

Dryad Board Meeting

By Teleconference - Tuesday 12 Jan, 10am-11:30pm EST (3pm UTC, 3pm GMT, 4pm CET)

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Secretary Signature: 

Agenda:

Meeting Materials:

- October meeting minutes

Attendance: Tracy Teal, Judy Ruttenberg, Johan Nilsson, Gunter Waibel, Daniella Lowenberg, Catriona MacCallum, Scott Edmunds, Naomi Penfold, Paul Uhler, Caroline Sutton

Partial attendance

Fiona Murphy (arrived 25 min after start)
Wolfram Horstmann (arrived 40 min after start)
Catriona MacCallum (departed 60 min after start)
Brooks Hanson (?)

Regrets:

Jason Williams (Secretary)
Paolo Mangiafico

Note taker: Judy

Agenda:

- Welcome (5 min)
- Approval of Meeting minutes (3 min)
 - October 2020
- Suggestion to review process for circulating minutes - e.g. circulate meeting minutes 2 weeks after meetings to approve over email
- October minutes are approved. Motioned by Catriona, second by Caroline
 - Special meetings - plan for asynchronous approval (minutes forthcoming)
- [Quarterly updates](#) (20 min)

Discussion:

Datasets count by journal: Correlation between journals supporting Dryad and where we're seeing deposits; there are datasets (N/A) not affiliated with manuscripts/journals.

- Q: Where is Dryad on the University Press or institutional press radar?
- Comment: Pursue opportunities at the publisher level, identify societies
- Publisher policy likely shaping low Sci Reports / Nature, versus high PLOS ONE.

Datasets published/month: high in August 2020 → when clearing backlog. Now cleared, and publishing more datasets/month than at the same time last year.

- Suggestion: datasets submitted/month - needs data science help, tbc.

Curation: No backlogs, a key milestone. Note also developing 'common voice' in responses.

- UCSB model - curating datasets from their institution - now onboarding curators

Product:

- eJournalPress about to launch integration with AGU journals and eLIFE (eLIFE and AGU funded). End-to-end integration - fully featured. Still working with Editorial Manager.
- New developer hired with Open Knowledge Foundation, for 6 months - updating upload interface to integrate GoodTables (tabular validation tool)
- Zenodo integration: 1st feature launch coming soon (Feb '21, soft launch!) - upload software via Dryad → goes to Zenodo. Potential to help with software citation, excitement. Common upload tool to Dryad. Includes adding license for software. Can preview files before publication - curators can work on them. Note common metadata in both D & Z records; records are cross-linked.

Memberships:

- First Asian and Australian institutions.
- COVID affecting memberships progress, we're behind.
- Contractor for strategy to recruit & retain - starting now, 3 mos.

SAB:

- 10 selected from self- & external nominations.
- First meeting planned for February.

Opportunities for growth next time:

- non-life sciences, Asia (China? e.g. GBIF node, ECRs in China, CODATA china. Also look at Taiwan and other East Asia (pro-open data))

- Questions on Quarterly updates (10 min)
- Informational materials
 - InformationalMaterials: Google drive with resources for internal reference or editable copies
 - <https://github.com/datadryad/informational-materials> Github repository with public materials
 - Notes: Can use these to help with sharing info & championing Dryad
- Update on Governance/Executive (Tracy) (5 min)

- ED review being planned
- Position roles transitioned and have updated roles and responsibilities
- Update on Finances (Tracy) (10 min)
 - Q4 Unrestricted Income was presented along with previous context (Q3 and prior-year).
 - TBC: Treasurer & ED to review in detail

Some BoD roles available: All requests/openings to be shared by email after meeting,

- Finance committee membership - information on Finance Committee
 - Commitment: Ongoing, ~3 hours / quarter
 - Arranges audits; Determines metrics for Board decision-making
 - Small focused group is ideal. Some board members expressed interest in this role.
 - This committee needs organization and capacity
 - Note that decision to move to cash-based accounting has been reconsidered
- Updating CoC Working Group members - information on CoC Working Group
 - Commitment: 4 hours training (provided), 1 hour / quarter, as needed, quick response time required
 - Penfold stepping off.
 - Lou Woodley coming on (ED + Nilsson agreed).
 - Ideally include a board member too
- Bylaws next steps
 - 1 person for final review and presentation
 - Commitment: ~1 month, ~4 hours, US based
- Values next steps
 - 1-2 people for next steps in Values project, provide feedback
 - Commitment: ~3 months, ~8 hours total
 - Values Project Plan

Action Items

By next Board meeting:

- Committees up and running
- Bylaws will have been approved asynchronously
- Strategic plans