

Digital Scriptorium Development Committee

Report to the DS Board (2026 Annual Meeting)

September 11, 2026

The DS Development Committee has met four times since we last communicated with the Board (June 8, 2025):

- August 6, 2025
- October 21, 2025
- January 23, 2026
- September 9, 2026

Our principal initiatives have been to revise the DS Friends web page, develop a framework for corporate sponsorships, contact existing Friends, and—here—to approach the DS Board about becoming Friends.

DS Friends web page

With thanks to Debra Cashion (who investigated how to make PayPal donations recurring) and L.P. Colangelo (who implemented the necessary changes), one can now establish monthly or annual contributions to the Friends through PayPal (August 2025). With thanks to Lynn Ransom, we were able to streamline the language on the Friends page, although we deliberately left the ambiguity about whether recognition would be for a single contribution or cumulative contributions (October 2025).

Corporate Sponsorships

Cashion investigated the legal implications of accepting corporate sponsorships (November 2025), Liz Teviotdale and Ransom developed a DS “fact sheet” to serve as a touchstone for discussions with potential corporate sponsors (February 2026), and Cashion contacted fourteen potential sponsors (August 2026). Of those, four expressed interest in exploring some form of sponsorship; she is now following up with an email message outlining the terms of year-long corporate sponsorships at three levels (a scheme worked out principally by Cashion and Ransom). Cashion will continue to pursue potential corporate sponsors.

Existing DS Friends

Teviotdale contacted all existing Friends (of which there were fourteen) for whom we have email addresses asking that they consider matching or topping up their previous donations and inviting them to make their donations recurring (August 2026).

Board Members and the Friends

Since it is an axiom of non-profit fundraising that Board membership buy-in is crucial in soliciting outside support, we urge all Board members to make a contribution, in any amount, and become Friends of Digital Scriptorium.

Elizabeth C. Teviotdale, chair
for the committee:

Debra Cashion

Ronald Patkus

Lynn Ransom (ex officio as Treasurer)

Anna Siebach-Larsen