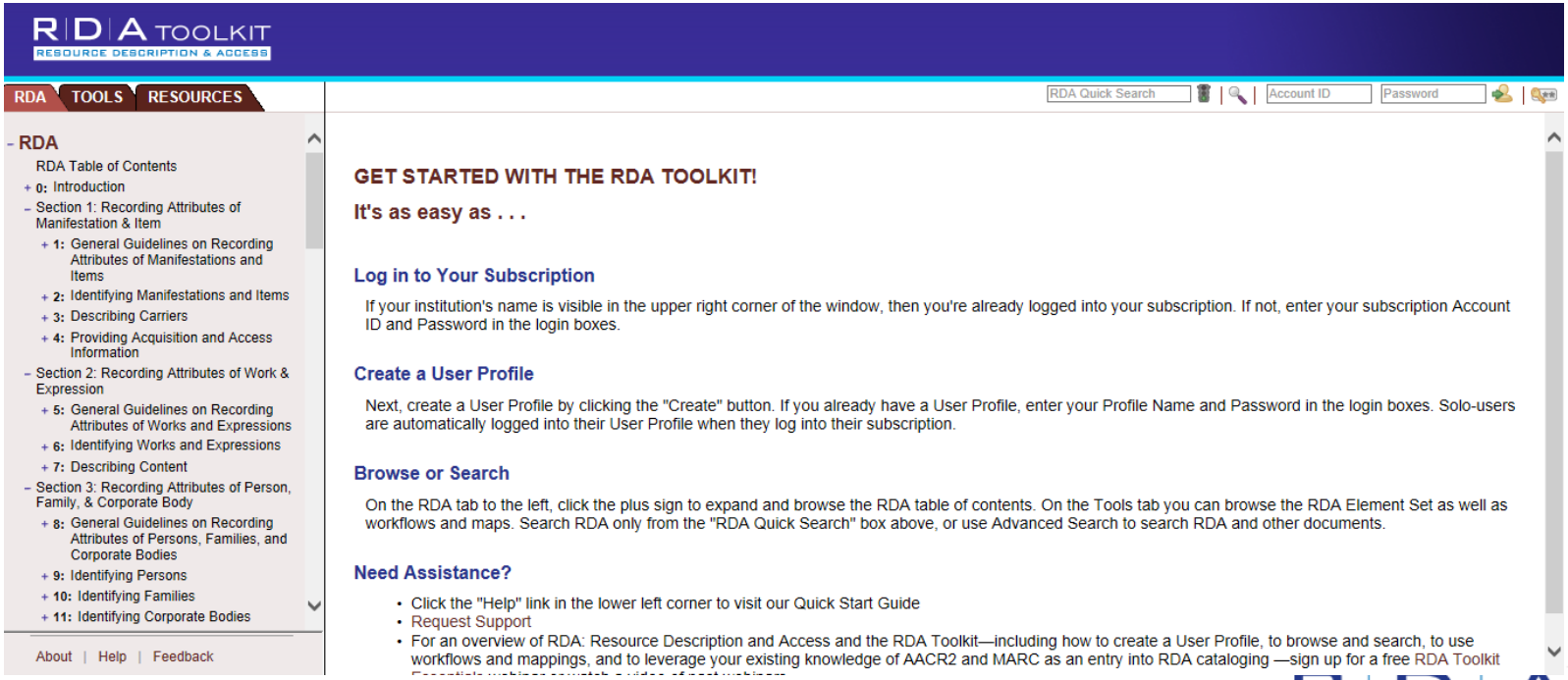


Context

- Built on structures from AACR and AACR2
- Flexing structures to respond to new environments and new kind of product



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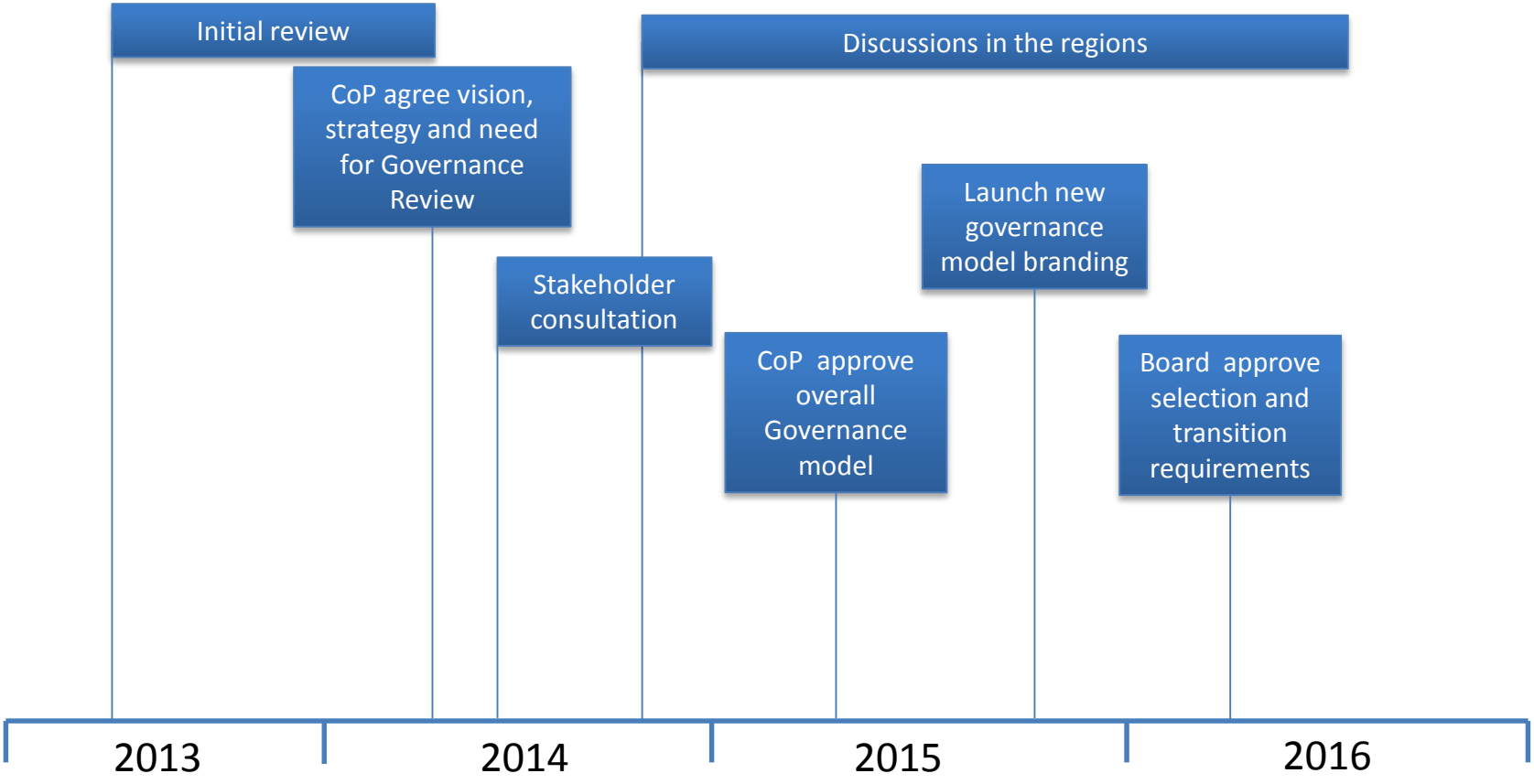
The journey so far….



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RDA: **the** global standard enabling discovery of content

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Strategic Priorities 2015 - 2020

1. Make RDA an internationally recognised standard
2. Increase the adoption of RDA internationally
3. Develop a sustainable business model
4. Develop a relevant governance structure

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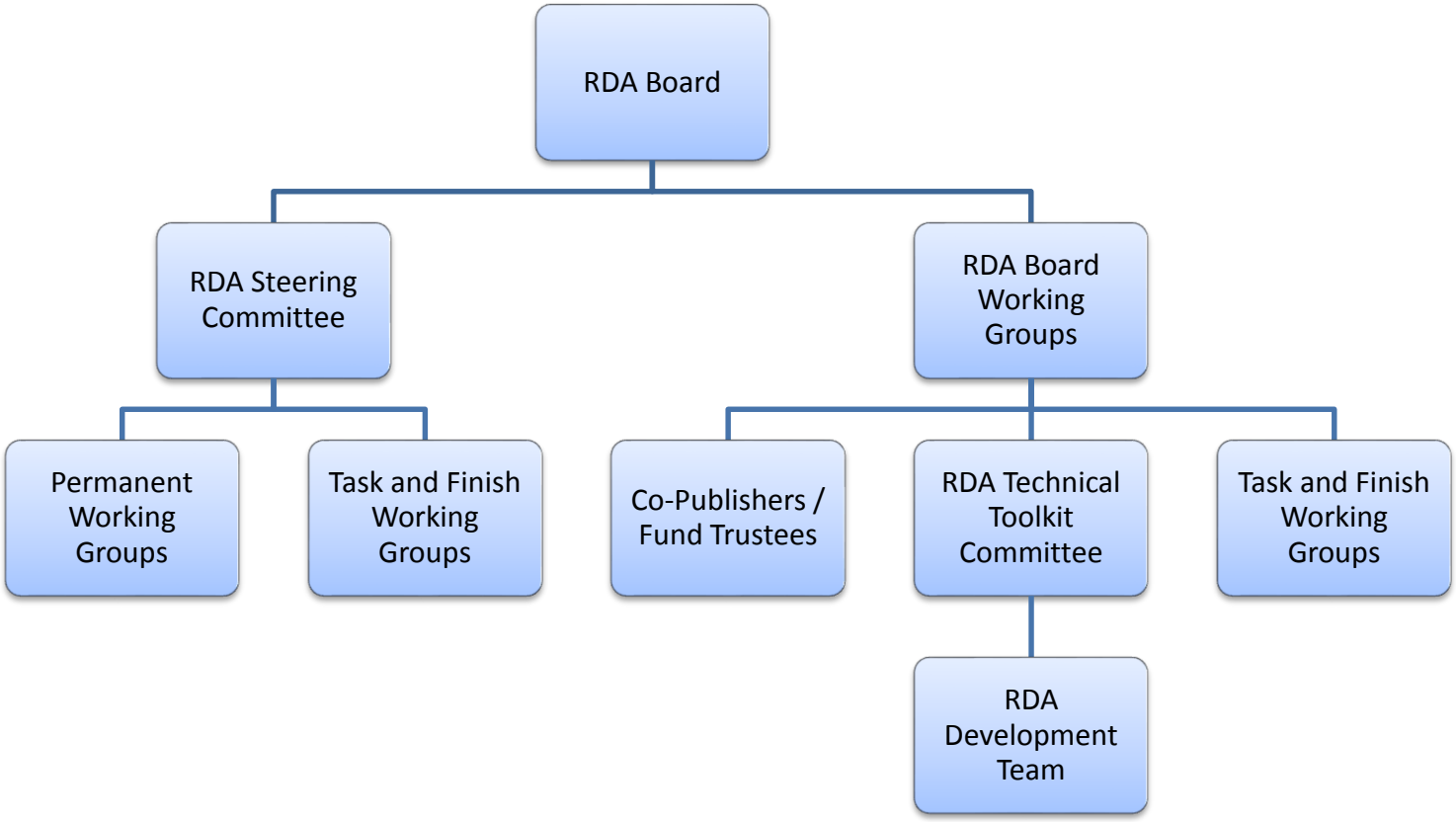
Principles for new Governance Model (2014)

- Be flexible
- Ensure that current structures become more effective, not less
- Ensure that committees do not become too large (any more than 10-12 people can become un-workable and, specifically in our context, extremely expensive to run)
- Reflect different communities in line with the strategic plan (e.g. non-English speaking communities, cultural/heritage sector, data communities/vendors)
- Use working groups and, occasionally, contractors to deal with the volume of work
- Ensure that there is adequate succession planning
- Take into account existing structures that can be built upon and leveraged
- Take into account changes to processes which will need to be implemented as a result
- Have a transition period

Governance Model Overview



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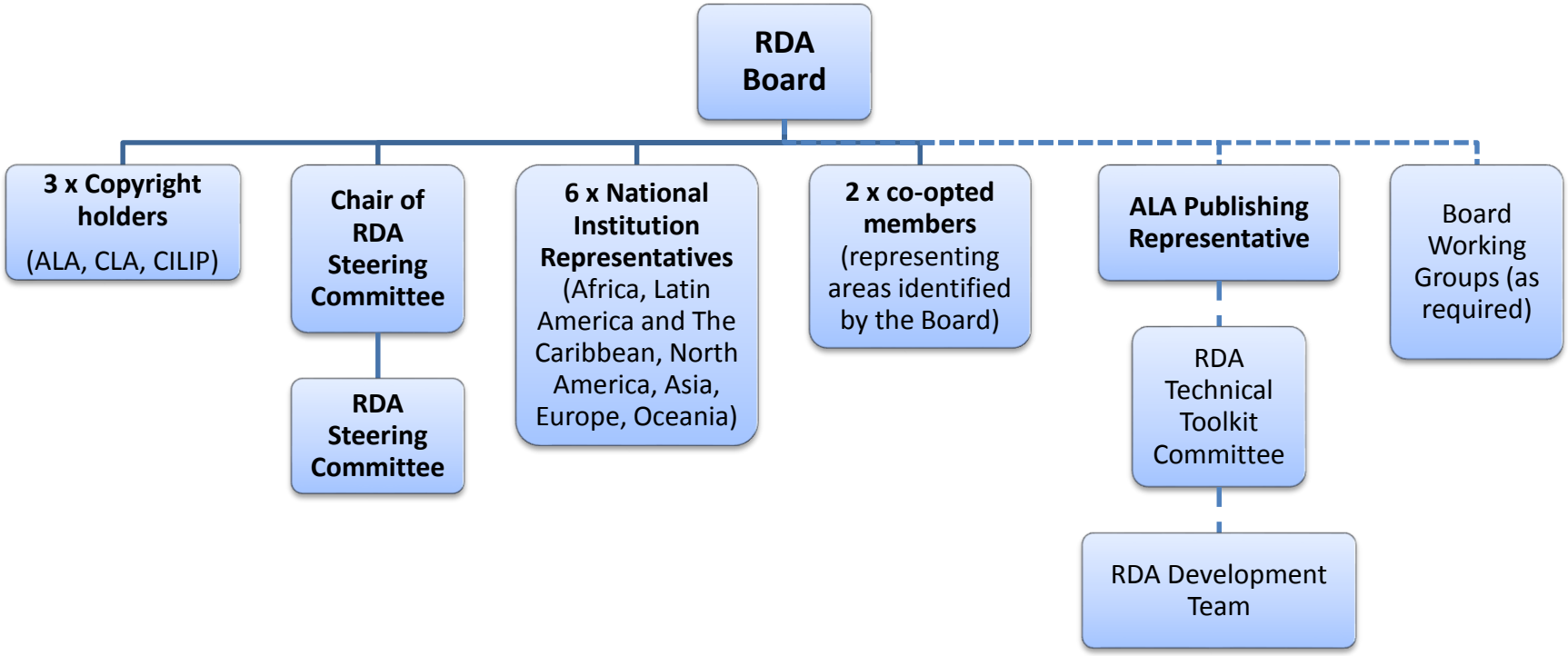

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Selection process

Who?	Selection Process
Copyright holders (ALA, CILIP, CLA/CFLA)	Nominated by the association
National Institution representatives	Application and Selection
Chair of RSC	Post-holder
ALA Publishing Representative	Post-holder
Co-Options (maximum 2)	RDA Board Decision

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Defining National Institutions

A national institution is defined as a national agency which has implemented RDA or will have implemented RDA within a calendar year.

RDA Board will publish guidelines defining national agencies for eligible sectors.

National **Library** institutions are defined as the National Bibliographic Agency, which is:

"the organizational unit established within a country's library system, which undertakes responsibility for the preparation of the authoritative and comprehensive bibliographic records for each new publication issued in the country, making the records in accordance with accepted international bibliographic standards and publishing them with the shortest possible delay "
(International Federation of Library Associations, IFLA International Office for UBC, & UNESCO, 1979)

In the future the RDA Board will seek, utilise and/or develop appropriate definitions for these sectors. For example:
"National archival institutions which are governed by primary legislation and are responsible for the development of national archival policies and programmes"
(International Council on Archives, www.ica.org)

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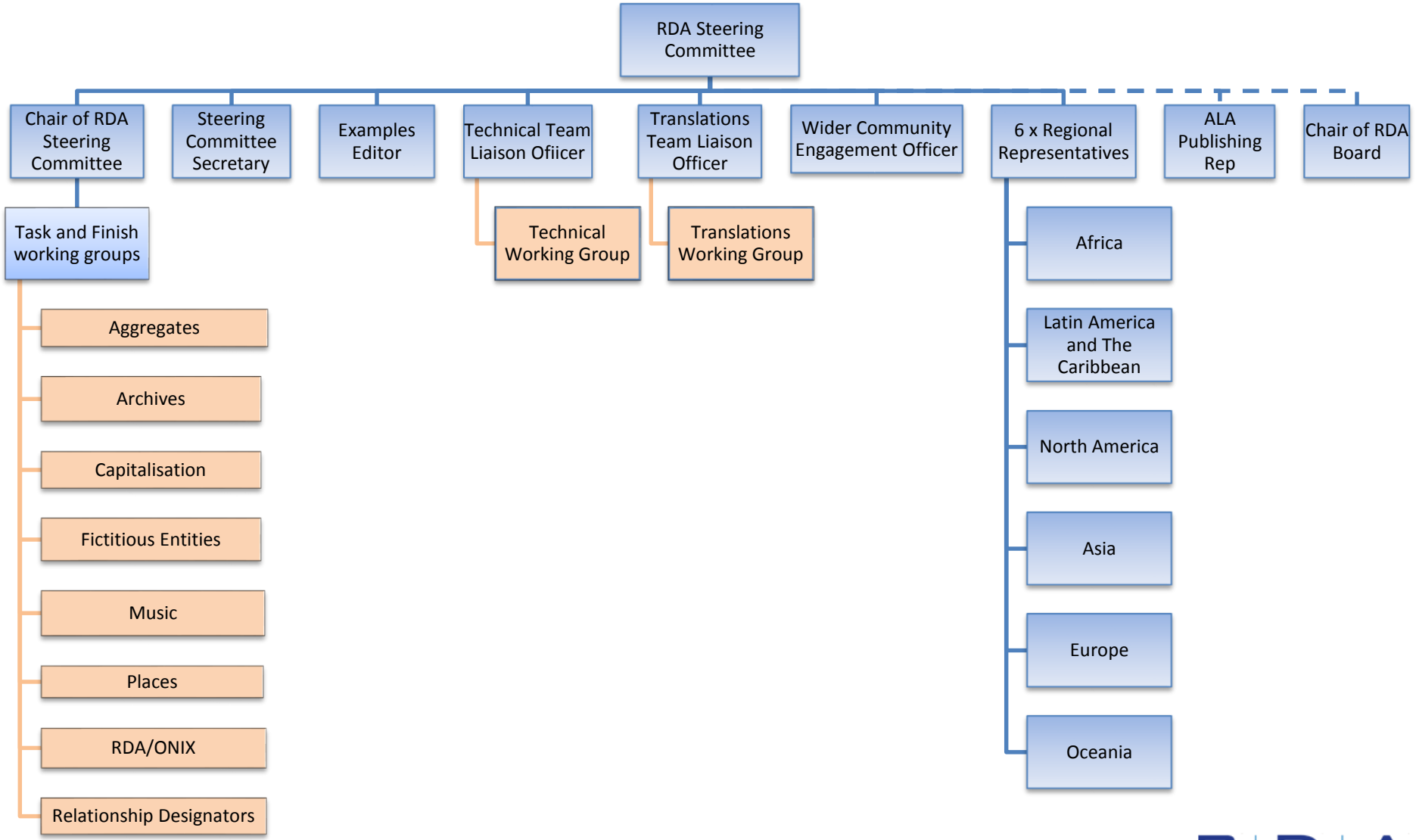

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RSC RDA Steering Committee

Requirements for a representative body

- ✓ Does not need to be a legal entity, but should have **terms of reference or a constitution**
- ✓ Should be constituted in a way that enables **representation of countries** in that region and organisations within those countries that have implemented RDA
- ✓ Provides **communication channels** for those organisations that have implemented RDA within their region to feed into the development of RDA
- ✓ Has a procedure in place to **appoint an appropriate representative to the RSC** and a substitute should the representative be unable to attend the meeting
- ✓ Is committed to **using the RDA online infrastructures** to develop and feedback on proposals
- ✓ Fosters **development of supporting structures** (e.g. Regional working groups, National groups)
- ✓ **Supports RSC working groups** by helping to identify possible members

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RSC RDA Steering Committee

Other Steering Committee Members

Who?	Selection Process
RSC Chair	Application and Selection
Examples Editor	
Technical Liaison Officer	
Translations Team Liaison Officer	
Wider Community Engagement Officer	
Secretary	Post-holder
Chair of RDA Board	
ALA Publishing Representative	

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Transition Principles (2015)

- Current and future key stakeholders will be actively engaged in the change process and will be tasked with helping to shape future structures and support mechanisms to ensure they are fit for purpose
- We will carefully balance retaining current skills and expertise and bringing new skills and representation on board in order to ensure that the stability of RDA as a tool does not suffer
- The new structure will evolve gradually rather than one big change
- RDA Board aim to have the new structure firmly in place by 2019

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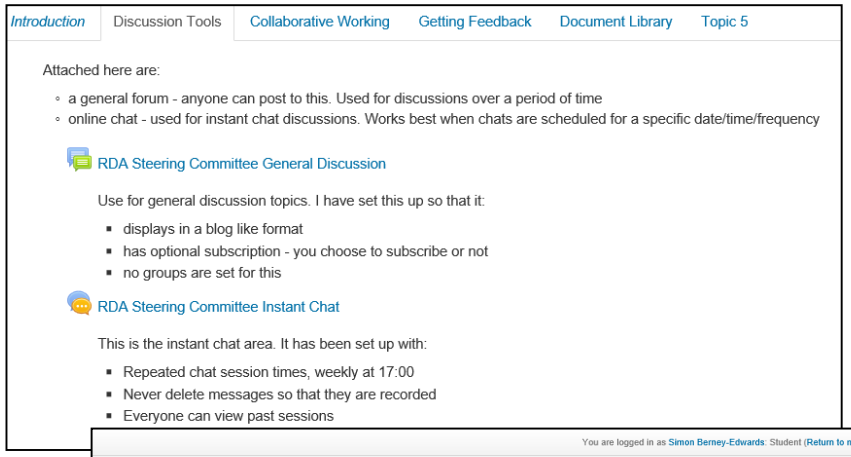
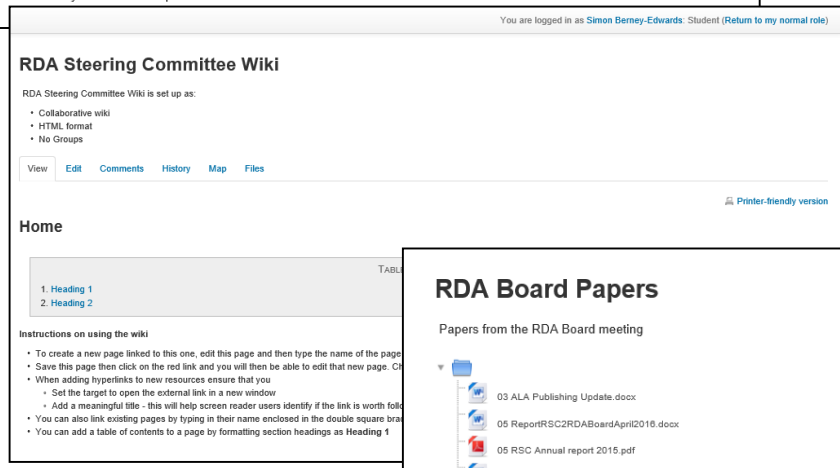
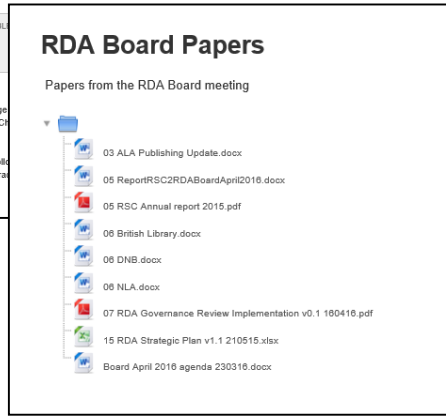
Online Infrastructure

Proof of concept

- Discussion
- Collaborative working
- Web conferencing
- Voting/Feedback mechanisms
- Submission mechanisms
- Document repositories







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Testing the proof of concept

Month	Activities
April	• Reviewing requirements
May	• Initial set up
June	• RSC Chair and Secretary training, testing and development • RSC/Technical Working Group / Aggregates Working Group training • Testing begins
July	• Testing
August	• Testing • Review of functionality • Decide next steps

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“This is not the end, this is not even the beginning of the end, this is just perhaps the end of the beginning.”

— Winston S. Churchill

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