

Friday, June 21, 2024

Dear CRL Global Collections Stakeholders,

This week I will address some of the concerns raised following my update on June 7th regarding invoicing. Although I responded to some questions on June 14th, that response did not reach everyone, and I now have additional information to share.

INVOICING: This update is to clarify that we will not invoice for AMP or GRN membership fees until final governance structures are agreed upon and understood by all parties. We may still invoice later if deemed appropriate. Conversations have begun with TRAIL and SAOA, which are likely to lead to fiscal sponsorships. Therefore, their members will be invoiced. Also, we will continue to invoice for CRL memberships according to our usual schedule.

Thus, institutions with commitments or open purchase orders for AMP/GRN membership fees can keep them open until final decisions are made. We aim to reach a consensus by the end of September 2024, as per the Task Force's charge. This deadline can be extended, if necessary, but we are optimistic about adhering to the schedule for the overall structure even if some details remain unresolved at that time.

STRUCTURE: To date, the Advisory Task Force has been focusing on the Global Collections Committee model and we will soon release a draft document for member review and feedback. Rest assured this model still respects the agency of the area specialists to identify and approve collection development efforts within their area. The Task Force will now shift its attention to broader hosting models, exploring what it would take to make such arrangements viable and appropriate by exploring options for fiscal sponsorship of groups with independent memberships that require separate invoicing.

BUDGETING: We have not yet devised a budget allocation formula due to the pending final organizational structure. However, we have budgeted approximately one million dollars for collection work, roughly funding groups at or above previous levels, estimating a base of at least \$30,000 per group with supplemental central funds. We will revisit this breakdown when we have a better idea of our structure going forward but we understand that flat allocations would not address the varying sizes of the committees, project costs of different types of work, and that groups have historically set membership fees and recruiting to affect revenue, so we will mindfully develop models that make sense for the Global Collection Committees.

OTHER QUESTIONS: We appreciate the many questions and feedback from our members. While we do not have ready answers for all of them, the input we receive is invaluable in shaping our work and knowing what answers to look for. We respect the expertise of our members and partners working with us to build our future together to develop collaboratively in support of research libraries. More to come!

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement.

Kevin