Meeting 2013-09

arXiv Scientific Advisory Board meeting, September 16, 2013

Location

Cornell Industrial Labor Relations Conference Center [map]
16 East 34th Street
New York City

Participants

- Board Members:
    - Eberhard Bodenschatz (by phone)
    - Ralf Bundschuh (Chair)
    - Paul Fendley (as ex chair of physics advisory committee)
    - Paul Ginsparg
    - Daniel Gottesman
    - Steven Gottlieb
    - Joe Halpern
    - Greg Kuperberg
    - Dong Lai
    - David Morrison
    - Karen Vogtmann

- Member Advisory Board Representatives (see MAB site)
    - Catriona Cannon
    - Jim Mullins

- Library:
    - Oya Rieger
    - David Ruddy
    - Simeon Warner

- Absent:
    - Yuri Tschinkel

Agenda

8:30

- Continental breakfast
- Introductions, review of meeting goals and agenda
- Background: Paul Ginsparg's arXiv activities

9:00 arXiv IT issues and priorities

- Status report on IT projects (arXiv Roadmap)
- Proposed moderation system work, review and approve
    - Simeon's proposal (SAB email: Aug 7, 2013, arXiv moderation tools)
- Additional IT work needed
    - Overlap check
    - Moderator performance reports
    - Code white paper
    - Others?
- arXiv.org domain name ownership
- arXiv front page

10:00 Personnel status report (current and projected org chart and FTE count)

- Current organization
- For a proposed organization including Scientific Director, see the SD discussion item below

10:15 arXiv budget review and issues

- 2013 status; 2014 projections
- Additional potential sources of funding
- Status of reserve funds

- Proposals for the use of reserve funds
    - General information and proposal for use
    - Proposal for increasing arXiv IT staffing

11:00 Executive session (non-Library board members)

- Discussion of arXiv priorities: scientific director, IT development, moderation

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Scientific Director

- Discussion and approval of SD position, job description, and organizational chart

1:00 Moderation issues

- Moderator hierarchy (appellate mods, etc.)
- Recognition of moderators; terms for moderators?
- Paid moderators (for gen-ph or other categories)?

1:45 SAB business

- Approval of SAB bylaws
- Election of an SAB Chair for 2014
- SAB member terms. See bylaws 2.1.1(f).
- SAB member recruitment

2:30 arXiv MAB

- Report on MAB activities and concerns
    - See MAB meeting agenda
- Relation to SAB

3:00 Misc. moderation policy questions

- Policies and procedures regarding flagged users
- Amount of information available to moderators (paper comments, user comments, admin actions, etc.)
- CC license options for submittersrequests for changes

3:30 arXiv Subject Advisory Committee reports and issues (committee chairs)

- See Advisory Committee Operations and Duties

4:00 Adjourn

7:00 Dinner for SAB and MAB members

- March du Sud, 1136 First Avenue (btw 62nd/63rd)