

Minutes of the Dryad Board of Directors, September 2016

Hosted by the Auraria Library, Denver, CO

September 9-10, 2016

Approved November 30, 2016

Friday, 9 September

1. Meeting called to Order by Vision (chair) at 9:10am

Directors in Attendance: Bloom, Bruna, Dillo, Fenner, Fox, Hodson, Lin, Michener, Nilsson, Sansone, Vision

Regrets: Ferguson

Dryad staff in attendance: Executive Director Meredith Morovati, Operations Manager Elizabeth Hull

2. Approval of minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from July 2016 BOD teleconference. Proposed by Bruna, seconded by Michener. Passed unanimously.

3. Committee and Task Force updates and agendas. Fox provided a financial report focussing on the 2016-2017 budget and cash flow. Points of discussion for the meeting laid out for Finance Committee, Governance Committee, Grants Task Force, and Membership Task Force.
4. Reports. Morovati provided an Executive Director report focussing on software development progress, transition of curation services and staffing, business support, and Dryad attendance at events and speaking engagements. Vision provided an update on current grants and proposals.
5. Strategic planning and prioritization. Review of the existing Strategic Plan document and extended discussion of the priorities on which Dryad staff should currently be focusing.
6. Potential projects and partnerships. Hull presented on progress towards a preservation agreement with DANS and collaborative opportunities with the Odum Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill. Morovati presented on a proposal from Elsevier DataSearch. Vision presented on grant opportunities from the Moore and Sloan Foundations.
7. Review of draft of a high-level Development Roadmap. BOD agreed that they should be involved at a strategic level and have more regular opportunities to check in on development progress. BOD requested a revised version for review at their next meeting.

Saturday, 10 September

8. Governance Committee breakout and report. Discussion included updating responsibilities of officers, nominations to fill 4 upcoming vacancies, and orientation of new members. Bruna agreed to stand for re-election to the Board.
9. Finance Committee breakout and report.

Motion: Switch from 2016-2017 Contingency Budget 2 to Contingency Budget 1 and allow use of surplus to hire administrative support staff. Proposed by Fox, seconded by Michener. Passed unanimously.

10. Strategic planning plenary session, continued from previous day. Brainstorming session to reformulate high-level goals and strategies. Agreement to let the results of Board exercise inform staff planning, and for the Chair and staff to attempt to align them with current projects and future activities.
11. Review of Executive Director Meredith Morovati (in executive session), with special commendation for financial leadership.
12. Technology Committee breakout and report. Discussion to set up new group.
13. Membership, Marketing & Outreach Task Force breakout and report. Discussion primarily around the membership model and fee structure.
14. Grants Task Force breakout and report. Discussion of upcoming grant application opportunities.
15. Calendaring. Agreement to schedule teleconferences for late November-early December and February 2017, with a possible face-to-face meeting in conjunction with RDA in April 2017.

Adjourned at 5:00pm EST