

## PKP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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**July 28, 2023 - 9am Pacific**

1. Welcome (Allan)
2. Land Acknowledgement (Allan)
3. Membership Tiers and Benefits Proposal Presentation (Urooj)

Tier revision includes options for lower-income countries/institutions; includes non-library members such as publishers and service providers; for non-OJS using libraries that benefit from the free content our journals publish'

4. Discussion Topic: (Allan)

The PKP Community Engagement Team is seeking your advice on revisions to our Membership model. To that end, we're interested in the following:

- Do the revised membership tiers adequately address the different types of organizations and their contributions?
  - What about in the US? Europe? Global?
- Are the financial contribution ranges reasonable and appropriate for each tier?
- How can we effectively communicate the changes and member benefits to existing and potential members?
- Acknowledging the financial constraints faced by our community in the Global South, have we adequately established pathways to membership for this community?
- Is there any other feedback or suggestions regarding the proposed membership tier changes and member benefits?

### *Comment Summary*

Some institutions will contribute more or less, depending on how they use the software.

It is frequently misunderstood that open isn't free; this will change slowly.

The global economic context varies greatly from country to country.

Some institutions will face barriers to being allowed to pay for memberships outside of their own country.

It is critical to provide clarity around the value of the membership: sustaining robust open infrastructure, opening access to content for everyone, contributing to PKP directions and priorities, etc.

Tying financial contribution to usage has been problematic for some other groups.

Explore institutional rankings beyond the Canadian model.

Be sure to include the opportunity to negotiate options for payment amounts.

Provide a seal or badge to members.

Add a reminder notification to the OJS editorial interface.

Communicate the ability to be flexible around how the relationship is described to avoid procurement barriers,

More opportunities should be available in the US. SPARC may have some advice.

Reach out to specific regions to learn about their particular context.

Some infrastructures have implemented large increases all at once, which hurt their relationship with members.

Emphasize PKP's steady and transparent finances.

Emphasize shift from tradition acquisitions to investing in open infrastructure.

Although challenging, testing the opportunities with non-OJS using libraries would be worthwhile.

Timing for this would be best later in the calendar year.

Tie the value to the broader investment, not just OJS use.

**Build contacts with UNESCO and Coalition S.**

**5. Approval of Past Minutes (Allan)**

- a. Approved.

**6. Business Arising (Allan)**

- a. No business arising.

**7. PKP Reports**

- a. Operations Director Report (Kevin)
- b. Scientific Directors Report (John)
- c. Technical Committee Report (Marc)
- d. Community Engagement & Outreach Report (Urooj)

Report received.

**8. New Business (Allan)**

- a. No new business.

**9. Next Meeting (Allan)**

- a. AGM Aug 4 / 9am Pacific
- b. Future AC meetings to be scheduled