Steering Group
By-law review
21 October 2019
Samvera Partner meeting
Washington University in St Louis
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Proposal to modify Bylaw #4

• The Steering Group propose that the text in red below be added to bylaw #4

• Steering Group elections shall be held each Fall for three (3) of the nine seats in rotation. Each Partner institution shall exercise one vote in this process and at least two-thirds of the active Partners must cast a ballot for the process to be valid. Candidates for Steering Group elections must have the explicit support of a Samvera Partner institution.
Fundraising and Financial Report
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If you want to go far, go together!

Topics

• Fundraising Working Group Final Report

• Duraspace/Lyrasis merger

• 2019 fundraising and finances

• Proposals for 2020 fundraising round
Fundraising WG Final Report

• Interim report shared with Partners in March

• Final report adds two paragraphs about possible outreach for grant funding and an Appendix (#3) which might be used in that context.
  • The Appendix, in slightly modified form, has been posted to our website and wiki as a description of the Samvera Community – intended to complement the Technology White Paper produced by the Roadmap Council.

• Question: should the Fundraising Working Group approach the Sloan Foundation for advice on potential grant funding?
  • Such grant funding would be seed money for personnel hire
DuraSpace / LYRASIS merger

• DuraSpace and LYRASIS became one effective 1\textsuperscript{st} July 2019
• Resulted in some changes for Samvera, but none of them major

  • Financial year for Samvera changed to coincide with the LYRASIS financial year – July to June
  • Financial reports to Samvera three-monthly rather than two-monthly (although ad hoc reports on request)
  • 2019 Memorandum of Understanding slightly restructured to run until June 2020 on the same terms
  • LYRASIS require a formal planning budget from us each year
2019 fundraising and finances

• Fundraising Working Group have worked hard to maximise Partner fundraising this year
  • $132k from Partners, $8,500 from other Adopters and $20k donation from EBSCO = $160,500 (cf ~$94k in 2018)
• Cash balance at end July 2019 approximately $276k
• Budget for 2019/20 approximately $77.5k
  • This includes $30k fees and $10k travel for the bridging appointment made prior to any permanent staff hire
• This year’s active fundraising income (~$140k) would not quite have covered a full-time member of staff (~$120-130k) and our recurrent annual costs (~$37.5k)
2020 fundraising

• Should the Fundraising Working Group continue its work:
  • To continue to investigate the possibility of grant funding?
  • To manage fundraising amongst Partners and Adopters in spring 2020?
  • To review sponsorship of Connect 2019 and make a recommendation for 2020?