

AGENDA

Attendees Merete Sanderhoff (MS, Chair), Max Kaiser (MK), Paul Keller (PK), Joke van der Leeuw-Roord (JvdLR), Johan Oomen (JO), Uldis Zarins (UZ), Harry Verwayen (HV), Zuzana Malicherova (ZM), Victor-Jan Vos (VJV)

Actions

- **Action 1: ZM - to share the minutes of the previous and this MB meeting with the MC and on Pro.**
- **Action 2: MB - to start liaising with current community leaders, and prepare together agenda for the MC meeting.**
- **Action 3: MB - to finalize the MC meeting agenda and share it with the MC by 18 June.**
- **Action 4: JvdLR - to inform the MB about the Governance WG meeting outcomes regarding the future MB term limitation and procedure of approval of new membership requests.**

1. Review of minutes and pending actions from MB meeting 2 May

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes and pending actions of the previous meeting. Most of the actions related to the community-building process are ongoing, the rest is completed.

→ **Action 1:** ZM - to share the minutes of the previous and this MB meeting with the MC and on Pro.

2. Communities getting to work: progress

- Merging of existing and proposed communities

Following a consensus, the Board aimed at finding the right community structure by combining the existing and newly proposed communities and identifying practical next steps in putting them into practice. Some, such as Tech, Impact or Copyright are already well established, while others such as Education and Research require additional work on both sides of the Office and the MC.

- Assigning responsibilities for managing the communities and allocating funding to them

The Board briefly discussed the division between TFs, WGs and communities. TFs would keep functioning with their specific remit for a limited period of time, but they should either come from communities and focus on specific community-related needs, or address needs of the MC. PK

suggested to depart from accepting proposals coming from the Network on an ongoing basis which might look for financial resources that can be provided elsewhere.

Some communities are steered and merged with WGs (e.g. Copyright), others can keep working independently such as Governance WG or AGM WG. Each community should have a community manager and a community chair (MC liaison). For the time being the Board members can remain chairs but the aim is to look for interested Councillors who can take on that role. In terms of budget, there can be a 'common pot' of money allocated for communities (shifted from TF budget), from which each community can be equally assigned a share of money for community-building purposes, particularly meetings, according to certain scheme that would be monitored.

→ **Action 2:** MB - to start liaising with current community leaders, and prepare together agenda for the MC meeting:

- MS - Impact (Julia Fallon, EF)
- JO and PK - Technical standards + innovation within sector (Greg Markus, Antoine Isaac, EF)
- JvdLR - DCH in education (Milena, Popova, Isabel Crespo, EF)
- MK - DCH in research (Milena Popova, Alba Irollo, EF)
- UZ - Outreach campaigns (Eleanor Kenny, EF)

3. MC Meeting 5-6 July The Hague

- Finalizing the Agenda

In the first block on 'Strengthening communities', the aim is to present the progress made since March and propose the current structure and its practicalities as the best way forward providing a good reasoning behind it. The second block will be dedicated to breakout sessions according to the communities. Each Councillor needs to commit to a community and prepare for the session in advance, suggest issues to be discussed, and come up with proposals on how to involve the Network members.

→ **Action 3:** MB - to finalize the MC meeting agenda and share it with the MC by 18 June.

4. Possibility for re-election of MC/MB members

The Governance WG suggested to limit the term of the MB in a way that the Councillors cannot serve as MB members for their whole term, but only e.g. 3 or 4 years out of 6. JvdLR will formally propose the idea of limiting the mandate of the newly elected MB members to 3/4 years to the WG at the next meeting. One way of ensuring the continuity of the work and expertise of the current Board is for as many Board members as possible to try taking part in the new Advisory Board set-up by the EC.

5. Recurrent agenda items - All

- Approval of new membership requests - JvdLR/UZ

UZ and TvH looked into all the membership requests and disapproved a few questionable ones. The Governance WG will look into the approval procedure in order to improve it and will inform the MB.

→ **Action 4:** JvdLR - to inform the MB about the Governance WG meeting outcomes regarding the future MB term limitation and procedure of approval of new membership requests.