

ISC Council Meeting - Mar 18, 2024

Roll call: Andras Lasso, Brad, Dženan Zukić, Hans Johnson, Jon Hartz Legarreta Gorroño, Julien Jomier, Matt McCormick, Nick Tustison, Serena Bonaretti

Committee Reports

NumFOCUS Project/Staff Bi-monthly Meeting / Summit

- Important topics included the formation of scientific and technical boards, and the creation of an Open Source Scientific Software Alliance.
- Links to meeting recordings and notes were provided.

NumFOCUS Small Development Grant

- Proposal on Community Outreach for Performance Benchmarks drafted by Jon Hartz and submitted by Matt McCormick.
- Grant limit reduced from \$20K to \$10K; proposal was submitted for \$10K.
- If funded, mentorship will be provided to a UNC or Duke student.

NumFOCUS DISC Committee Nominations

- Open call for nominations for the DISC committee aimed at improving diversity within the open-source data science community.
- Nomination form and additional information were provided.

NumFOCUS AI Questionnaire

- Discussion on integrating AI and potential use of ITK as a backbone for preparing training data.
- Development of an ITK Documentation Chatbot named “AI Insights” was proposed.

Special Orders

New Council Members and Officer Elections

- New officers were discussed, including Matt McCormick (President), Brad (Vice President), Julien Jomier (Secretary), and Hans Johnson (Treasurer).
- The election process and tenure period were to be reviewed in future meetings.

NumFOCUS Policies and Procedures

- Discussion on the distribution of NumFOCUS funds, including donor options and proposal submissions for small development grants.
- Potential new policies and procedures for managing donations and grants were proposed.

Unfinished Business

ITKv6 Updates

- Upcoming changes include depreciation, repository renaming, and various technical upgrades.

NumFOCUS Small Development Grant for Zarr Support

- Next proposal submission planned for March/April.
- Discussion on hosting a summer intern for this grant.

Donations and Fund Management

- Proposal to add descriptions of how donations are used on the ISC website.
- Consideration of ways to better advertise sponsorship opportunities and donation impacts.

Insight Journal Updates

- Ongoing updates and improvements to the Insight Journal 3.0 were discussed.

New Business

- Advertising and Sponsorship
 - Strategies to better advertise ITK sponsorships on GitHub and Discourse were explored, including automated messaging features and relevant GitHub actions.
- Bill Lorensen Memorial Award
- Process for ISC letters of support and adding NumFOCUS support to grants were discussed.