Minutes of the Dryad Board of Directors Meeting

By teleconference, Tuesday, 24-Feb-2015 from 1:00-3:00 PM ET
Approved May 26, 2015

1. Call to Order

a. Meeting commenced 2:03pm
b. Board attendees: Michener, Vision, Smit, Tenopir, Ferguson, Fenner, Fox, Hodson, Bruna, Baird, Bloom (joined 1:23 EST)
c. Directors not in attendance: Smith (*ex officio*), Sansone
d. Dryad staff in attendance: Morovati, Hull

2. Review and approval of Minutes from December Board Meeting

A motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting [Ref. 1] was made by Fox, seconded by Baird. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Financial report FY 2014-2015 Q2 provided as [Ref. 2]. Key points:

a. Revenue continuing to increase and submission targets are being met. However, revenue growth will need to increase faster to meet longer term goals.
b. Lack of development resources slowed billing integration with FASEB.
c. A detailed cost analysis will be prepared for the May Board meeting.
d. Dryad is publishing data packages associated with a substantially greater fraction of the articles from journals holding subscription payment plans than initially expected. The average is approximately 50% overall and up to 70% for some journals. Fee structure for subscription plans will need to be reviewed in order to make sure revenue exceeds costs for subscription plans.

4. Operations Report

a. Review of January Board Report [Ref. 3]
   i. The idea of regularly updating the monthly target (e.g. by 25% per quarter) was raised, and will be discussed at more length at the next in person meeting.
   ii. Staff held a successful retreat to operationalize the Strategic Plan and are following up on actions from the meeting.
b. Executive Summary of Strategic Plan

i. Morovati solicited additional volunteers to review the document. Baird, Smit and Vision volunteered.

ii. The Executive Summary is to be released simultaneous with the Annual Member Report in May.

5. Committee and Task Force Reports

a. Finance Committee
   i. No additional business
b. Membership and Outreach Task Force
   i. Materials being updated together with Maverick include a brochure and Prospectus, in preparation for outreach planned for this spring.
c. Governance Committee
   i. Slate of BoD nominations is ready for May meeting
   ii. Interim review of Executive Director is underway

6. May Meeting Planning

a. The Gelman Library at George Washington University has generously offered to host the May Board Meeting. The American Geophysical Union is available for the Community Meeting. Staff are currently investigating hotel, catering and A/V options.
b. Discussion of dates and conflicts with other events on 27-May. General agreement to keep the original schedule of the Board Meeting on 26-May and Community Meeting on 27-May.
c. Discussion of the Program for the Community Meeting. Brian Nosek of the Center for Open Science has agreed to be the keynote speaker. Other speakers are being invited to a Community Perspective Forum in the morning and an Emerging Issues panel on Data Review in the afternoon.
d. Agenda items for May Board Meeting will include a welcome from GWU, an Executive Director's report, discussion on costs models, approval of a 2015-2016 budget, breakouts (for Finance, Governance, Membership/Outreach, and possibly Strategic Planning), and preparation for the Community Meeting. Fenner suggests also discussing activities to increase growth.

7. News items

a. Vision provided an update on NSF funding, entering 4th and final year in March. Discussion of potential supplements to fund DryadLab and a

pilot project with NSF to directly sponsor data packages. General agreement to move forward with both supplement options.

b. Fenner reports that the THOR project, which follows the ODIN project in enabling the use of trusted identifiers that link researchers and research artifacts (like data) has been funded by the EU Horizon2020 program, start date anticipate 1-June. Partners include the British Library, ORCID, CERN, EMBL-EBI, PANGAEA, Elsevier Labs, Australian National Data Service, Dryad, and PLOS.

c. Discussion of early-career initiatives and outreach to Brazil. Hodson, Bruna agree to meet to discuss further plans.

d. Bloom discussed the RDA Working Group on Publishing Workflows, notes that Dryad is likely to be a case study. Elizabeth Hull to attend upcoming RDA plenary.

e. Michener currently on sabbatical in Australia, has the opportunity to wave the Dryad flag at a number of talks.

Motion to adjourn at 2:06pm by Baird, seconded by Smit -- approved unanimously

References

1. Dryad Board of Directors December 2014 Meeting Minutes http://bit.ly/1EVFKRg
2. Financial Report FY2014-2015 Q2 http://bit.ly/1dibXfT
3. January 2015 Board Report http://bit.ly/1JXUTFW