

Task Force on Membership Model and Financial Framework

Purpose

The purpose of the Task Force is to propose a membership model and financial framework that supports the Board approved vision, mission and guiding principles, member experience, and strategic plan for the Association of Research Libraries.

Charge

The Task Force is charged with reviewing best practices in Association membership models and based on the members input, developing and proposing a membership model (i.e. types of membership and related privileges) and associated financial framework and pricing model to the Board by February 2023. The Task Force will consult with the Board at the July 2022 Retreat, and with member representatives at key milestones in the process including a member discussion and final approval in April 2023.

The Association membership model and financial framework will be communicated to the membership and staff, and more broadly as appropriate. The Task Force will be consulted in the communication planning and implementation. The Task Force may be asked to join the Board President in presenting the results.

Membership

- The Task Force is chaired by a member of the Board with ARL finance, audit or membership experience.
- The Task Force is composed of five Board members, including members of the Finance Committee and staff support:
 - The ARL deputy executive director (ex-officio) and,
 - Staffing from the ARL program managers.

Terms

The Task Force will meet from April 2022 through May 2023.

Meetings

The Task Force meets virtually as needed to conduct the work of its charge.

Areas of Responsibility

- Environmental scan of peer organization's membership models (e.g. types, financial frameworks, pricing policies)
- Review current practices, environmental scan results, with the Board's discussions and decisions on vision, mission, guiding principle, member experience and strategic plan.
- Engage members in a discussion and possibly an initial poll on membership model framework options at the October 2022 Business meeting.
- Consider the implications of the proposed membership model(s) to the existing financial framework with proposed changes
- Recommendation to the Board by February 2023
- Discussion and approval by the membership (as needed) by April 2023.
- Participation in communication to member representatives, ARL staff, and other key stakeholders

Decision-Making

The Task Force makes recommendations to the Board and, as appropriate, to the Executive Committee.

Code of Conduct

The Task Force adheres to the ARL Code of Conduct in all of its deliberations and activities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on April 23, 2022
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