

DDI Alliance Executive Board Meeting

8 May 2025

Present: Cathy Fitch, Jon Johnson, Jared Lyle, Johan Fihn Marberg, Bonnie Wolff-Boenisch

New Official Statistics Working Group

The Executive Board has received a proposal for a new Official Statistics Working Group (OSWG) “to support and enhance the use of DDI standards by organizations making or contributing to the production of official statistics. The group will provide recommendations for improving DDI to better align with the needs of statistical agencies, facilitate collaboration among agencies, and promote the adoption of DDI in official statistics.”

The Board decided to approve the working group.

Budget Review

Jared reviewed the budget forecast for the current fiscal year. Jon then presented the proposed 3-year budget, which includes the following key strategies:

- Keeping an open call for funding to support high-value initiatives aligned with the Strategic Plan.
- Introducing a modest 5% membership fee adjustment starting in 2026-27, with similar annual adjustments planned to support ongoing sustainability.
- Expanding membership, with a modest goal of adding two Full Members in 2025, two in 2026, and three in 2027.

Budget Review

Outcomes reports from FY25 funded groups were shared with the Board.

FY2026 Funding Requests

The Board discussed individual funding requests from working groups and committees, following an [open call for funding](#). The Board approved the full amount of several requests, with one request reduced due to a duplicate travel request with another committee, and is requesting additional information from two working groups to clarify expenses.

The Board also reviewed one request for the \$10,000 in priority funds. The Board is requesting additional information to clarify the request.

The approvals will be detailed once all requests are clarified and the FY26 budget is finalized.