

## PKP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**March 6, 2025 - 9am Pacific**

**Present:** M. Tullney, G. Ashoughian, S. Betz, G. Harder, T. Chung, J. Hartwig, A. Bell, T. Davis, M. Lu, A. Smecher, D. Goel, J. Alperin, K. Shuttleworth, M. Tutt

**Regrets:** K. Stranack

1. Welcome (Marco)
2. Land Acknowledgement (Marisa)
3. New Member: Gohar Ashoughian, SFU Dean of Libraries and University Librarian (Marco)
4. Approval of Past Minutes (Marco)  
Approved.
5. Business Arising (Marco)  
  
No business arising.
6. Open Research Europe: Overview and Progress (Magnus, Juan, Alec)
  - [Presentation](#) on Open Research Europe: Overview and Progress
7. Discussion Topic (Marco)
  - Can we think of further considerations to be made in order to guarantee the benefits for the wider OJS community?
  - Can you think of any issues the community might have with process?

Is this pulling away from providing best services to non-paying community?

This enabled us to add new resources e.g., PM and QA which improves for everyone. When we start a new release cycle, there is a cornerstone / thematic focus. ORE provided that.

Helpful to expose how this work overlaps with existing PKP priorities further.  
Potential area of communication to highlight.

Two points: 1) prioritizing typesetting work, resonates with open science working group and challenges experienced by open journals. 2) in terms of open workflows, how do they talk or work with each other?

There is the openness that scholars are following. There is broad agreement that peer review improves from transparency. While there is agreement, that open workflow is good, there is also fear in changing to that practice. Breaking up monolithic ... continue to struggle with this, decentralized approach means you have to agree data is. Struggles with question, what is peer review?

One major area is improvement to process including better requirements documentation in GitHub and a move toward agile development. This benefits everyone because it allows us to better estimate work, demonstrate work earlier, understand how we can accommodate community and partners requests, and improve release management as a whole.

Transparency aligns with e.g., PFL. This has given us a use case and make it available to other journals and provide opportunity to experiment with it.

This also addresses a concern I have heard that GitHub is not always easy to understand for non-developers. Our goal is to make it friendly for all readers.  
AS: Activists with confidence around peer review.

It will be interesting to see how this is adopted elsewhere.

## **8. PKP Reports (Kevin, Juan, Kate, Marc, Sonya)**

### **○ Questions or comments?**

Concern for carry forward and deficit. J. Alperin noted (1) increased personnel costs from ORE and (2) first ORE payment anticipated but did not come in last fiscal reporting period.

## **9. New Business (Marco)**

Did not get a new list of tasks for the next meeting. Need to think about next items of discussion.

#### **10. Next Meetings (Marco)**

- May 15, 2025, 9am - 10am Pacific
- Aug 21, 2025, 9am - 10am Pacific
- Next meetings to be scheduled