Bioc Technical Advisory Board Agenda
5 March 2020

Attending: Martin, Charlotte, Laurent, Aedin, Wolfgang, Matt, Michael, Rafa, Vince, Kasper, Sean, Levi, Aaron
Regrets: Stephanie, Robert

Schedule

:00 - :05 Minutes
- 2020-02-06 minutes approved

:05 - :25 Material for review
- Funding
  - U41: (NHGRI; core) Renewal submitted January 24.
  - U24: Monthly coordination meetings; private slack channel
  - CZI seed network: monthly meetings, private slack
  - CZI EOSS (Vince): position open
  - Other opportunities?
    - CZI EOSS call "The third distinct cycle will open mid-June 2020."
- Events
  - Contingency plans for COVID-19
    - Virtual conference via bluejeans / slido / etc?
    - Bioc2020 (July 29 - 31, 2020) - available but at additional cost
    - Refund policy to be posted on conference website
  - BiocEurope: Padova, Italy - Davide Risso as local host. Date not confirmed yet, but should be as usual in early December, not 8 Dec.
    - 22 workshops, 75 abstracts (60 for talks +/- poster, 15 poster only).
    - Matt chairing review committee. Meeting to review on Monday 23rd 9am EDT.
    - Developer day community activities (Charlotte)
      Meeting on March 24th 9am EDT
  - CSAMA 21-26 June 2020: CSAMA 2020 – Statistical Data Analysis for Genome Scale Biology
- Other
  - Bioc2021 tentatively in Seattle; initial call this week.
- Committees
- Code of Conduct Committee: revised response to BioC2019 Code of Conduct complaint brought forward and approved (Levi)
- Bioconductor code of conduct committee (Levi, Aedin, Laurent, Stephanie) to publish response to CoC issue

- Working groups
  - Carpentries training (Laurent)
    - Material for review
    - Vince: CZI EOSS (June 2020) may be funding source
    - Sean has experience in teaching these “bit-size” courses
    - “Educators” channel on slack?
    - Action items? Identify candidates to become trainers.
  - Developer forum (Michael, Martin)
    - Checked in w/ Mike Smith. Action items: brainstorming session for topics; approaches to advertising; including additional introductory topics
  - Fluent Genomics (Michael)
  - Build system / continuous integration (Vince)
    - ROpenSci/r-hub; github actions etc.
    - Slide deck for CZI
    - Aims: congruence between events reported at build/distribution system and events observable to developer, affordance of useful binary packages, ...

- Other:
  - European Bioconductor Foundation (Laurent / Wolfgang / Simone B.) has drafted its charter as a non-profit organization

Topics.

:25 - :40 -- Community Advisory Board (Governance document)
  - Nomination process completed
  - From the governance document:
    - Establishment
      - Appointment of up to 8 members by the Chair of the Technical Advisory Board, in consultation with the Technical Advisory Board and solicitation of nominees from the Bioconductor and broader community
  - TODO: Matt to remove incomplete / duplicate nominations from final list. Submit for ranking to TAB -- 8 votes per member. Ensure diversity (gender, geography, experience) in final ranking

:40 - :48 -- Large project documentation builder
  - Notes below
  - Use cases: Mass spec; MSMB; Cytof; OSCA; Conference workshops
- TODO: Aaron, Sean, Mike come up with more formal proposal for coordinated project involvement

:49 - :50 -- Multiple signoff on key infrastructure changes (PR proposal, review, execution on thumbs-up from >1 reviewer?) --- concept to be aired and discussed further in future (VJC)