

# DDI Alliance Executive Board Meeting

## 16 January 2025

*Present: Cathy Fitch, Jon Johnson, Maggie Levenstein, Jared Lyle, Johan Fihn Marberg, Steve McEachern*

### Nominations to Fill an Executive Board Vacancy

Jared will send an email to the community seeking nominations to fill a vacancy for a term that runs through June 2027. The special election will be held in February.

### 2025-2028 Budget Proposal

Jon presented a proposed budget for the upcoming three years, highlighting fixed costs for operational needs and allocations for existing working groups and committees (see Appendix A). He also discussed a proposed 5% annual membership dues increase for the following year.

Jon highlighted the need to: take measured steps to balance the budget, not continue to approve spending more money than revenue collected, and target revenue growth, including beyond membership revenue.

Jon also proposed a new way to solicit funding requests. Instead of allowing anyone to submit funding requests for any amount, members will be invited to submit proposals for one \$10,000 “priority fund” to support high-value initiatives aligned with the Strategic Plan.

The Board discussed the need for dedicated funds for working groups and committees, but that new groups should be scrutinized to ensure they will generate value for the Alliance.

The Board discussed giving a mission to all working groups (in addition to their original missions) to work towards increasing membership, including using the priority fund for applications that focus on membership retention and recruitment.

#### ACTION ITEM:

- Jon to add working groups currently missing in the proposed budget (e.g., the proposed new Statistical Agencies working group).
- Present the proposed three-year budget at the June annual Meeting of Members.

### Call for Funding Proposals

The Board discussed the process of announcing the new funding proposal process. It was suggested to inform the working groups and committees about their new fixed budgets before issuing the call for the new priority fund.

The Board discussed the timeline for getting proposals submitted by early May, aiming to discuss the new budget at the annual meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Jon and Jared to prepare communications about budget changes to be included in the upcoming newsletter.
- Inform working groups and committees about new budget allocation, including to consider how their activities create value for current members and potentially attract new ones.

# Appendix A

3 Year Budget Proposal			
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Secretariat salaries	\$47,250	\$49,613	\$52,093
Supplies	\$6,779	\$7,118	\$7,474
Alliance travel	\$4,200	\$4,410	\$4,631
Other			
<b>Total Secretariat</b>	<b>\$58,229</b>	<b>\$61,140</b>	<b>\$64,197</b>
<b>Website &amp; Technical Infrastructure</b>	<b>\$5,250</b>	<b>\$5,513</b>	<b>\$5,788</b>
Scientific Board	\$4,000	\$4,200	\$4,410
Technical Committee	\$4,000	\$4,200	\$4,410
<b>Total Committees</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$8,400</b>	<b>\$8,820</b>
Marketing	\$5,000	\$5,250	\$5,513
Dagstuhl	\$8,000	\$8,400	\$8,820
Developers Group	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,205
Statistical Agencies	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,205
CDI	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,205
Questionnaire	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,205
RDF	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,205
Training	\$5,000	\$5,250	\$5,513
<b>Total Working Groups</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$15,750</b>	<b>\$16,538</b>
Grants			
Priority Fund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Other	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$109,479</b>	<b>\$114,453</b>	<b>\$119,675</b>
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Membership increase projection	+2 members	+2 members	+3 members
	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Expenditure	\$109,479	\$114,453	\$119,675
Income	\$86,000	\$90,000	\$97,200
Surplus / Loss	-\$23,479	-\$24,453	-\$22,475
Balance	\$273,033	\$248,580	\$226,105
Funds held from NADDI	\$21,076	\$21,076	\$21,076
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$251,957</b>	<b>\$227,504</b>	<b>\$205,029</b>