

Open DPLA Board of Directors Call: March 16, 2015

Present: Robert Darnton, Luis Herrera, Amy Ryan, Laura DeBonis, Cathy Casserly, Jamie Hollier, DPLA staff, members of the public

Absent: Paul Courant, Siva Vaidhyanathan, John Palfrey

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Dan Cohen, Executive Director, commenced the call at 3:00 PM Eastern.

Public session

Tech upgrade and new platform tools

Dan Cohen introduced new technical tools and code that the DPLA technical team has been working on over the last six months. [Krikri](#) is an open source codebase that modularizes the ingest process and that will make it easier going forward to regularly update the content from individual hubs and to share specific ingest processes between collections. Cohen also elaborated on [Heidrun](#), the new internal working platform for ingest at DPLA, which uses Krikri

Cohen also mentioned that this restructuring of key pieces of DPLA's digital infrastructure has meant a pause in the growth of the overall DPLA collection, but that between the board call and DPLAfest we anticipate rapid growth as the new systems are switched on and ingest resumes. Cohen lauded the technical team's progress on this front.

Growth in hubs and our new application process

Cohen then detailed the new application process for prospective content and service hubs, which was recently put in place by Director for Content Emily Gore and her team. He began by explaining the need for this process: for the first two years, DPLA has been adding hubs in an eclectic way, with prospective hubs (especially service hubs) not always understanding what's needed to perform a hub's role. In moving from "sprint mode" to "marathon mode," we hope to have a more rigorous and paced entry into DPLA, and one in which both DPLA and the hubs know exactly what's needed to onboard new hubs.

Cohen walked through the application process, including the types of questions on the application form, which lay out clearly the various roles and tasks.

DPLAfest preview

Cohen reviewed the upcoming schedule for DPLAfest 2015, including tracks for content, technology, outreach and education. He also highlighted the specific track for the Sloan Foundation-sponsored discussion of the present and future ebooks. Cohen noted that interest in the fest is extremely high, with 250 people already signed up and a good chance that it will hit 300, at capacity for the largest venue.

Questions and comments from the public

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Conclusion

Cohen adjourned the public session at 3:30 PM Eastern.

Executive session

Discussion/update on potential business models

Nominees to the board