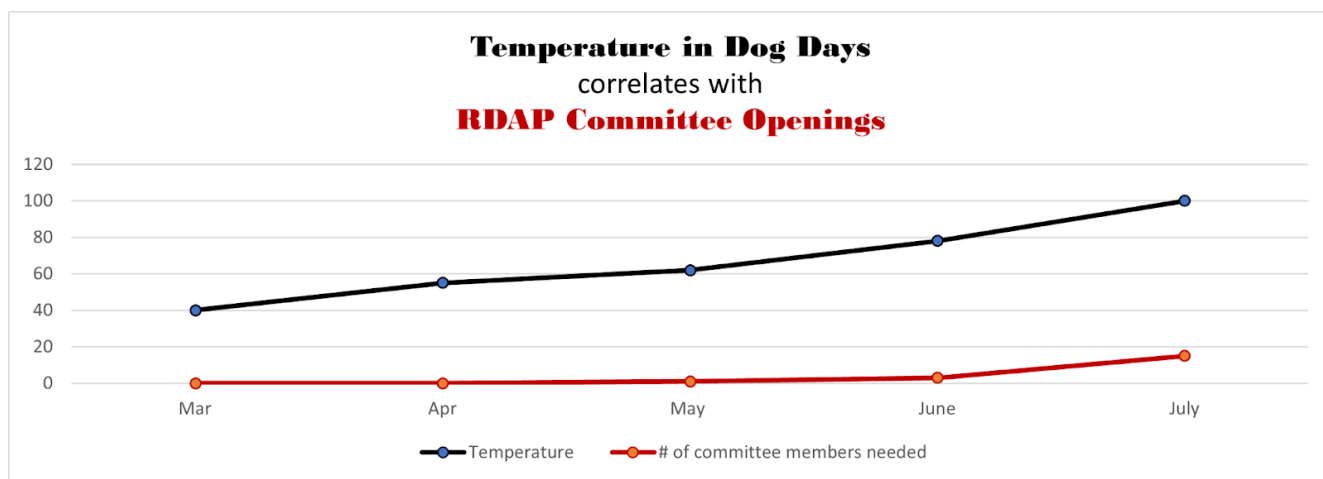# RDAP Happenings

Hi RDAP members,

Some of us are mired in the dog days of summer. Dry, brown yards and dying vegetable plants, everyone lacking energy and lounging like dogs — will this summer never end?

The dog days were so named because early astronomers noted that Sirius, the Dog Star (in the constellation Canis Major – the big dog) would rise at dawn with the sun. The brightest star in the sky seemed to make our world even hotter.

Did you know there is technically a beginning and an end to the dog days, ones that do not relate to sleepy mutts? The dog days of summer "officially" last from July 3rd to August 11th. Only 40 days of unbearable heat.

In preparing this month's newsletter, we identified an unusual correlation: monthly temperatures increase along with the need for more RDAP committee members! Help celebrate the end of the dog days of summer (and any other unpleasant weather that plagues us) by considering service to RDAP.

Updates from the Board

RDAP is in transition. The Executive Board held the transition meeting at the end of June, and the new leadership team (the Board and the chairs of action committees) met July 8. Many thanks to the outgoing board and leadership team, and a big

welcome to those incoming. New to the Executive Board is Lindsay Gypin, our secretary, and former secretary Rachel Woodbrook has become our president-elect. Congratulations!

Other new additions to the leadership team include Amy Yarnell (Conference Planning), Amy Schuler (DEIA), Kristin Briney and Chris Battiston (Education and Resources), Renaine Julian (Marketing), Sheila Rabun (Membership),Angel Tang and Barbara Esty (Sponsorship), and Michael Moore (Website). Thank you for volunteering and stepping up to be co-chairs. Many 2021-2022 co-chairs are also staying on, and we thank you for your continued service.

Read more about the election results and this past year's accomplishments in the Annual Report. We have accomplished many things that were laid out in the five-year RDAP Strategic Plan. It is time for the Executive Board to think about developing a new plan, and we will focus on preparing for that effort as well as increasing accessibility for our organization this year. May 18, 2023 is Global Accessibility Awareness Day, and it gives us a goal to strive for.

Are you looking to get more involved in RDAP? There are still opportunities to join one of our eight action committees. This year we got a lower response to our call for volunteers than in the past — about 50% of the requested and much-needed help. RDAP depends on volunteers to run the conference and put on excellent educational opportunities throughout the year. If you have time to dedicate to the work of the organization, please send an email to the Executive Board at execboard@rdapassociation.org or directly to the committee email as indicated on the website.

As always, the RDAP Executive Board welcomes your input and feedback. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

The RDAP Board,

- Amy Koshoffer (President)
- Rachel Woodbrook (President-elect)
- Lindsay Gypin (Secretary)
- Patti Condon (Treasurer)
- Jonathan Petters (Past President)

RDAP Feature Article

Do you have an interesting project you'd like to share with the RDAP community? Is there a useful resource or service that others might benefit from knowing about? Want to relate your experience participating in a training event?

If so, consider writing a Feature Article for the RDAP Newsletter!

The RDAP Publishing Committee is seeking content for the Feature Article section of the newsletter. Topics should fall into one of the following categories. Content that addresses these topics with the lens of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility will be prioritized.

1. Descriptions of a project, program, or service relevant to data librarianship.

2. Reviews of books, tools or resources that would be of use to those working in the data community.

3. Overviews of standards, guidelines, or recommendations relevant to data practitioners.

4. Descriptions of professional development events or training of interest to data professionals.

Submission Guidelines:

Please use this form to submit your article.

Submissions should be 1000 words or fewer. Images, figures, and tables are limited to two total, maximum 1500 px wide, and should be placed within the text. Images must be in jpg, jpeg, gif, or png formats. If citing other works, use a numbered, in-text citation style with a reference list at the end.

Language can be informal and submissions should be copy-ready, as newsletter editors provide light copyediting only. Submissions should be uploaded as a Microsoft Word document (.docx) with minimal formatting (headings are allowed where appropriate).

Publishing Committee members serve as editors for this feature as well as all other newsletter content. Questions about the submission process can be sent to

publications@rdapassociation.org. The newsletter is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis.

At this time, the newsletter is **not** accepting press releases, marketing materials, advertisements, or product announcements.

RDAP Summit Updates

The Conference Planning Committee has started meeting to plan the RDAP 2023 Summit. The Summit, whether in-person or online, has grown over the past decade into a tremendously successful and inclusive venue for research data professionals to share ideas, encounter new practices and platforms, and catch up with colleagues. Stay tuned for more updates!

Action Committee Updates

DEIA

No updates at this time.

Education and Resources

The Education and Resources Committee is planning our year. While we will be putting out a call for webinar proposals soon, RDAP members are welcome to email Chris (chris.battiston@wchospital.ca) or Kristin (briney@caltech.edu) with any ideas or requests they might have in the meantime.

Marketing

The Marketing Committee is looking for new members to help promote the annual Summit and other RDAP events and activities. Those with an interest in social

media, writing blog posts, and/or graphic design are especially encouraged to join us, although no previous experience is needed. Please contact us with your interest at marketing@rdapassociation.org.

Membership

The Membership Committee is looking for a few more members! Our role is to communicate the value of RDAP membership and RDAP as an organization. Some of the fun things we plan to do this coming year include: organizing the RDAP Summit buddy/mentorship program, hosting a new member event at the Summit, improving the RDAP scholarship program, and implementing RDAP member awards. We would love to have you participate and share your insight! Feel free to contact sheila.rabun@lyrasis.org with any questions.

Publishing

The Publishing Committee has room for additional members this year. Our responsibilities include producing this newsletter each January, April, July, and October and supplying guest editors/peer reviewers for the RDAP Special Issue of the Journal of eScience Librarianship (limited slots available). Committee members may work on either or both of these projects. If any of this sparks your interest, email us at publications@rdapassociation.org for additional information or to volunteer.
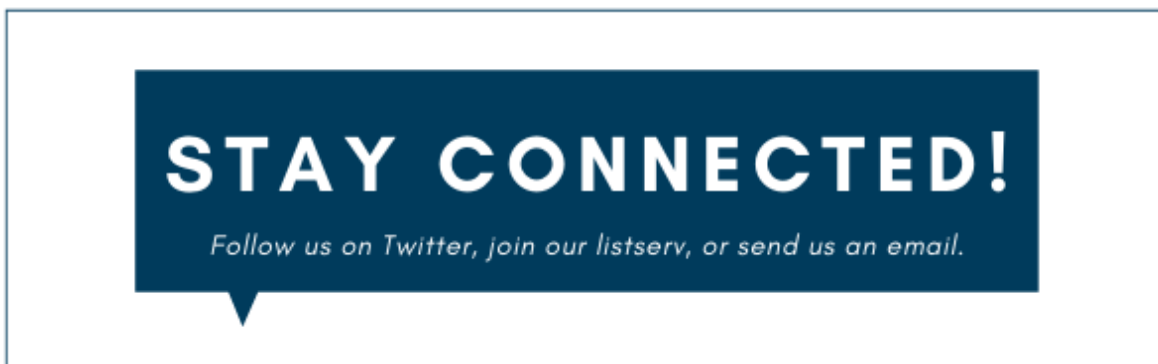
Sponsorship

The Sponsorship Committee is looking for members to join us as we raise money to help support the annual RDAP Summit. No experience needed. If you are interested, please contact us at sponsorship@rdapassociation.org.

Website

We are pleased to welcome Michael Moore as co-chair of the Website Committee for 2022-2023. Michael is currently the Grants & Special Projects Librarian at the University of Washington Health Sciences Library (HSL) in Seattle, Washington. In addition to writing grants and meeting reporting requirements, his "special projects" include leading the HSL web team, supporting institutional users of health data platforms like REDCap and Leaf, and a wide range of "other duties as assigned". Before moving to the rainy West Coast, he supported a variety of projects in Rare

Books & Special Collections and Archives at McGill University in his native Montreal, Quebec. He can be reached at mtmoore@uw.edu

Web has also been hard at work improving the look and feel of the RDAP website, adjusting visual components and adopting a clearer font. We have also added the [RDAP Café Press Store](#) as a menu option that redirects users to the shop for easier access to RDAP-branded wares.

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