

Minutes of the Dryad Board of Directors Meeting, July 2015

Monday, July 26, 2015 - 9:00am to 10:30 am, by teleconference
Approved November 30, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by William Michener at 9:00am.

In attendance: Baird, Michener, Fox, Ferguson, Bloom, Smith, Bruna, Tenopir, Vision

Absent: Hodson, Fenner, Sansone, Smit

Dryad staff in attendance: Morovati, Hull

2. Approval of minutes

Approval of minutes from May was deferred until September as they are not yet available.

3. Election of Board Officers

Morovati presented the results of the online voting for officers for 2015-2016:

Chair: Vision; Vice-chair: Sansone, Secretary: Ferguson. Treasurer: Fox.

Discussion of COI for Vision in dual role as Chair and PI of NSF grant. Vision to recuse himself from any votes with this potential. Desire to clarify COI policy for this circumstance at the next board meeting.

4. NSF Proposals

Michener and Vision reported on progress with two US National Science Foundation Advances in Bioinformatics proposals in process. One is to the Development track, one to the Sustaining Track. Both are due in mid-September. Proposed work is to be aligned with the Strategic plan. Prime institution on both would be UNC Dept of Biology with the majority funds going toward staff at Dryad as a subawardee.

Two supplements to the current NSF grant have been submitted, decisions are pending transfer of prime institution from Duke University to UNC. They would expire at the same time as the main NSF award (Feb 2016, or Feb 2017 if there is a no-cost-extension). The first is a pilot for NSF to sponsor DPCs directly. The second would support continued development of DryadLab and collaboration with a successful DryadLab Faculty Mentoring Network organized by the NSF-funded Quantitative Undergraduate Biology Education and Synthesis Project.

5. Pricing scheme proposal

Fox presented a proposal for changes to the price schedule for Data Publication Charges and its merits and details were discussed.

Motion: To accept Finance Committee's proposal to increase all DPCs by 50% effective Jan 1, 2016, with caveat for partners being able to lock in current pricing structure. Proposed by Fox, seconded by Ferguson. 6 vote yes, 1 no, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

6. Budget proposals

Morovati presented two alternative budgets from the Finance Committee, one with the NSF funding pilot and one without (see Appendix).

Motion: To approve balanced budget with NSF funding pilot, with caveat that we fall back to second option if pilot not approved. Fox proposes. Vision seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Upcoming meetings

Morovati presented plan for next meeting face-to-face from 19-20 Sep in Paris.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Proposed by Bruna, seconded by Vision. Approved unanimously.