

# Minutes of the Dryad Board of Directors, August 2017

Tuesday August 29, 2017, by teleconference

**Approved November 7, 2017**

1. Meeting called to Order by Vision (chair) at 12:03pm ET

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

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

2. Introduction of new BOD members Alf Eaton, Brian Hole, Fiona Murphy, and Carly Strasser.
3. Approval of minutes

**Motion: Approve minutes from May 2017. Proposed by Lin, seconded by Bruna. Passed with one abstention (Hodson).**

4. Executive Director Report. Morovati presented a general status report covering staffing levels, an ongoing grant proposal, and journal integrations. BOD discussed the ROI of submission integration and how to improve uptake.
5. 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. BOD discussed options for Dryad's underlying platform moving forward.
6. Finance & budgeting. Fox and Morovati presented a 2017-2018 Fiscal Year draft budget. BOD discussed slowing growth in detail, as well as the role of server costs and the contribution of membership dues. Needs for an in-depth exploration of alternative business models and a high-level risk register were highlighted.

**Motion: Approve proposed budget for FY 2017-2018. Proposed by Michener, seconded by Nilsson. Passed unanimously.**

7. Governance Committee. Vision and Morovati reported on results of a survey of recently-outgoing BOD members. Conflict of Interest forms were requested.
8. Officer elections and appointment of Committees and Task Forces.

- a. Officer results. Chair: Jennifer Lin; Vice Chair: Simon Hodson; Treasurer: Brian Hole; Secretary: Charles Fox.
  - b. Finance Committee: Hole (Chair), Fox, Nilsson, Bruna, Hodson, Strasser
  - c. Governance Committee: Lin (Chair), Michener, Vision, Eaton, Murphy, Dillo
  - d. Other committees and Task Forces: assembling groups and identifying charges was put off until new Officers had time to reflect.
9. Review of Executive Director Meredith Morovati (in executive session).
  10. Brief preparation for upcoming BOD meetings and conference presentations.

Adjourned by Lin (Chair) at 1:58pm ET