Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion in Scholarly Communication

6/25/2020 C4DISC Meeting Notes

Attendees: Rebecca McLeod, Peter Berkery, Patrick Alexander, Treasa Bane, Lauren Bosc, Patty Baskin, Brit Stamey, Jody Bailey, Claire Redhead, Alice Meadows, Jennifer Pesanelli, Gabe Harp, Melanie Dolechek, Bev Acreman
Guests: Jocelyn Dawson, Gisela Fosado – Toolkits or Equity

1. Jocelyn Dawson and Gisela Fosado joined to present and answer questions about the proposal from Toolkits for Equity.
   a. The group was impressed with the work TEF has done so far. The consensus is that C4DISC is interested in advancing the Toolkits project, but we want to think a bit more about the infrastructure for managing them before officially accepting. Melanie will follow up with TEF regarding the discussion.
   b. Regarding recruiting working group leads for the Toolkits, given the current climate of society, could we find an employer willing to donate an employee’s time to working on the toolkits (as a lead)?

2. Updates on Organizational Guide Approval.
   a. Eight have approved: (SSP, OASPA, LPC, AUPresses, CALJ, NASIG, UKSG and ISTME)
   b. CSE should make a decision in the next week.

3. Brit Stamey was Elected Treasurer.

4. Peter will work on the MOU for Hosting Organizations for the July meeting.

5. Launch Plan (proposal) Next Steps
   a. Develop communication plan for rollout and recruitment
      i. Alice, Rebecca and Bev will draft a communications plan for review in July.
   b. Update website with information from the Organization Guide
      i. Melanie will start updating the website. The guide will be available as a link and select sections will be highlighted on various web pages. The group will review prior to next meeting and discuss at the July meeting.
   c. Peter, Brit, Melanie and AUPresses staff will discuss the following and draft a proposal for the July meeting.
      i. Discuss process for collecting PWYC dues from founding members
      ii. Establish financial procedures
      iii. Discuss GoFundMe account for small donations?
   d. Tabled for July
      i. Discuss the makeup of the representatives as we add new members in order to retain continuity
      ii. Determine who the voting representatives are from the founding members

6. Royal Society of Chemistry DE&I initiative
   a. Complementary to what C4DISC is doing, but different in its focus since it concerns editorial vs workplace practices. Interest in collaborating or cross-promoting. Claire will stay in touch with RSC and identify possible opportunities to work together.
   b. Discussed possible working group idea of developing best practices for data collection of demographic information.

Next meeting, July 23, 2020