Minutes of the Dryad Board of Directors, November 2017

November 7, 2017, by teleconference

Approved January 29, 2018

1. Meeting called to Order by Lin (chair) at 10:32am ET

Directors in Attendance: Bruna, Dillo, Eaton, Fox, Hodson, Hole, Lin, Michener, Murphy, Strasser, Vision / Regrets: Nilsson

Dryad staff in attendance: Executive Director Meredith Morovati, Operations Manager Elizabeth Hull, Repository Architect Ryan Scherle

2. Approval of prior minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from August 2017 teleconference. Proposed by Fox, seconded by Strasser. Passed unanimously.

3. Executive Director Report. Morovati presented a general status report covering finances, staffing levels, and ongoing grant proposals and projects. Hull gave an update on Dryad’s participation in the Data Curation Network. Lin requested input on whether additional statistics should be reported to the BOD in advance of meetings.

4. Technical Report. Scherle reported on improvements to and continued challenges with system stability, the ongoing transition of Dryad technology to Amazon servers, and work related to the preservation partnership with DANS.

5. Finance Report. Hole and Morovati focused on efforts to smooth out cash flow throughout the year and evaluate income levels against expenses.


7. Governance Report. Lin reported on the Committee’s work surrounding BOD culture and improving engagement, and noted that 4 new members need to be recruited for the Class of 2021.

8. Preparation for in-person BOD meeting to be held in January in Raleigh-Durham, NC. Discussion of agenda items, desired outcomes and whether to bring in an external facilitator.

Adjourned by Lin (Chair) at 12:20pm ET