

Engaging with RDA: governance and strategy

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Background

In the ten years since its inception, RDA: Resource Description and Access has grown well beyond its foundations in the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules.

The environment in which RDA operates continues to generate fresh challenges to its functionality, adaptability, and growth.

The infrastructure created for AACR needs to evolve to sustain the development of RDA as the global standard enabling discovery of content.

The first five years

- 2005: Joint Steering Committee (JSC) begins development of RDA
 - Follows decision to abandon AACR3
- 2007: JSC changes name to replace “AACR” with “RDA”
 - Removes “Anglo-American”
- 2010: RDA published in RDA Toolkit
 - In English

To the present

- 2011: Deutsche Nationalbibliothek joins governance structure
 - Representation on Committee of Principals (CoP) and JSC
- 2011: RDA terminologies published in linked data format
- 2013: RDA translated into French and German
- 2014: RDA entities and elements published in linked data format
 - RDA Registry launched
- 2014: CoP begins review of RDA governance and strategy
 - Open world-wide consultation

2015

- RDA translated into Spanish
- Toolkit translations added to linked data value vocabularies
- [RDA translated into Italian and Finnish]
- CoP agrees outcomes of governance and strategy review

Governance

The new governance structure of RDA is designed for CoP and JSC to have a greater level of international and wider community representation so that RDA can become truly relevant and internationally recognised.

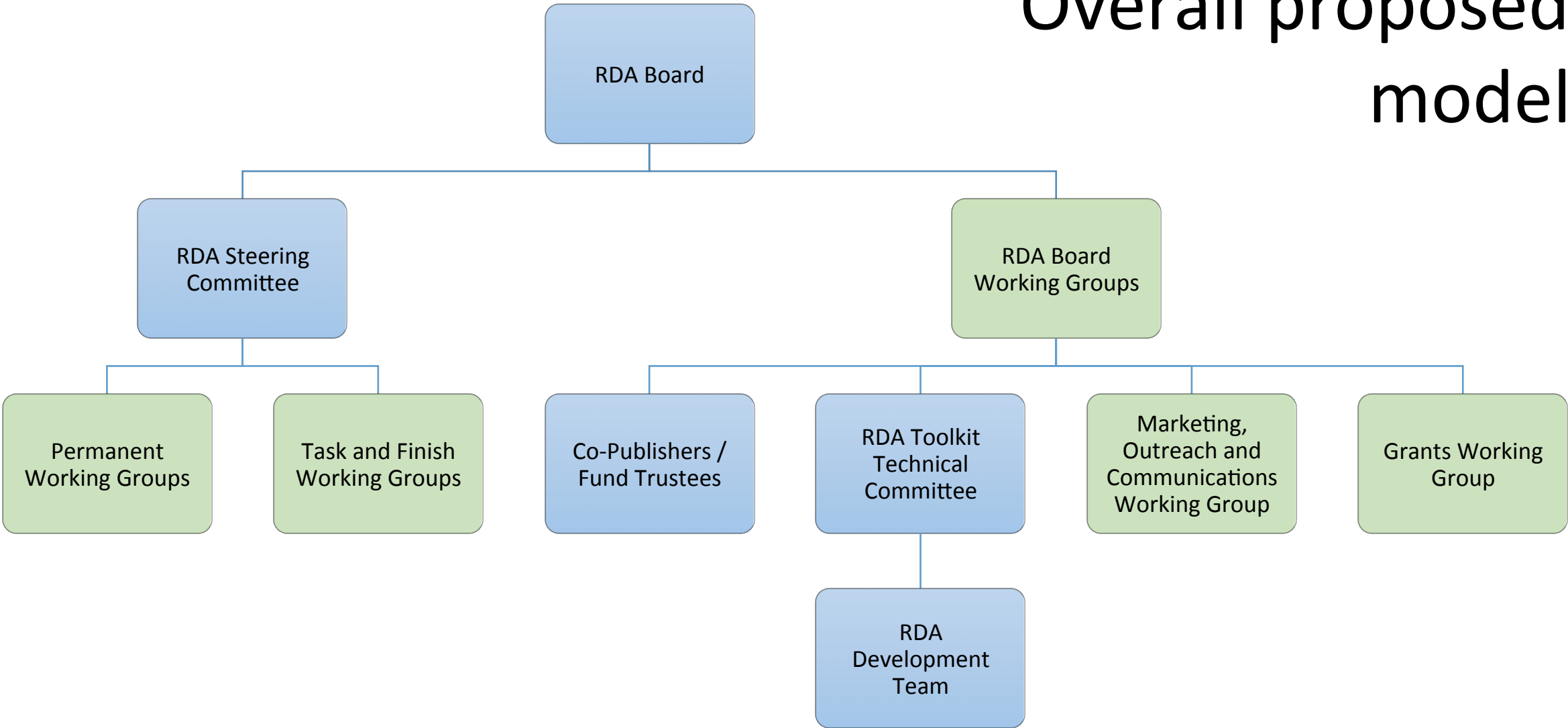
The structure is based on the consultation with stakeholders, discussions with the JSC, and the governance of international and standards bodies.

Transition to the new structure will begin this year and end before 2020.

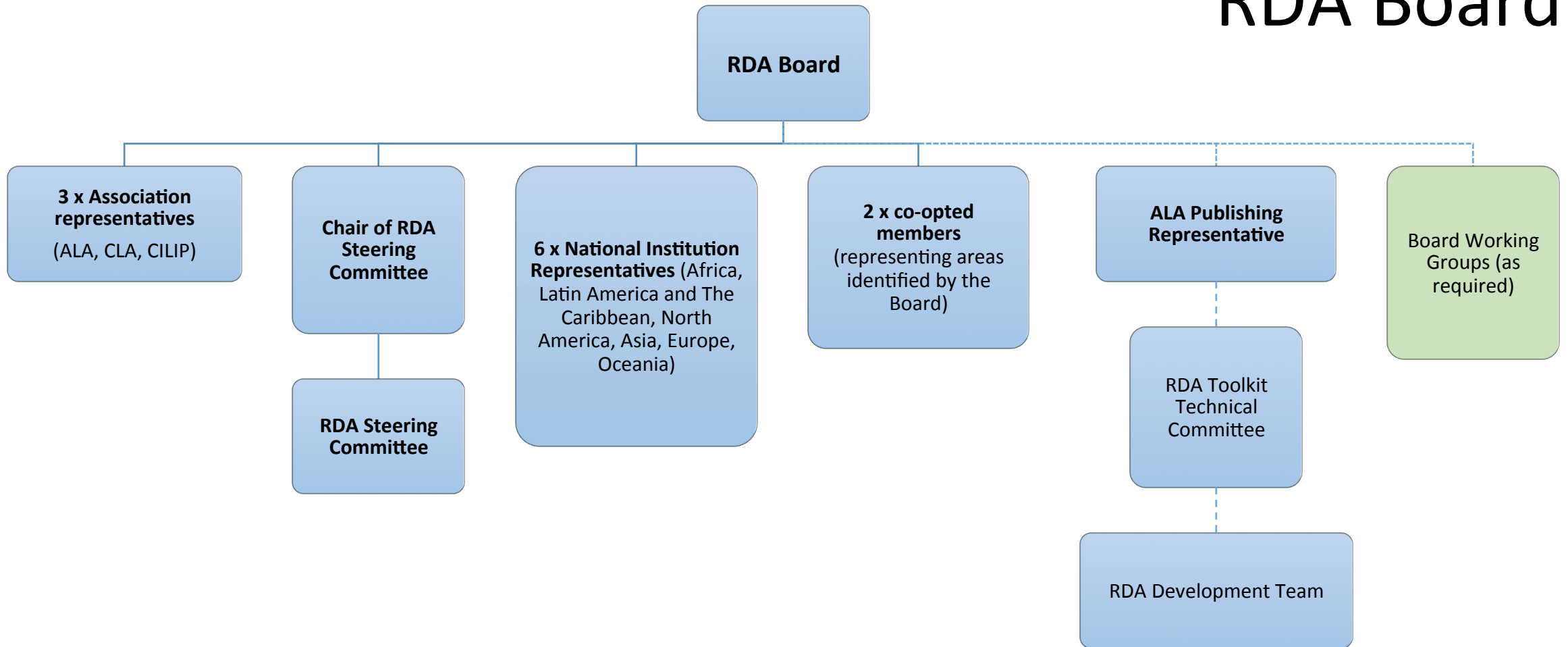
Principles for governance

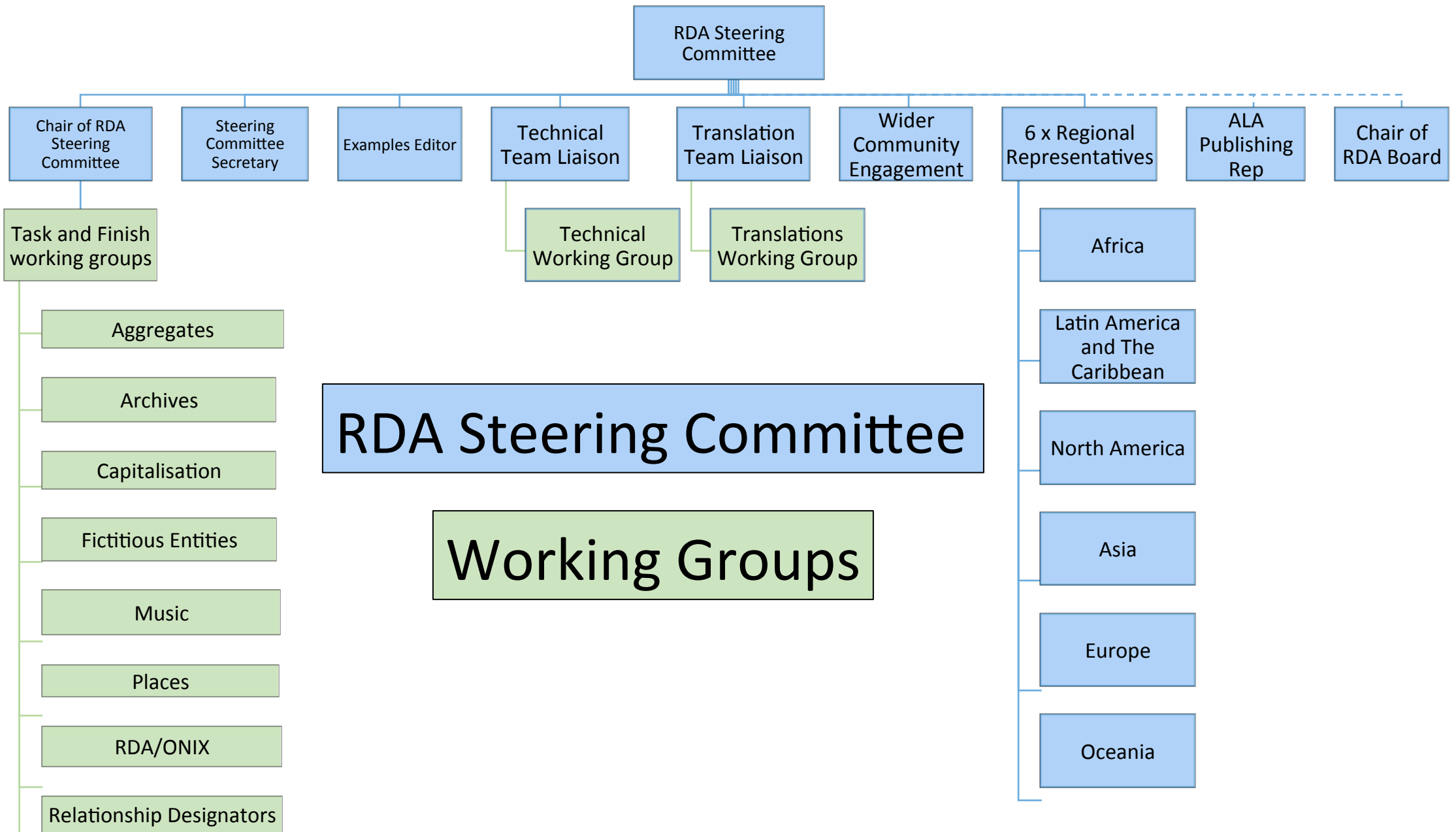
- Be flexible
- Ensure that current structures become more effective, not less
- Ensure that committees do not become too large
- Reflect different communities in line with the strategic plan
- Use working groups and, occasionally, contractors to deal with the volume of work
- Ensure that there is adequate 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

Overall proposed model



RDA Board





RDA Steering Committee

Working Groups

RDA Steering Committee

Chair of RDA Board

United Nations regions →

North America

Europe

Asia

ALA Publishing

Latin America & the Caribbean

Africa

Oceania

Chair

Technical Team Liaison

Secretary

Translations Team Liaison

Examples Editor

Wider Community Engagement

RDA Working Groups

Standing Working Groups →

Technical
Translations

Task and Finish Working Groups →

Aggregates

Music

Archives

Places

Capitalization Instructions

RDA/ONIX Framework

Fictitious Entities

Relationship Designators

Strategy

CoP/RDA Board is developing a five-year (2015-2020) strategy for RDA.

Strategic priorities include developing the recognition and adoption of RDA internationally, and developing a sustainable business model.

Key strategies for new markets

- Making RDA truly international
- Expanding use by the wider cultural sector
- Expanding use by those working with linked data

RDA for international data

Translations Working Group

International bibliographic metadata standards in review 2015-2017?

*Consolidated FRBR-LRM (Library Reference Model)

*International Cataloguing Principles

*International Standard Bibliographic Description

Capitalization
Instructions
Working Group

RDA for cultural data

Archives Working Group

- *Convergence in national management structures
- *Integrated resource discovery
- *Data sharing and re-use

FRBR-LRM
compatible with
FRBRoo
extension to
CIDOC-CRM for
museum data

RDA for Linked Data

RDA Registry

- * Multilingual, multiscrypt
- * Semantic version control
- * Multiple RDF flavours
- * URI de-referencing
- * Translation support
- * Bulk import/export

RDA Toolkit Technical Committee

RDA Development Team

Technical Working Group

RIMMF

- * RDA data editor
- * Online tutorials
- * MARC21 import/export
- * RDF import/export
- * Jane-athon support

Engagement

- Membership of RDA Working Groups
- Membership of RDA Toolkit Technical Committee
- Community representation on RDA Steering Committee
- Community representation on RDA Board
- Email and issue discussion on RDA-L and RDA Vocabularies Github project
- Jane-athons!

Together ...

We can make

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

Thank you

- jschair@rdatoolkit.org
- JSC website
 - <http://www.rda-jsc.org/>
- RDA Toolkit
 - <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/>
- RDA Registry
 - <http://www.rdaregistry.info/>
- RDA data, Jane-athons, etc.
 - <http://www.rballs.info/>