ORCID Board Directors Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: May 20, 2014

Location: Chicago, Illinois, USA

In Attendance:

- Liz Allen
- Micah Altman
- Patricia Brennan
- Thom Hickey
- Veronique Kiermer
- Salvatore Mele
- Ed Pentz (Chair)
- Howard Ratner
- Bernie Rous
- Chris Shillum
- Marta Soler Gallart
- Hideaki Takeda
- Simeon Warner
- Craig van Dyck (treasurer)

Non-voting attendees:

- Josh Brown (ORCID EU)
- Rebecca Bryant
- Jackie Ewenstein (counsel)
- Laure Haak (ex officio, Secretary)
- Catalina Oyler
- Laura Paglione
- Rob Peters
- Lisa Schiff (BSG co-chair)
- Claudia Soriano
Summary: The Board approved the Nominating Committee recommendation to appoint Jonas Gilbert of Chalmers University to the Board, to fill the vacated seat. The Board recognized the service of Simeon Warner in serving as chair, and approved a transition of committee chair-ship to Liz Allen. The Executive Director reported statistics on users, registrations, and membership, and an initial overview of Q1 activities, expanded in subsequent Outreach and Technical Director reports. The Technical Director provided a walk-through of the ORCID Registry user interface and functionality and the Board welcomed Josh Brown, as Communications Director of ORCID EU and lead on the ORCID component of the ODIN project, and Claudia Soriano, ORCID Operations Manager. The Treasurer provided an overview of 1Q financials, and stressed the importance of new member recruitment. The Board heard a presentation from MSG, its researcher representative, on the relevance of ORCID to the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) community, and discussed ORCID’s potential role in supporting impact narratives. The Board agreed to focus the Spring 2015 Outreach meeting on SSH community needs. The Technical Steering Group provided an update on the Multiple Assertions Working Group recommendations, in particular the potential for collisions between third-party assertions and researcher privacy in the context of a disambiguation service. The Board determined that simpler interventions could be implemented that do not collide with ORCID’s privacy policy and that substantially support the ORCID mission to serve researchers, namely the ability for researchers to allow permanent (“until revoked”) permissions for a third party (ORCID Member) to update their record, to e.g., validate organizational affiliation and update works. Information on source and date of update would be stored with the update in the ORCID record. The Business Steering Group provided an update on their discussions of the ORCID member model, and agreed to joint discussions with other steering groups to coordinate efforts.

Motions Passed:

MOTION: To approve minutes of January meeting. VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: To nominate Liz Allen as Nominating Committee chair. VOTE: Unanimous.