

Library Publishing Coalition Board Meeting

January 5, 2020

Board members: Jody Bailey (president), Karen Bjork, Christine Fruin, Vanessa Gabler, Sarah Hare, Jessica Kirschner, Ally Laird, Emma Molls, Scott Warren, Melanie Schlosser (ex officio)

Agenda

- Regular reports
 - Committee liaison reports
 - LPC Leadership Updates (Officers and Staff)
 - Travel/conference attendance updates
- Recruiting for the LPC Board and Committees (Melanie & Jessica)
 - Prereading: Plan for Board and Committee Recruitment
 - *Outcome: shared understanding of recruitment for Board nominees and committee members*
- D&I Task Force Road Map for Action (Melanie & Jody)
 - Summary of plan so far
 - *Outcome: shared understanding of progress and next steps*
- D&I Task Force recommendations (Melanie & Jody)
 - Prereading: MDPI Jams and Service Providers list recommendation and Board recruitment recommendation
 - Discuss recommendations
 - *Outcome: Decisions on D&I TF recommendations*
- Directory Committee recommendation on continuing IFLA partnership & future relations (Melanie & Karen)
 - Review recommendation
 - *Outcome: Decision on recommendation*
- Reviewing travel opportunities (all)
 - Add upcoming conferences
 - Debrief on recent conferences Board members have attended
 - *Outcome: shared understanding of recent conferences related to library publishing.*
- If we have time: share reflections on Day 1 of Board Retreat (all)

Minutes

Present: Jody Bailey (president), Karen Bjork, Christine Fruin, Vanessa Gabler, Sarah Hare, Jessica Kirschner, Ally Laird, Emma Molls, Scott Warren, Talea Anderson (LPC Fellow), A.J. Boston (LPC Fellow), Melanie Schlosser (ex officio), Nancy Adams (notes)

- I. The Board reviewed committee reports and other updates.
- II. The Board reviewed the proposed process and timeline for recruitment for LPC Board and Committee members. This year recruitment will differ slightly due to additional mid-year recruitment last year and the conversion of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force to a standing committee. The Board discussed the process for this conversion and for selecting chairs of new and existing committees and agreed to continue with current processes, coordinated by LPC staff. The Board also discussed the potential for volunteers beyond those specifically involved in publishing, and agreed to highlight that in committee recruitment this year.
- III. The Diversity and Inclusion Task Force is still working on the road map, which should include guidance for the new committee for the next two years. A draft is expected by the next Board meeting.
- IV. The Board discussed the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force's recommendation that candidates for the LPC Board should include a statement on their anti-racist and anti-oppression efforts to be shared with the community alongside their bios and candidate statements. The Board unanimously approved this recommendation.
- V. The Board discussed the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force's recommendation on how to respond to the recent statements made by the MDPI co-founder. First, the Task Force recommended the removal of the Service Providers List, on which MDPI Jams is currently listed. After discussing how vendors are added to the list, the lack of vetting process, and other emerging curated lists, the Board decided to remove the list and instead point community members to the non-LPC curated lists. Second, the Board discussed what direct actions could be taken and what others in the scholarly communications community are doing. The Board decided to draft a letter to the MDPI CEO expressing our concern. The Board will also organize a community call for the community to discuss how their institutions are responding.
- VI. The Board discussed the ongoing collaboration with the IFLA Library Publishing SIG on the Library Publishing Directory (LPD) data collection. After an initial pilot year, the Directory Committee recommends that the opening, short form will be open to all library types with data going to IFLA but not the LPD; the long version will be open to those in scholarly publishing and completion required to be included in the LPD (both print and online). The Board unanimously approved the proposal.
- VII. Discussion of travel opportunities and debriefs were postponed due to lack of time for discussion. Board members were asked to reflect on Day 1 of the Board Retreat and respond to new prompts in preparation for Day 2 of the retreat.