

Membership Survey

Shepherds: Lois Timms-Ferrara, Ellie Read

Chair: _____

This Action Group will organize and conduct a survey of members in order to inform a number of IASSIST Strategic Initiatives.

The areas covered will be around:

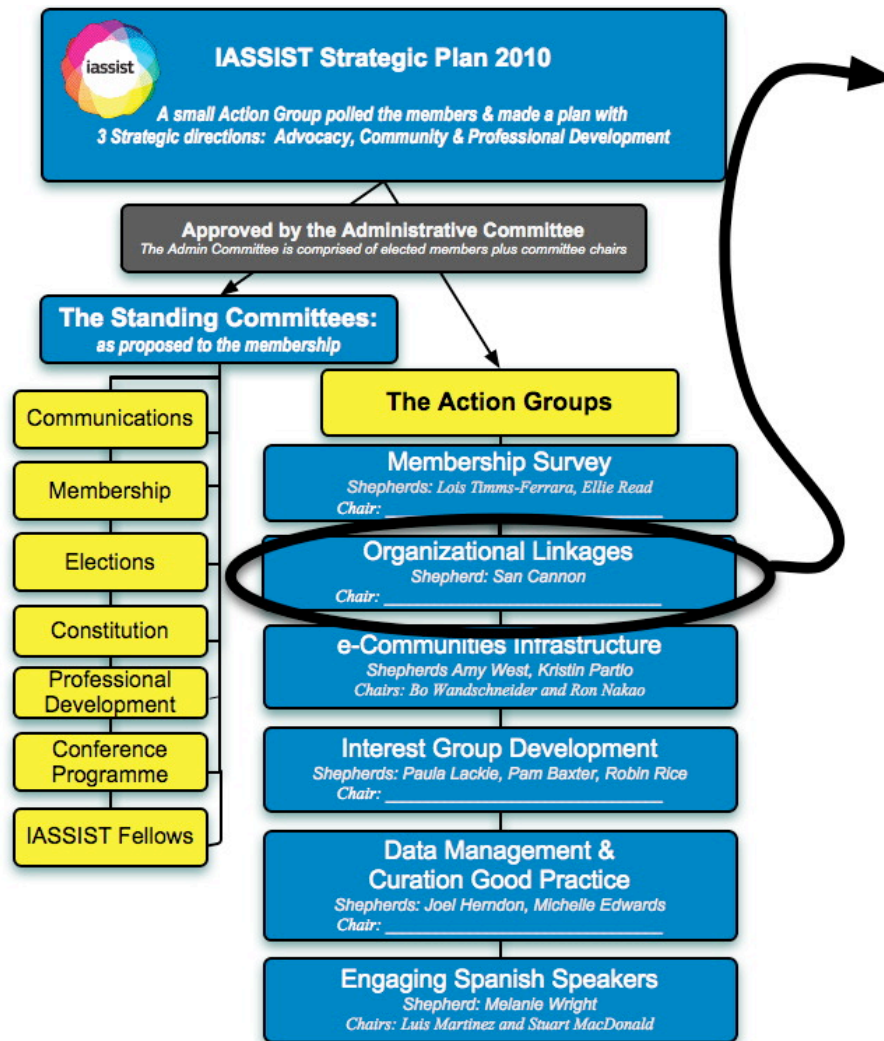
- What kinds of professional development training would you find of value? What areas would you be able and willing to offer training in?
- What capacity do you or your organization have for hosting online training (podcast, webinar, screencast, AGN, etc)?
- How does data professional training happen at your institution – is there a degree programme in some aspect of data services, or data components of other degrees, or internships, or attendance at other professional conferences or training sessions, or other more informal mechanisms?
- What other professional organizations are you a member of, and would you be willing to be a communication conduit between IASSIST and any of those organizations?

The Action Group will decide on the method, create and disseminate the survey, collate the results, and report back to the Administrative Committee, the Education Committee (the proposed Professional Development committee) and to the other Action Groups requiring this information.

Deliverable: Completed survey and report on results

Timing: by 1 December 2010

Strategic Directions served: Advocacy, Community,
Professional Development



Organizational Linkages

Shepherd: San Cannon
Chair: _____

This Action Group will take the information from the User Survey about membership in allied professional organizations and will solicit a list of Linkage volunteers for each relevant organization.

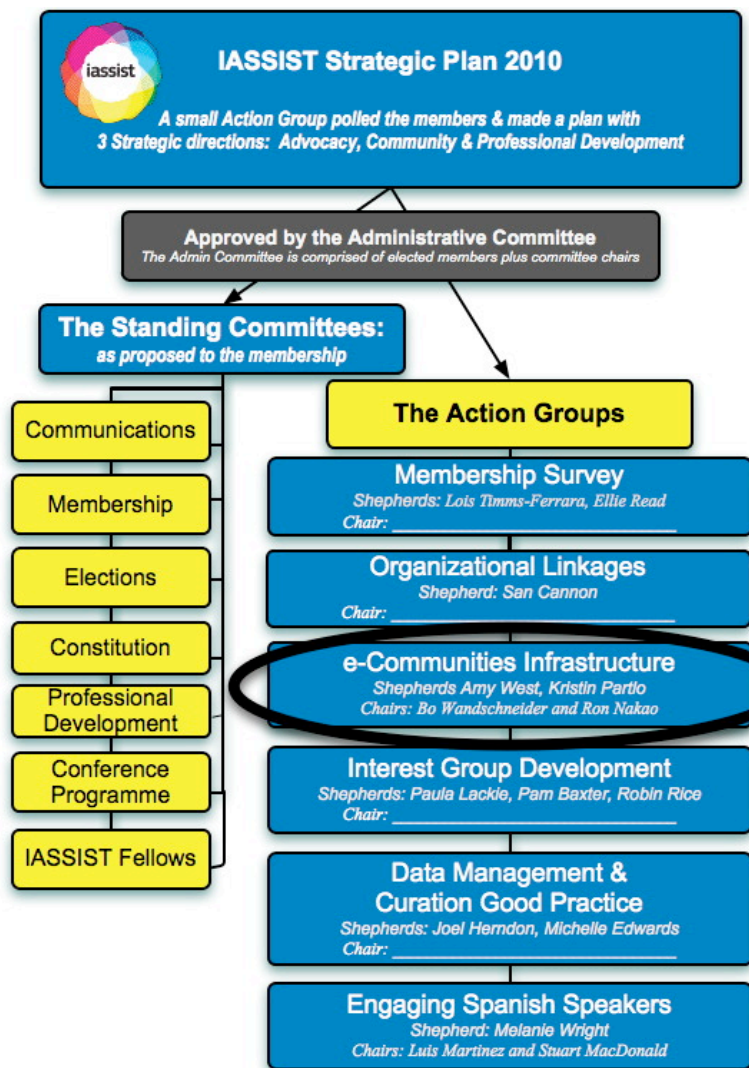
The group will develop a formal charge for these Linkage volunteers reflecting the goal of communicating to other organizations what IASSIST is doing, and communicating to IASSIST what these other organizations are doing, in areas of mutual interest.

The group will establish a method for the latter communication utilizing the new websites (e.g. blog posts) and will propose a mechanism for maintaining and renewing the Linkage volunteer list.

Deliverables: The Group will report back to the AC the list of Linkage volunteers, the methods, and the proposed maintenance process.

Timing: by 1 May 2011

Strategic Direction served: Community, Advocacy



e-Communities Infrastructure

Shepherds Amy West, Kristin Partlo
Chairs: Bo Wandschneider and Ron Nakao

The continuation of this Action Group reflects the ongoing need for assessment of e-infrastructure to serve the IASSIST community.

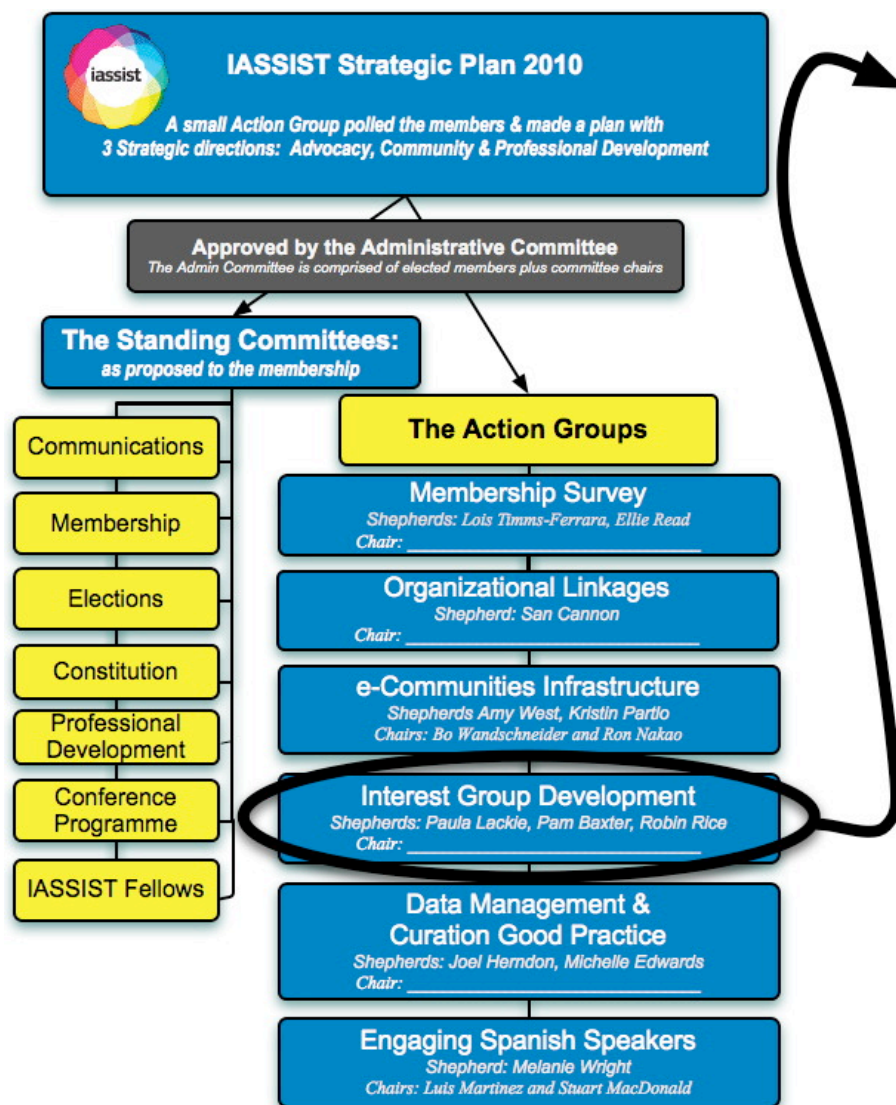
Issues emerging from the conference session on the new websites will be incorporated into the Action Group's charge for this year.

Additionally, the group is charged with assessing IASSIST's involvement in public, third party online spaces (the proposed case study is Facebook) and reporting back to the AC and the Publications Committee/ proposed Communications committee the lessons learned: successes, failures, and proposals for how IASSIST's presence on such sites would ideally interact with our own public website (iassistdata.org) and membership site (iassistdata.info).

Deliverable: report, other deliverables dependent upon the outcome of the conference session.

Timing: by 2011 IASSIST Conference AC meeting

Strategic direction served: Community, (potentially others)



Interest Group Development

Shepherds: Paula Lackie, Pam Baxter, Robin Rice
 Chair: _____

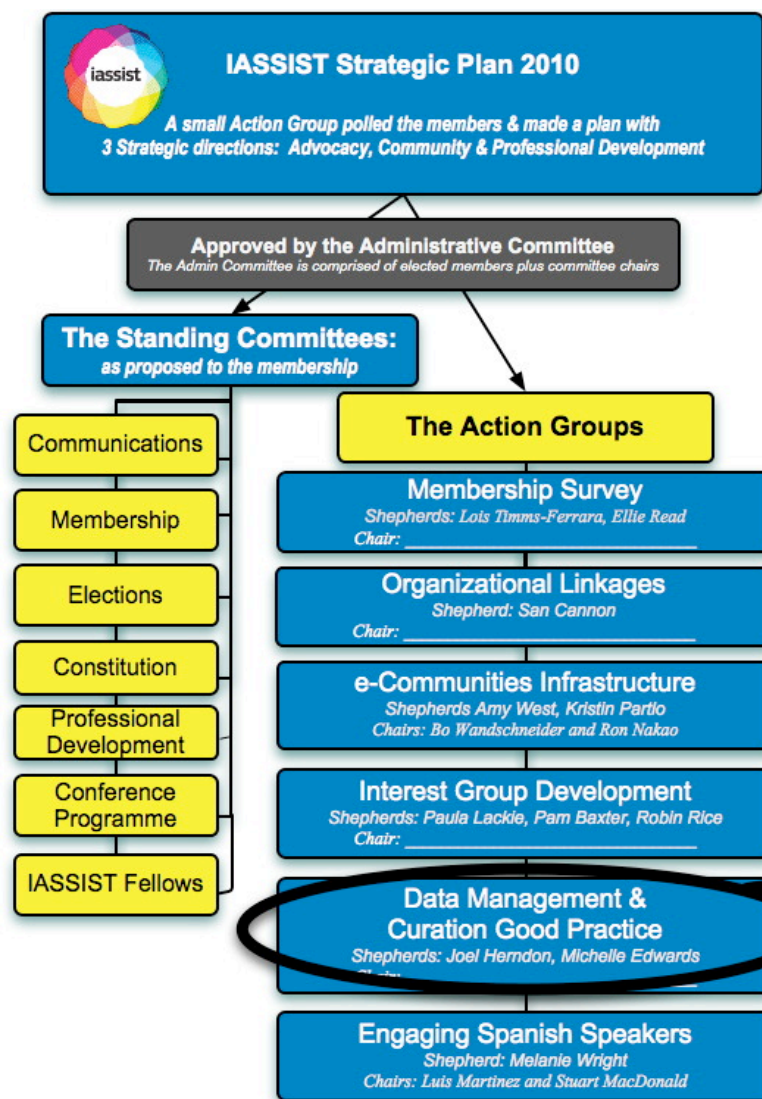
This group is charged with developing a small starter list of topical substantive IASSIST Interest Groups (for example: DDI and related metadata standards; data management, data curation and digital preservation; statistical literacy and teaching with data; secure data enclaves and services; etc) plus:

- identify and secure the cooperation of coordinators for each group
- write the initial charge for these Interest Group Coordinators
- work with them to establish the appropriate online forum for the Interest Groups to interact (for example a forum space on the membership site)
- make the appropriate links to the public website so that IASSIST's substantive interests are foregrounded to the casual visitor

Deliverables: A list of IGs and coordinators, online forums, links on public website.

Timing: by 1 May 2011

Strategic directions served: Community, Professional Development



Data Management & Curation Good Practice

Shepherds: Joel Herndon, Michelle Edwards

Chair: _____

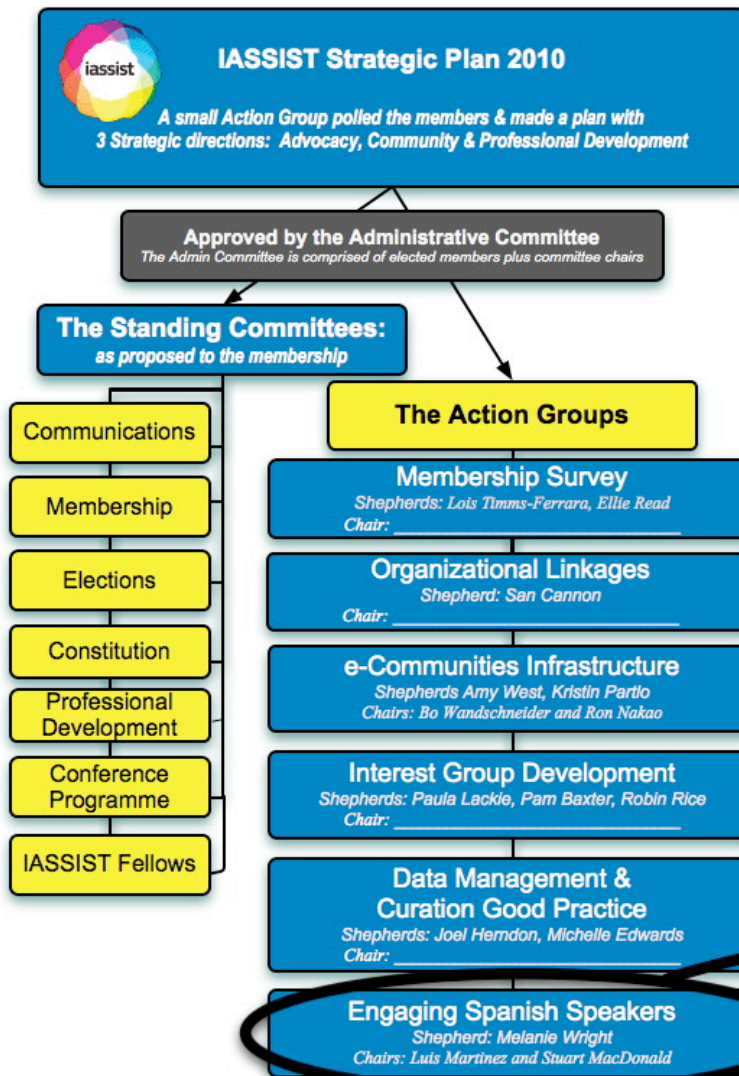
This group is charged with collecting a set of existing resources and links from among the membership to create a resource page on the public website covering the topics of good practice, standards, and activity in Data Management and Data Curation.

Ideally the site would include sample or template data management plans. The group will also propose a mechanism for maintaining and updating the resources (e.g. a named responsible content web editor).

Deliverable: a resource webpage on the public website, and a proposal to the Publications committee / proposed Communications committee on future maintenance.

Timing: by 1 May 2011.

Strategic direction served: Advocacy, Professional Development



Engaging Spanish Speakers

Shepherd: Melanie Wright

Chairs: Luis Martinez and Stuart MacDonald

This group is charged with proposing a set of concrete activities that IASSIST and its members could undertake to further the organization's engaging with data professional from Spanish speaking institutions from Spain and Latin America.

Deliverable: A report to the AC identifying key stakeholders in Spanish speaking countries and proposals for concrete activities in order to establish collaborative data networks.

Timing: By 1 May 2011

Strategic direction served: Advocacy, Community