DDI Alliance Executive Board Meeting
13 March 2025

Present: Cathy Fitch, Jon Johnson, Maggie Levenstein, Jared Lyle, Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch

Welcome to Bonnie

The Board welcomed Bonnie to the group and reviewed the Executive Board goals, including the development of a three-year budget (2025-2028) and progress on strategic goals.

The Board discussed the current funding situation in both the U.S. and the E.U., and noted several funding opportunities for research infrastructure, including those relevant to DDI.

Elections

The Board reviewed the timeline and candidate slate for the upcoming Executive Board elections.

Statistical Agencies

Jared and Jon reported on their February meeting with Harry and Marcel from Statistics Netherlands/Blaise, which focused on the potential creation of a new DDI Statistical Agencies Working Group (SAWG) under the Executive Board. The purpose of the SAWG would be to:
- Support and enhance the use of DDI standards by statistical agencies;
- Provide recommendations to improve DDI for alignment with statistical agency needs;
- Facilitate collaboration among agencies
- Promote DDI adoption in official statistics.

Draft Terms of Reference are under development and will be shared and discussed by the Board once they're ready.

Annual Meeting Preparation

The Board discussed preparing for the Annual Meeting of Members, including the following proposed agenda items:
- Strategies for income generation beyond membership dues, including a brainstorming session for external funding sources.
- Report on FY2025 budget.
- Discuss the proposed three-year budget for 2025-2028.

The Board discussed the need to establish a comprehensive understanding of what it would take to finance the organization's ambitions. It was noted that having a clear "price tag" and

priority list would help determine what is feasible and where to focus efforts. Understanding stakeholder interests can help align funding priorities.

TO DO: Ask the Scientific Board: What would it take to support the Scientific Board's ambitions?