

# DDI Alliance Executive Board Meeting

## 25 June 2019

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### Budget

The Executive Board reviewed the FY2020 draft budget originally discussed in its April 2019 meeting and reviewed in its May 2019 meeting. The original draft budget proposal included all requests from the Scientific Board, Technical Committee, Marketing Working Group, and Training Working Group.

All but one Board member voted against the original proposal, in which total expenses would exceed revenue by approximately \$62,112. Concerns raised about the original proposal included: (1) not enough funding to conduct membership feedback, and (2) too high of a deficit.

An alternative proposal was put forward to remove the following items from the original proposal:

- \$948 - GoToWebinar
- \$4,000 – DDI URN registration at IANA
- \$20,000 – Project management
- \$10,000 – OWL/RDF consultant
- \$20,000 – Training library editor

Discussion ensued about the tradeoffs of cutting individual line items.

The alternative proposal also included an increase to the “Gather feedback from DDI membership” line item, from \$13,000 to \$30,000, reflecting more realistic costs associated with the feedback collection. There was unanimous support to gather feedback, although there were questions about what to do with the feedback and whether it would really change future decisions. It was noted that while feedback results may be imperfect and not a panacea, they will help inform Alliance leadership about what the membership wants and where to invest future resources.

The final portion of the alternative proposal discussion involved funding for the DDI 4 Core (\$12,000) and Extension (\$10,000) sprints. Board members discussed whether to fund both, one, or no sprints. Included in the discussion was who needs sprint funding and whether they can obtain funding from other sources. Also part of the discussion was whether to continue to invest in DDI 4 work before gathering membership feedback about support for DDI 4 functionality.

