

Paper Services Steering Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 24, 2019 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Vicky Steeves, LISSA; Devin Berg, engrXiv; Tom Narock, EarthArXiv; Jack Arnal, PsyArXiv; Philip Cohen, SocArXiv; Lucy Ofiesh, COS; Nici Pfeiffer, COS; Kevin Schroeder, COS

ABSENT: Johanna Havemann, AfricArXiv, Megan Wacha, LISSA

I. Finalize Governance Model

Nici circulated the governance model and received no further comments so we will move ahead with the model as described.

II. Preprint Withdrawal

Philip: we want withdrawal to be very rare. Having the functionality is great, but having it prominently visible in the interface is not needed and actually not desirable. People can contact admins if they wish to have a preprint withdrawn. Users are not understanding the purpose of withdrawal.

Jack echoes this concern - requests for withdrawals is not for valid reasons (typos, etc)

Devin concurs. Most don't give a reason, or if they do, it's because of an error when they really should upload a new version. Costs impact for that because we have to reissue DOIs. Making the button less visible, make reasoning required, and provide explanation for why withdrawal should be used.

Nici will get the data on how many have been withdrawn from OSF preprints. Wants to explore the workflow to discourage requests to withdraw based on errors. Intent of the button is to contact the admin and let the admin decide if it meets the policy to make the original no longer available.

Philip - at least needs some of policy text for what the purpose of withdrawal should be so it doesn't feel discretionary or unfair decision from the admins.

Devin - can we add a field to the response form from the admin to indicate the reason a withdrawal request was rejected

Kevin - easier to customize request form

Philip - best route is to make button optional for services.

Nici - need to add text explaining how to handle paper revisions

Philip - need general guide for how to handle your paper into the future - i.e., file name needs to stay the same, file type needs to stay the same, future revisions need to follow a protocol

III. New services rubric

Add point in plan about succession, service terms, replacing members to the steering group management section

Vicky - Editorial policy versus submission guidelines - editorial policy sounds like a journal and we are not editing their submissions. Philip agrees that a moderation policy is not the same as an editorial policy. Change to Submission Policy, rather than editorial or guidelines

Vicky - at the end of this meeting, this rubric should go to the rest of the paper services.

Tom - clarify what qualifies as approved. Nici, a simple majority

Vicky - we should all fill these out for our services as an example in this next step of evaluation.

Action Item: Vicky will complete a preprints rubric for LISSA and then we will seek other volunteers to provide for their services. Complete this by first week of June.

IV. Costs & Fundraising

Nici reviews the document provided including concerns raised by services, COS's ongoing commitment to fundraising, additional detail of cost subsidies, and fundraising models to explore.

Devin - concerned about his ability to raise funds to cover the annual fee. He's been soliciting donations since the call for a fee based model and he's not seen any response from his community.

Philip - the lower bands of the tiers put more pressure on the smaller services

Vicky - tiered structure is problematic, can we reexamine. Lucy - yes, we want to work towards the same end, but the fee schedule is open to other iterations

Philip - what is the logic for paying more on the lower end? Are there fixed costs? Nici, we could explore initial start up costs and then ongoing costs. Doesn't need to be bulk pricing where the big services pay less per paper than a small service

Vicky - if overall costs is \$150K per year it would make sense for all of us to contribute to a common pot. We're connected on a common infrastructure and goal so could do more

collectively.

Lucy - there are three potential fund sources, foundations, individuals, and institutions. We would need a strategy for each. Question is do folks have the time and willingness to commit to this coordinated effort

Vicky - what is the mechanism for individuals to drive their restricted support to a service through COS. We can't currently do this on the web site

Devin is using a fund through his university, as well as a Patreon site.

Vicky - need to do more thinking around the tiered structure.

Action Item: Next session (May 31, 9:30am) to workshop fee schedule. People should send thoughts in advance