Updates /Announcements

Heidi Imker was unable to attend. However, she wanted to update the committee on the search committees for the data curation specialists and the RDS research programmer. Both search committees have been formed and are waiting for position description approval from Library Executive Committee and Campus HR.

Heidi also presented with two other ARL libraries at the Fall ARL meeting on research data services.

Laila and Bethany are trying to get a speaker, Mustapha Mokrane from ICSU World Data System who Laila met at DataCite to speak in December for the Research Data Services Interest Group (RDIG) meeting. This is part of a speaker series that began with the last RDIG meeting with Heidi Imker’s talk.

Discuss frequency of meetings in the future

Last year, the committee met consistently every two weeks but this year the meetings have been a bit more sporadic. Looking at the calendar of what meetings were kept as scheduled and which were cancelled, the committee has been meeting about once a month this year. Do we want to officially switch to monthly meetings?

Beth Sandore commented that a lot of the things that the committee was meeting to talk about last year (the Director of the Research Data Service position, EZID service, DMPTool, etc.) have been filled or are off and running on their own now.

Sarah Shreeves commented that subgroups within the committee are meeting as needed and running their assigned services, which is a model that’s been working well.

Starting in November, the committee will be officially meeting monthly. Sarah Williams will get those meetings on our calendars.

Research Data Alliance Plenary Meeting Report – Beth Sandore

Beth Sandore attended the RDA Fourth Plenary Meeting in late September. The meeting took place in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.  
https://rd-alliance.org/plenary-meetings/rda-fourth-plenary-meeting.html

Programme is up along w/session recordings: https://www.rd-alliance.org/plenary-meetings/fourth-plenary/plenary4-programme.html

Peter Doorn, Director, DANS gave the first plenary, Christine Borgman was the second.
Beth commented on interesting trend in seeing collaborating and working together in the EU that is just starting to get started in the US in terms of research data management/digital curation.

The funding model/organization in EU government changed from one leader to three.

The EU basically said countries need to align with the EU model in order to get EU funding (or to make it easier to get EU funding).

The only collaborative group in America (for research data management/data curation) is the National Data Service, which is nascent and unfunded.

There were a couple of really good “birds of a feather” interest groups on research data in libraries. A lot of IGs have representation from domain researchers, librarians, and information scientists.

Victoria Stodden at GSLIS is the chair of the Reproducibility Interest Group ([https://www.rd-alliance.org/node/45120](https://www.rd-alliance.org/node/45120)).

**Conference Funding**

Important conference dates from January – June 2015

3rd time we’ve written a proposal for additional travel funding for attending these conferences to Dean John Wilkin (Jan-June 2014, July-Dec 2014, Jan-June 2015).

IDCC in London, England – February 9-12, 2015. Heidi Imker should go
  - IDCC is a mix of science, humanities, digital curation, practitioners


RDA Plenary Meeting in San Diego, California – March 8-11, 2015.
RDAP 2015 in Minneapolis, MN – April 2015.

Last time we asked for money, it was over $30k and John asked us to pare it down. We should try to tap normal travel funding and scholars’ fund for some of these, especially if it ties into our daily work.

Christie Wiley mentioned interest in going to IASSIST again but might make more sense for Karen H. to be our representative since it’s her area.

Beth Sandore commented that RDA has preservation elements but the real value is the ability to connect with domain specialists/information scientists/etc.
RDAP 2015 (April 22 – 25 2015) – Ayla Stein and Christie Wiley are interested in going to this conference. Whoever is the representative will need to come up with an estimate, and if there are two representatives, one person can come up with the estimate for both people. Estimates should include:

- Transportation, hotel, registration fee, per diem, food
- Give estimate of how much support is needed from the library

Future Needs/Plans
Sarah Williams created an activity sheet to help facilitate this discussion.

This group (the e-Research Implementation Committee) is set to sunset at the end of March 2015.

- Heidi is interested in having the group continue (or some subset of the group) onward

Sarah Shreeves, Merinda Hensley, and Karen Hogenboom are thinking about how to restructure outreach/ Savvy Researcher/ Consultations because some sessions aren’t well attended due to people not thinking about the topic until they need it.

This committee should ensure that specialization/expertise should be developed in research data across the library (subject specialists, etc.)

This group should identify basic RDM competencies for subject specialists and functional specialists to include in future job descriptions.

- Both faculty and academic professional positions