

# OCLC Regional Council of Asia Pacific Framework Document

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# OCLC Regional Councils

- In 2007 OCLC Governance Study Committee recommended the “creation of Regional Councils to facilitate discussion of local, regional, and national issues within the OCLC cooperative”
- Currently there are 3 Regional Councils – the Americas, Asia Pacific, and EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa)

# OCLC Global Council

Global Council [is] one of the two governance bodies representing the membership of the OCLC worldwide cooperative. The Global Council has the responsibility to support the OCLC mission of “Connecting people to knowledge through library cooperation” and to contribute to the vision “The world's libraries. Connected.” -- Global Council Annual Plan 2009-2010

# Member Delegates of Global Council

- There will be 48 member delegates to the Global Council.
- Of the 48, the Asia Pacific Regional Council is allocated 5 at the moment.
- These 5 will be selected from among the members of the Executive Committee of RCAP. (Vic will give more detail later.)

# Charge of OCLC RCAP (Section 2)

- The OCLC Regional Council of Asia Pacific will serve as:
  - A unit of OCLC governance which elects Member Delegates to the Global Council , as described in Article IV of the OCLC Code of Regulations;
  - An incubator for new ideas within the OCLC cooperative;
  - A two-way conduit to allow the broadest , most inclusive conversation among OCLC staff , members, participants, and interested parties;
  - An inclusive forum and a vehicle to allow interested memory institutions to learn more about OCLC and opportunities for participation in the OCLC cooperative.

# Governance—Officers (Section 3.A)

- Officers of the OCLC Regional Council of Asia Pacific shall comprise the following : *Chair* (1 year term), *Vice Chair/Chair-Elect* (2 year term), and *Council Secretary* (at least one year). These three officers shall be elected by the members of the OCLC Regional Council of Asia Pacific.

# Governance—Executive Committee

(Section 3.A4.1)

- In addition to the Chair, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect , and Council Secretary , four Executive Committee Members shall be elected by the members of the OCLC Regional Council of Asia Pacific for a term of two years (total **7**)
- In order to ensure geographical diversity, no more than one of the Executive Committee members, including the Chair, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect and Council Secretary and the other four Executive Committee Members Shall be elected from the same country/region in Asia Pacific.

## Current Executive Committee Members (Section 1)

- **Beh, ChewLeng**, National Library Board, Singapore (**Chair**)
- **Copsey, Janet**, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- **Elliott, Vic**, The Australian National University, Australia (**Vice Chair/Chair elect**)
- **Hsiang, Jieh**, National Taiwan University, Taiwan (**Council Secretary**)
- **Kato, Tetsuo**, Waseda University, Japan
- **Soong, Samson**, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Hong Kong
- **Xue, Fangyu**, Tsinghua University, China
- **Serve until 1 July 2010**

# Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

(Section 4 A4.1)

1. Make decisions for the Regional Council between meetings of the Council.
2. Assist the Chair to plan, organize, and set the agenda for the Regional Council meetings, and to provide the approval for the regional meetings.
3. Approve the annual budget of the Regional Council.
4. Approve the establishment of the Nominating Committee and ad hoc committees, and the appointment of the committee chairs as nominated by the Chair.

# Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

(Section 4 A4.1)

5. Certify the results of all the elections of the Regional Council.
6. Conduct business as directed by the Regional Council meetings.
7. Attend OCLC Global Council meetings as delegates based on the following priority:

# Governance—Nominating Committee

## (Section 3.A4.2)

- Solicit qualified candidates for the elected positions of the Regional Council.
- Certify to the Council Secretary of the Regional Council the eligibility of the candidates.
- Ensure the geographical diversity of the candidates.

# OCLC Regional Council of Asia Pacific Meetings (Section 4)

- The Chair of the Regional Council shall call at least one in-person meeting of the Regional Council within any 12-month period.
- The Regional Council meetings shall be open to all interested parties, although only OCLC Members are eligible to vote.

# The annual (in-person) Regional Council meeting (Section 4)

- Shall include a range of topics, such as discussions or presentations on the OCLC cooperative's theme for the year, how Asia Pacific issues affect or are affected by the global theme, and especially issues related to Asia Pacific.
- The Regional Council meetings shall be open to all interested parties, although only OCLC members are eligible to vote.

# Budget of OCLC RCAP (Section5)

- The Regional Council will receive an annual appropriation from OCLC for running its activities.
- In principle, the appropriation will be expended in accordance with the following priorities:
  - Regional Council meetings;
  - Executive Committee meetings;
  - Other activities supporting the Regional Council programs.

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