

DDI Alliance Executive Board Meeting

4 May 2021

Present: Bill Block, Cathy Fitch, Maggie Levenstein, Jared Lyle, Steve McEachern, Barry Radler

Funding Proposals

Jared just distributed to the DDI community a call for funding requests. Any member may submit a funding request for the Executive Board to consider. Funding requests are due by May 24th.

Any requests related to scientific or technical activities will be evaluated and prioritized by the Scientific Board. The Executive Board will review all requests in a June meeting and will invite the Scientific Board Chair and Vice-Chair to that same meeting. The funding requests will also be discussed at the annual meeting of members. The Executive Board will finalize the budget before the next fiscal year.

It was proposed that the Executive Board meets on 9 June at 8am EDT to review funding proposals. Jared will invite Ingo and Hilde (Scientific Board Chair and Vice-Chair) to the meeting. Jared will also check with Ingo and Hilde to see if Bill and Steve should attend the Scientific Board's deliberations, as well.

Annual Meeting of Members Preparation

The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the June annual meeting. It was recommended to keep the existing four group reports (Marketing, Training, Technical Committee, and Scientific Board). It was also recommended to add a section to discuss the upcoming Executive Board elections, including candidate nominations.

For the FY2022 budget discussion, it was recommended to discuss in terms of funding requests (ranked by priority by the Scientific Board). It was also recommended to add a vote on the 2021-2023 strategic plan.

As a next step, Jared will work with Steve and Bill to finalize the agenda (and accompanying materials) before distributing to the membership.

Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed the [draft strategic plan](#). It was suggested that the plan is almost ready for approval. As a final step before a vote of the membership, Steve and Achim will create a high-level statement to accompany the strategic plan.

Executive Board Election

The Board discussed the upcoming Executive Board election. The terms of four members are up in June. Three incumbents will run again. The fourth incumbent has decided to not run again.

The Board discussed soliciting nominations for additional candidates, including from: GESIS (Steve to contact), CESSDA (Steve to contact), INSEE, Statistics Canada (Maggie to contact).