

PKP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Present: Marco Tullney (Chair); Juan Pablo Alperin; Gohar Ashoughian; Allan Bell; Talia Chung; Trevor Davis; Geoff Harder; Emily Hopkins (PKP Technical Committee Chair); Urooj Nizami; Stephanie Savage (PKP Members Committee Chair); Sebastian Schmidt

November 27, 2025 - 8am Pacific

1. Welcome (Marco)
2. Land Acknowledgement (Gohar)
3. People Updates (Marco)
 - a. New Members Committee Chair: Stephanie Savage; Scholarly Communications and Copyright Services Librarian at the University of British Columbia began her renewable two-year term in October 2025.
 - b. Managing Director hiring update: Interviews are being held, not much to add at this time; a start early next year seems probable
 - c. Thank you, Kevin Stranack: The committee would like to thank Kevin for his many years of service to PKP. His work as Director of Operations has facilitated stronger integration into SFU and promoted the growth and further strengthening of PKP. Without his far-sighted and integrative leadership, we would not be as successful as we are today. We wish Kevin all the best for the next phase in his life.
4. Discussion Topic (Marco)
 - a. PKP as a Research Organization (Juan)
 - i. [Presentation](#)
 - ii. ScholCommLab's [publications](#)
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Concerns & Considerations About Research Framing
 1. Cautioned that PKP must avoid giving the impression that we are exceeding what financial contributors expect us to do. There is also a concern that metadata improvements could appear to benefit only researchers studying OJS rather than the community.
 2. At SFU, how PKP is categorized matters. If PKP appears primarily as a research project, it may not fit the typical core facility model. Clarity in how PKP presents itself is important institutionally.

3. Noted that PKP receives research grants that inform software development. Research ethics must remain central. PKP must not give the impression of “spying” on users. PKP’s work must be care-focused.
 4. Emphasized that the community is not to be treated as “guinea pigs.”
 - ii. Value and Nature of PKP’s Research
 1. Libraries think about operational sustainability, reliability, and service delivery, but it is helpful to understand that PKP’s work is grounded in robust scholarly research. As Chair of SPOD, she noted parallels in distributed curation models, metadata curation can similarly benefit from community contributions.
 2. Highlighted that people need to care more about downstream metadata; this challenge is also present in repositories. Improved metadata would support better indexing of JUOJS.
 3. PKP has a unique opportunity because of its insights into authors, readers, and editors within libraries, perspectives that many others do not have access to.
 4. PKP’s software enables research not only by PKP but by the broader scholarly communications community. Research funds are being directed toward developing research capacity within the platform. Research-led software development conducted openly is a major benefit.
 - iii. Future Research & Pilot Projects: PKP is currently conducting several pilot projects, including:
 1. Technical development pilots
 2. Open Access business model studies
 3. Analysis of the state of Diamond JUOJS (with early data showing ~10% using APCs)
 4. Work on preprints and open peer review
5. **Approval of Past Minutes (Marco)**
 - a. Approved
 6. **Business Arising (Marco)**
 - a. No business arising
 7. **PKP Reports (Kevin, Juan, Urooj, Emily, Stephanie)**
 - a. Question why two additional volunteer releases are planned. Response: These are part of a mini-release project designed to help update and refine PKP’s internal release management processes.
 - b. Acknowledgement: Thanks to Marco for serving on the Managing Director hiring committee and for advancing the establishment of a consortium in Germany to create a pathway for financial contributions to the Public Knowledge Project.

8. New Business (Marco)

- a. No new business

9. Next Meetings (Marco)

- a. Mar 9, 2026, 9am PT
- b. Jun 18, 2026, 9am PT
- c. Sep 14, 2026, 9am PT