



An update from the Steering Group

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Samvera Virtual Connect**

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Steering's role



- Steering's role is essentially stewardship and central administration
- For today, we can break that down into three parts:
 - Administrative tasks on behalf of Partners
 - Annually repeating tasks
 - Occasional tasks
- Let's take each of those in turn and highlight some key events

Admin tasks for Partners



- New legal documents to reflect the changes brought about by last year's Governance changes
- Putting in place the vote to approve a Charter for the new Roadmap Council and to approve new By-laws for Steering
- Exploring the possibility of short-term seed funding to help accelerate the hiring of at least one staff position – Community Manager or Technical Manager

Recurring annual events



- Negotiate Memorandum of Understanding with our fiscal sponsor, DuraSpace, for 2019
 - Secured the same terms as for 2018
 - The DuraSpace merger with Lyris will not affect our relationship with them
- Samvera Annual Report for 2018
 - Available from website and wiki
 - Please share widely –especially with senior colleagues

Occasional tasks



- Welcoming new people to the Community by receiving and accepting Contributor License Agreements (CLAs)
 - Now more than 300 individual CLAs on file
 - Almost 80 corporate CLAs on file
- Signing up new Samvera Partners
 - University of Utah
 - Ubiquity Press

Occasional tasks (2)



- Working with the Roadmap Council to put in place a ‘turnkey’ Docker script for Hyrax alongside the existing one for Hyku
 - For new developers wanting to try our software locally
 - Also improved documentation available
- A Samvera repository of past Connect presentations and posters
 - Marketing exercise to showcase a ‘vanilla’ product with the message that it can be greatly enhanced
- A visioning exercise to set the tone for Samvera’s future path

Thank you!



- As outgoing Chair of the Steering Group:
 - A thank you to Steering colleagues for the work they do for the Group, all of which which is in addition to the many other things they do for the Samvera Community
 - My personal thanks for their support and encouragement whilst I have been Chair
- And thank you to you for listening!
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