



DS Remote Board Meeting  
12 June 2020,  
12:00-1:00 pm Pacific/3:00-4:00 pm Eastern

## Minutes

### **I. Board members' check-in, updates**

**All members present:** Janine Pollock, Lynn Ransom, Vanessa Wilkie, Cherry Williams, E.C. Schroeder, David Faulds, Lynne Grigsby, Debra Cashion

Round robin of check in and ms-related news: JP notes that Bibliophilly exhibit on hold; LR notes Kelly Tuttle's Census of Islamicate Mss in US; VW mentioned online workshop from Huntington, to include DS; CW notes that UCR is slowly opening up, pick up/delivery model; EC same situation at Yale, doing lots of digitization uploading, not acquiring new materials; DF dealing with acquisitions, especially those purchased before shutdown, mentioned Grolier Club webinar on manuscript studies, DS was mentioned; LG, Berkeley working on plan to photograph everything; focus on e-reserves, trying to maintain HathiTrust emergency status; DC working on METAscripta project and STL Public Library manuscripts.

### **II. Main Business**

LG: WebGenDB is being phased out. The software that runs part of it reaches end of life in November 2020.

Redhat 6 (OS) ending in November 2020; means end of life for WGDB; UI is near end of life (middle layer on Redhat6; can get extension of support for Redhat6, but needs to justify the expense (\$250/year) and for how long. Not XTF platform (search and display); lacks interoperability and backend is not standard DB structure.

LR: ask for at least a year extension. What do we need to find another option? DC: Can we migrate? LG: Depends on what that means. WebGenDB database is super convoluted.

DC: WGDB exports XML--can migrate first to XML and then upload to a flat SQL structure.

3-4 year plan:

Get one year extension with present software; determine options for support for 3-4 years.

### **III. OLD Business**

DS Board's agreement to add text about DS to the Comité's webpage of catalogs for dated manuscripts--old business from Consuelo

LR and DC to write up text to send with link to Board of Comité.

<http://www.palaeographia.org/cipl/ciplDir.htm>

Here is the text sent to the Comité and copied to Consuelo:

**Digital Scriptorium** <https://digital-scriptorium.org/>

is an online catalog providing access to manuscript descriptions of pre-modern manuscripts in over forty American libraries and museum collections. Please note: the DS database is currently under redevelopment to ensure sustainability. The present version does not allow accurate searching on dated and datable manuscripts. Dated and datable manuscripts will be fully searchable in the new version, now in the planning stages. For further questions, please contact Debra Cashion, President and Executive Director: [debra.cashion@slu.edu](mailto:debra.cashion@slu.edu)

### **IV. Fall Meetings**

To be held in person at UPenn? Probably remotely. Schedule?

Annual Meeting: TBD

Board Meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned.