

Dryad Board of Directors teleconference

September 24, 2012

Board Members

Present: Bloom, Ferguson, Holyoak, Hodson, Lavoie, Michener, Moore, Sansone, Smit, Vision, Whitlock.

Absent: None

Others: Schaeffer

Quorum? Yes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Michener at 12:04 EDT.

1. Review of previous meeting minutes

The Chair invited members to offer any additions/corrections to the minutes of the July Board meeting. Only minor typos were identified. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

2. Finance committee updates

Lavoie summarized the Dryad Pricing Structure proposal dated Sept. 20, 2012 (attached) and described the results of an informal "temperature-taking exercise" of publishers by Ferguson that showed relative price insensitivity in the \$50-70 range but concerns over longer contract lengths. This was then opened to discussion.

Smit raised the issue of whether a volume discount to the baseline costs would be appropriate for larger publishers. Other members suggested that the baseline cost should reflect true costs and adjustments should be made instead to transaction costs (specifically for the two voucher plans). It was also suggested that the extent of the discount should have a hard limit. There was general agreement that language should be included to indicate that large-volume discounts may be negotiated, but that the nature of those discounts need not be specified now.

The nature of charges for the Subscription Plan was clarified. This should be corrected in the Dryad Pricing Structure document to refer to \$25 per paper published in journal rather than \$25 per deposit.

There was general agreement to rename the "Author Pays Plan" to "Pay on (or at) Deposit" and to more clearly demarcate the contractual plans from Pay-on-Deposit.

There was general agreement that the price structure should be made publicly presentable for all prospective clients soon.

A **MOTION** that the Board accept the Pricing Structure as proposed by the Finance Committee, with the revisions above, was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

Schaeffer was charged to incorporate these changes into a revised and simplified Dryad Pricing Structure document.

3. Governance Committee update

The Board recognized the tragic loss of one of its number, Lee Dirks, in a road accident in August. Whitlock, acting as Chair of the Governance Committee, recommended leaving Dirks' seat vacant until the new election in 2013 in light of the fact that he was serving a one-year term. A **MOTION** embodying that recommendation was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Whitlock proposed two Task Forces:

1. *Membership*: to make recommendations on documenting and defining membership for the organization, comprised of Bloom, Hodson, Michener and Moore.
2. *Management Services*: to make recommendations on how to run Dryad before an Executive Director is hired; comprised of Lavoie, Vision, Whitlock.

Whitlock requested that all board members be alert for prospective nominees for the next election; Schaeffer will share the list of prospective nominees from 2012 with the Governance Committee.

4. Planning for November Board of Directors meeting

Michener suggested the following two agenda items for the upcoming BoD meeting and solicited input for additional items:

- Updates on repository development activities defined at July meeting
- Updates on Action items listed on p. 7 of July meeting minutes

The following additional agenda items were proposed:

- Developing materials and strategy for membership recruitment and communicating the payment plans
- Breakouts for the Finance and Governance committees
- A discussion of other relevant initiatives (e.g. Figshare, F1000R)

5. Other issues

- a. *Membership year*. Discussion of when the terms of membership should start and end. There was general agreement that membership should start sufficiently in advance of the May meeting to participate in the nomination process and plan for attendance. It was noted that the calendar year will reduce confusion, and is in keeping with the decision at the July meeting that the first contracts should aim to begin on Jan. 1 2014. A **MOTION** that membership in Dryad is to be on a calendar year basis was made, seconded and passed unanimously.
- b. *Appointment to task forces*. The board unanimously adopted the formation of the membership task force of the Governance Committee, as described above. The membership of the Management Services task force was not complete at the time of the meeting but membership was subsequent confirmed by email.
- c. *Frequency of teleconferences*. Michener proposed that since scheduling monthly calls is difficult, quarterly might be better. Hodson proposed a bimonthly schedule instead. A **MOTION** to hold Board of Directors meetings every two months was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. The Board agrees to schedule its January 2013 call during the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm EDT.