

FORCE11 Board of Directors Meeting

2018-11-26 1400 UTC (600 Pacific) ([Other timezones](#))

Present: Paul Groth, Cameron Neylon, Violeta Ilik, Bianca Kramer, Jennifer McLennan, Dan O'Donnell, Mandy Taha

Apologies: John C. (joined late), Amye, Gimena

Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Minutes - please check for any items to be anonymized/removed for public sharing
3. Items for Action
 - a. Elections (Cameron/Stephanie/Bianca)
 - i. nominations committee: Cameron, Dan, Stephanie, Gimena, Bianca
 - ii. Tim, Paul, Dan, Cameron stepping down - Bianca/Stephanie/Mandy to adapt website
 - iii. timeline (nominations open Nov 5-30, voting Dec 4-14) - selection of candidates through email
 - iv. Confirmation of eligibility date for members
 - v. communication activities?
 - vi. Cameron: currently 7-8 nominees, value in reaching out. People (from the Board) who have made suggestions: please reach out to these individuals (when in doubt, contact Cameron).
 - vii. Set some time aside either next meeting or through email to discuss presidency. Nomination ctee to take lead in this.
 - b. Edinburgh Force 2019 next steps (John)
 - i. John meeting with the local Edinburgh team tomorrow to Follow up on venue options **Ongoing, report next call**
 - ii. Conference chair? **Table until January BOD call**
NB Conference chair (if not from the Board) will be invited to attend BOD meetings)
 - iii. All 61 videos are posted on the FORCE11 youtube channel:
 - iv. Sponsorship (Violeta) (see last year's prospectus)
 - v. joint or separate - decision made by VOTE
[please edit appropriately -BK] PG: Are we OK with what we already have -> then take that and run with it. But not everyone agrees what we have (unified sponsorship) is optimal. Consensus seems to be to continue with current structure but make sure it allows targeting for individual events. **Barring any objections (raise before Wednesday) Violeta to continue with moving sponsorship plans forward. -> there were no objections; Dan, Violeta, and Stephanie met to hammer out operational details**
 - vi. who will lead the FSCI sponsorship efforts
 - vii. who will lead the Force11 sponsorship efforts
 - viii. establish sponsorship committee?
4. Reports
 - a. Marketing & communications moving forward (Jen)
 - i. One thing mentioned is website: SH: Martin Fenner (DataCite) offered help in modifying website. DD/SH: follow-up with Martin and then with comms/admin/Paul.

- b. **FORCE2018 exit survey** (Jen)
 - c. FSCI2019 (Dan/Stephanie) **MOA signed - details will be circulated. Planning for next year is in full swing.**
 - d. Future Commons (Dan)
 - e. Edinburgh Force 2019 (John/Jen) Need program chair (covered above)
 - f. Chile event 2020 (Gimena) **call with Wouter Schalier Dec 3**
 - g. **Community calls** - Bianca/Violeta - **will be part of focus of next call**
5. Officers and Committees
 6. Other business
 7. Summary and Conclusion
 8. Next meeting: Monday Dec **10**, 1100 Pacific (1900 UTC) Other times

Slack! The slack url is <https://force11.slack.com/> It looks like everyone on the board has accounts. But if you can't get in, let John know. (Also, for slack newbies, it is always best to use the desktop/mobile slack app. The slack website interface is subpar.)

Appendix 1: Marketing/communications opportunities and challenges (JM)

1. Describing FORCE11 to new people in a way that makes clear what we have to offer and why it would benefit them to participate (testing and refining this)
2. Converting people from FORCE2018 participants to community members
3. Converting people from FSCI participants to community members
4. Keeping people connected between events (communicating about project-level activity is tied to this)
5. (Building a bigger team)

Dan has characterised FORCE11 as a place where people can come out of their disciplinary silos or reach beyond their geography to connect with others facing the same issues in scholarly communication, develop or exchange solutions, and then take them home. (It would be really helpful to have a few examples provided to us!). As a group we are excited about communicating this and helping people to engage with FORCE11 more than once a year. We see this as reinforcing and enriching our value to the community.

Appendix 2: FORCE11 Community calls - how they could work [first stab, BK/VI]

- goal:
 - primary: increase involvement of community members (both FORCE11 members and potentially interested people/groups)
 - secondary: encourage collaboration (e.g. in a working group)
- format:
 - monthly, 1 hour calls, free, open to all
 - advertised through website, discussion forum, social media, mailing lists
 - supplemented by topical conversations on discussion forum, social media, both prior to and after the calls

- subjects:
 - 1 main topic/month: either an initiative/concrete result from an activity FORCE11/FORCE11 members have been involved in or a topic that has generated discussion on the discussion forum or through other channels. This could be presented and then opened for discussion.
 - open space for participants to bring up subjects, ask questions, etc. Use online documentation (Google Docs, etherpad) to track these.
- concrete suggestions for topics:
 - (Dec) BOD elections: ask candidates to present themselves, ask current board members to tell what is being done, have leaving board members reflect. Goal: get people to vote.
 - (Jan) Data Citation Roadmap: present and discuss the initiative - what can people do, how can they get involved (if applicable)
 - (Feb) ROR community for research institution identifiers