CSDH/SCHN Minutes 3 April 2017, 10:00-11:00 EST

Present: Jason Boyd, Susan Brown, Dominic Forest, Diane Jakacki, Kim Martin, Brent Nelson, Catherine Nygren, Dan O’Donnell, Michael Ullyot
Regrets: Connie Crompton, Milena Radzikowska

1. Statement related to US immigration order and DH2017 (Susan)
   a. We confirmed that it should now be posted on the website.
   b. Susan volunteered to post it.

2. Program Chair candidates for DH2019 (Utrecht)
   a. We discussed the three candidates put forward by ADHO for Program Chair of the DH2019 (Utrecht) conference.
   b. We devised a recommendation, which Susan will forward to ADHO.

3. Social media update (Alicia)
   a. Social media activity is going well, no issues.

4. DH2020 Ottawa bid (Connie via Vidyo message)
   a. Kevin Kee, Shawn Graham, Brian Greenspan, and Connie are interested in a bi-university bid for Ottawa.
   b. We discussed a few other potentially interested candidates in our community, including Jason at Ryerson.

5. Congress update (Jason)
   a. He is finalizing program, catering, and budget.
   b. HASTAC folks want to host a meeting in alignment with the conference, requiring no action from our conference committees.
   c. Susan thanked Kim for her work on graduate student bursaries and panel.

6. Financial update (Michael)
   a. 2016 Congress budget:
      i. We came out with a positive net of $3,963.
      ii. Catering was $3,063.
      iii. Michael has not heard from our plenary speaker about reimbursement, so we should send her a Paypal request to accept reimbursement for her airfare and an approximation of the rest of her expenses, etc. Our other keynote was paid from DHSI funds.
   b. Lancashire Promise Fund
      i. Michael asked where he might be able to locate the $10,400 mentioned in Keith Lawson’s 2014 Treasurer’s Report, in a separate fund or as part of the general budget?
      ii. Susan will follow up with Michael S. and then Keith to find out.

7. DS/CN update (Dan)
   a. The SSHRC ASJ competition was cancelled and funding extended for another year, in the amount of $13,000.
   b. The conversion to Ubiquity Press is coming soon.
   c. Dan circulated the cover, featuring a topical wordcloud based on recent journal content.
   d. He pointed to Digital Medievalist (http://dm.ubiquitypress.com/) as another example of how a migrated journal appears in this new platform.
   e. He also provided an example of a downloadable pdf in the style we’ll be using: http://c21.openlibhums.org/articles/10.16995/c21.20/galley/40/download/
f. Everything will receive a DOI and be indexed.

8. Website update (Milena and Diane)
   a. Susan provided a brief summary of progress and invited comments on the new design.
   b. She noted that the committee will be meeting on Tuesday, April 4, at 2:30 eastern (anyone is welcome to join in).
   c. Diane will put up a post about travel.
   d. There is a blog post coming from Ian Lancashire based on his talk last year.

9. Awards update (Kim)
   a. She is about to hand this duty back over to Connie.
   b. There have been four nominations for the mid-career award. A decision will be coming soon with a request for executive approval.
   c. Gurpreet Singh is joining the committee.
   d. The student paper award is next on their agenda.

10. Nominations (Brent)
    a. There were no challengers for Vice-President, French (incumbent Dominic Forest), and Member-at-large (incumbent Diane Jakacki).
    b. There was one nomination for Treasurer (Jason Boyd) and one for graduate representative (Arun Jacob).
    c. Brent will send a message to the membership recommending these names for ratification at the 2017 AGM in Toronto.

11. Training (Susan)
    a. Arising out of a recent situation where two Canadian sites in close proximity advertised and are offering very similar training courses this summer, we considered the question of whether CSDH/SCHN could/should function as a coordinating and promoting body for dh training initiatives in Canada. Do we see a role for us in coordinating to avoid such overlap?
    b. Many ideas were discussed. Dan noted the added benefit of rationalizing offerings between locations. John noted, as context, that Compute Canada will be doing more regarding Software Carpentry and that there is a report going forward from CC representatives to the federal Minister of Science on digital training.
    c. Daniel discussed the coordinating efforts of other major training initiatives, namely DHSI, and all agreed that such coordination is important.
    d. John volunteered to consult with some people, such as Ray Siemens, to inform our future discussion about the role we might take in helping to coordinate.
    e. We will also make this an item for discussion at the AGM.