

Dryad Board Meeting - Minutes

By Teleconference - Tuesday 13 Oct, 10am-11:30pm EDT (2pm UTC, 3pm BST, 4pm CEST)

Minutes approved on 12 January 2021

Agenda:

Meeting Materials:

- [July Meeting Minutes](#)
- Q3 Quarterly Update
- Scientific Advisory Committee

Attendance:

Attending: Caroline, Paolo Mangiafico, Judy Ruttenberg, Catriona MacCallum, Fiona Murphy, Wolfram Horstmann, Naomi Penfold, Johan Nilsson, Paul Uhler, Günter Waibel

BOD: Jason Williams, Scott Edmunds, Brooks Hanson

Staff: Tracy Teal, Daniella Lowenberg

Regrets:

Note taker: Fiona Murphy

Agenda:

- Welcome new members (5 min)

General introductions by all.

Introduction to the agenda - includes breakout rooms and future planning.

- Review/approval of July board meeting minutes (2 min)

Proposed by Nilsson, seconded by Penfold, passed unanimously.

Teal - vision and mission statements restated. To achieve the vision and fulfil the mission.

Thinking about sustainability in the community. Organisational elements, sustainability of underlying programs.

Programs - what people see us do. 1 - a data repository publishing datasets.

On track to publish at least as many datasets in 2020 as did in 2019. CDL has updated and added usage to Dryad's capabilities.

datasets published Q1: 1328
datasets published Q2: 1168
datasets published Q3: 2290

200,000+ researchers

36,000+ data publications

2,100+ international institutions

1,200+ academic journals
represented

Continuing to evaluate and update the curation practices.

Quarterly update from Teal and Lowenberg

- Lowenberg presented recent and forthcoming publisher integrations.
- Dryad will pass supporting information over to Zenodo as part of its membership package with publishers.
- Open Knowledge Foundation and Frictionless Data. Tools including GoodTables. Ensures the quality of tabular data. 6month Sloan funded project.
- Dryad is now a contributor to Event Data.

Quarterly update: Member/finance/product (10 min)

- Update from treasurer

Penfold. Budget approved in July, so this is the first Quarterly report since then. Now switched to cash-based. Major outgoings are staff costs. Expenditures are pretty stable. The next step is to wean ourselves off grants and on to unrestricted income (memberships and data processing charges).

Update on Member Program

- List of members
- Developing membership materials.
- Providing clear value to institutions
- Moved CRM to Salesforce - easier to handle renewals. Identify 'leads to close' progress.
- Communications and outreach
 - Writing a post about the fisheries tender process
 - Open Source Community call with eLife and other partners
 - Continuing to work on improving governance

Dryad is an important organization for this moment in time. Can help with open data, trust, expertise, best practices, curation. Want to be available to help other orgs so they don't have to repeat the investment.

Review board responsibilities (20 min)

- Board responsibilities
- Overview of official board responsibilities
 - Opportunities, responsiveness, projects
- What do other people see as responsibilities, and what is helpful from the ED?
- Outreach
 - Outreach resources and needs
 - Breakouts with question prompt
- Board positions (Sutton, 5 min)

Governance committee has met and agreed a slate to present to the full board.

Nilsson as Chair, Murphy as Vice-Chair, Williams as Secretary, Penfold to stay as Treasurer (provisional to her situation, to be clarified shortly). If Penfold is unable to serve then Ruttenberg will serve as Treasurer.

Motion proposed by Paulo, seconded by Brooks. Passed.

Thanks were extended to Sutton for being a stalwart Chair in unprecedented circumstances.

Hand-over meetings to be held shortly.

Discussions on forthcoming virtual in-person meetings we want to be able to devote some time to strategic planning, reviewing bylaws.

Teal to send out suggestions for times for November strategic/operational discussions.

Teal will circulate invitations for the next quarterly board meeting.

- Update on Scientific Advisory Committee (5 min)

This will be open imminently. BODs please to help with getting the word out.

- COI forms (3 min)

Deal with remotely

- Planning for reviewing bylaws/terms of service (5 min)

Introduce remotely, will arrange times in November

- Planning for strategic planning (5 min)

Everyone has to be in either finance or governance committee. Nilsson to organise this remotely.

Meeting adjourned at 15:39 UTC