

Minutes of the Dryad Board of Directors Meeting, May 2015

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May 26-27, 2015

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1. Meeting called to order by Chair Bill Michener on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 9:02 am

Directors in attendance: Baird, Bloom (Vice-Chair), Bruna, Ferguson, Fox (Treasurer), Hodson, Michener (Chair), Smit, Sansone, Tenopir, Vision (Secretary)

Directors joining remotely: Fenner (until 10:30), Smith (ex officio, absent from 11:15-2:00)

Dryad staff in attendance: Morovati, Scherle, Hull

2. Approval of Minutes from February 2015 teleconference

Motion to approve by Bruna, seconded by Baird. Approved by all present with no abstentions.

3. Reports

Morovati presented the 2014 membership report (appended), the FY 2014-2015 Q3 financial report (appended), and progress toward the strategic plan. Of note, Dryad will become a virtual organization as of July 1, when NESCent vacates its offices, with weekly meetups at RTP Frontiers.

4. Budget

Morovati presented a draft FY 2015-2016 budget, which was discussed. An initial discussion about strengths and weaknesses of the revenue model and possible changes was held in preparation for the following Finance Committee breakout.

5. Finance Committee breakout and report

In attendance: Baird, Bloom, Ferguson, Hodson, Fox, Smit

Items discussed: growth targets, terms for large deals, proposal for a Grant Task Force, review of DPC fee structure and proposed changes.

6. Governance Committee breakout and report

In attendance: Baird, Bruna, Michener, Sansone, Smith, Tenopir, Vision

Items discussed: Probationary review of the Executive Director, merits of face-to-face versus virtual BoD meetings in the future; process for election of officers.

Of note: new persons must serve as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary starting at the next meeting.

7. Membership and Outreach Committee

Liz proposed deferring until a future meeting in order to review proposal recently received from Maverick. Approved by general consent.

8. Review of Progress Toward the Strategic Plan

Morovati summarized progress in the first 5 months of the plan

Items discussed of note:

- The need for an Executive Summary of the plan to share with outside stakeholders
- How to achieve the goal of promoting data for educational as well as research reuse, including the role of DryadLab
- How to implement the idea of prizes as a means to promote data reuse. Ideas discussed include (i) honoring data providers and reusers together, (ii) presenting as part of community meeting, (iii) limiting eligibility to papers published in partner/member journals versus partnering with other organizations, (iv) nominating Dryad data sets for existing community prizes like the RDA Climate Change Data Challenge.

9. Probationary Review of Executive Director

Discussed in executive session

Motion to accept proposed probationary review of Executive Director Meredith Morovati by Smit, seconded by Fox. Approved unanimously with no abstentions.

10. Preservation partners

Discussion of options for potential digital preservation partnerships.

11. Budget for 2015-2016

Discussion of possible changes to the DPC pricing scheme. The Finance Committee is tasked with bringing one or more proposals back to the full board at the next meeting. Discussion of expanding sponsorships to new organizations. Discussion of budget proposal from the Finance Committee.

Motion from Fox for a continuing budget resolution. Spending to remain at current levels until a balanced budget can be approved at the July Board of Directors Meeting. Smit seconded. Approved unanimously.

12. Grant funding

Discussion of how to pursue grant opportunities from government agencies and foundations. Discussion of a Task Force to explore grant opportunities and align these with the Strategic Plan. Volunteers include: Michener, Fenner, Sansone, Hodson, Vision.

13. Preparations for Community and Membership Meeting

Discussion of upcoming membership and community meeting, logistics, content to present.

14. Calendaring

Decision to schedule to next BOD teleconference for late July (exact date and time to be determined after poll) and to have budget approval and officer elections on the agenda. Agreement to hold face to face meeting, at least two days long, in September, with a focus on proposed changes to the pricing model. Tentatively scheduled in conjunction with the Research Data Alliance Plenary in Paris.

15. Meeting survey

An online survey for meeting feedback was distributed by Michener and filled out by the BOD.

Motion to adjourn by Fox, seconded by Baird, approved at 5:30pm

Appendices

A. 2014 Membership Report

B. FY 2014-2015 Q3 Financial Report