

2018-08-17 VIVO Leadership Group Meeting

Attendees

LG and SG members:

Paul Albert ★, Ann Beynon, Tom Cramer, Mike Conlon, Anna Guillaumet, Doug Hahn, Christian Hauschke, Violeta Ilik, Muhammed Javed, Mark Newton, Julia Trimmer, Terrie Wheeler, Joe Zucca

Duraspace:

Erin Tripp, Andrew Woods

Regrets:

DJ Lee, Ginny Pannabecker, Jean Rainwater, Hannah Sommers, Robert Cartolano, Federico Ferrario, Alex Viggio

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Agenda

1. Review agenda: Julia, 5 minutes
2. Steering Committee nominations ([procedure outlined here](#)) Julia/round-table discussion, 30 minutes.
 - a. Background on the purpose of Steering vs. Leadership (see the [Leadership Group Processes](#) page for more info).
 - b. If necessary, would this structure work with a smaller Steering Group (8 people)?
 - c. If not, how do we proceed?
3. Update on technical initiatives/roadmap process. Mike, 5 minutes.
4. Survey from the Governance action planning group. Julia, 2 minutes.
5. Future agenda items: we need to hear your most burning questions for the LG. Julia/Mike/short round-table discussion, 20 minutes
 - a. Upcoming process for new MOU and budget by December 31. (See 2018 MOU on the [Governance Resources](#) page.)
 - b. Others?

Notes

1. Steering Committee nominations
 - a. Steering group is a subset of the Leadership group.
 - b. Thus far, we've only gotten one nomination for the Steering Group
 - c. Should we go with a smaller Steering group?
 - d. Paul: maybe we could ask additional people to participate. Some people whose terms expired are no longer on the Steering group. I think we should recruit people.
 - e. Ann: I'm okay with a smaller group.
 - f. Mike: I like the idea of reaching out to people individually and don't kill ourselves trying getting to 10.
 - g. Anna: maybe it's better having fewer people than more people.
 - h. Violeta: I'm in favor of a smaller group. My understanding is Steering group is really operational.
 - i. Christian: 8 would be a good size depending on if they can work together. Maybe it would to ask again in a couple months. For example, right now, I have no time. But maybe in 2-3 months.
 - j. Javed: I like the idea of having a larger group. We should contact the do-ers in our community.
 - k. Andrew: I don't think we should hold things up over the number of people.
2. Technical initiatives and roadmap process

- a. We agreed to have a group score the initiatives on impact and effort.
 - b. We have 6 groups that have agreed to score: Andrew, Mike, Weill, Columbia, Clarivate, Sigma.
 - c. We will review discrepant scoring.
 - d. Christian: I sent an email asking for feedback on certain initiatives? Mike: I have included those in my ratings.
 - e. Mike: One of the points of this exercise is to try to generate commitment.... There will be some effort to lump together similar efforts.
 - f. Ana: I think how VIVO looks is very important.
3. Action planning groups
- a. Goal: survey to inform the work of the action planning group.
 - b. Julia: We will send a survey to the community. This should be coming up in the next several weeks.
4. Future agenda items
- a. Andrew: I see different initiatives: VIVO core, Product Evolution, and Research Intelligence. We could start better using Slack to facilitate communication.
 - b. Erin: We have a report on the ResearchGraph pilot. We should include this as an agenda item.
 - c. Javed: I see the groups as being VIVO Core and Product Evolution. We still don't know how we bring back individual institutions into Core. There's not a lot of interest in moving code commits back into VIVO core. That's my concern.
 - d. Violeta: I was thinking the Leadership group could have an open call with community members, so that we can synchronize parallel efforts.... Also, is the Leadership group deciding about the Conference? Julia: I think we'll have an update about that soon. Mike: the Conference Team decides. We'll follow up. We will follow up.
 - e. Christian: I agree with Javed. There are a lot of solutions from single institutions, and we never hear about their code. I have no idea how to do this. We need to figure out what everyone is working on. We need to communicate our development projects in a transparent way. I would also like to talk about funding opportunities.
 - f. Doug: I agree with what I've heard.
 - g. Ana: I like the idea of having specialized groups. This way we can invite more people to collaborate.
 - h. Mike: I second the idea of a community forum. I'm comfortable seeing a lot of people doing a lot of things. People will choose to participate in efforts they see as most valuable. We will have parallel effort but I hope they will be aligned.... Finally, there will be memoranda updates starting in September. Our goal is to have a revised MOU. Our goal is to have something in place by end of 2018. I'm grateful to Duraspace for putting us in a place where we can discuss this. If you're interested in this work, let me know.
 - i. Tom: we have done a lot of good foundational work. I would like to see us get some resolution and convergence on those.
 - j. Ann: I like the idea of having a wider forum. A colleague of mine wanted to be a guest speaker. We have a new leader of the Converis business; we're immersing her in the VIVO world. Violeta: I like that idea.
 - k. Paul: I like the idea of treating VIVO more as a set of components rather than a single monolith. Mike: I agree. Positioning the conversation as an ecosystem type discussion might allow us to better see alignment.
 - l. Tom: Stanford is interested in research intelligence. We're opting to go to cloud-based solution (AWS) - Neptune. We're doing a VIVO pattern but we're not using much of the existing VIVO codebase. We haven't found an obvious place to report out our progress. How should we share? Violeta: what about another Slack channel? mike: for most of us a periodic update would be helpful.
 - m. Andrew: I've heard about an interest in re-envision VIVO's role. It would be a shame if Stanford does good work and Stanford doesn't collaborate with this group.