Interim Member Advisory Board

Initial Member Term: June 2012-October 2012

Format: One F2F meeting at a central location and 2 conference calls (plus some email correspondence)

Charge

Based on the recommendation of the planning meeting participants, the interim Member Advisory Board will be constituted by Cornell University Library and represent various constituent types. Between June and October 2012, the MAB's goals are to:

- Test potential governance scenarios to better understand the dynamics between the CUL team, MAB, and SAB to determine respective responsibilities and refine the arXiv governance principles.
- Review and ratify bylaws for the MAB that specify its operations, including member appointment methods, term of office, etc.[1]
- Define measures of success for arXiv & the new governance model (see Appendix F for additional information)
- Develop policies to govern the arXiv contingency fund.
- Advise CUL on collaborating with publishers and societies.
- Provide input for the preliminary discussion of free service ideas for arXiv members.[2]
- Continue to seek additional member institutions

The goal is to transition from the current three-year sustainability planning phase to a long-term model with clearly identified roles for CUL, MAB, and SAB by December 2012.

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[1] A similar process will take place within the current Scientific Advisory Board to review and ratify bylaws for the Member Advisory Board to specify appointment methods, terms, and conditions. Working with CUL, the MAB will also assess the idea of appointing a scientific leader — a part-time position to provide intellectual leadership from the perspective of the scientific community.

[2] During the planning meetings, several ideas emerged as potential free services for members; however, implementing these features will require significant staff time.[2] Therefore these services will need to be considered in the context of arXiv's current maintenance and development priorities. This process will begin during the interim stage and will be one of the priorities as soon as a Member Advisory Board is established by December 2012.

Membership

- Jun Adachi, Professor and Director, Cyber Science Infrastructure Development Department, National Institute of Informatics (NII), Japan

- Miriam Blake, Research Library Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, US

- Eberhard Bodenschatz, Professor, Max Planck Institute for Dynamics and Self-Organization, Germany

- Ben Davies, Chief Information Officer, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Canada

- Catriona Cannon, Associate Director, Collection Support, Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford, UK

- Diane Geraci, Associate Director for Information Resources, MIT Libraries, US

- Steven Gottlieb, Distinguished Professor, Indiana University, US

- Oya Y. Rieger (Chair), Associate University Librarian & Program Director for arXiv, Cornell University Library, US

- Irina Sens, Deputy Director, German National Library of Science and Technology (TIB), Germany (and representing German universities and other institutions within project arXiv-DH), Germany

- Simons Foundation Representative (based on availability: Meghan Criswell, David Eisenbud, John Ewing, or Yuri Tschinkel), US

- Gary Strong, University Librarian, University of California, Los Angeles (representing CDL and University of California), US

- Zhixiong Zhang, Assistant Director and the Head of Information Systems Department, National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China