



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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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 1st 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?