

Pathoplexus Executive Board Meeting

Agenda & Notes Summary

22 Oct 2024 🍁

Attending:

Executive Board:

- Emma Hodcroft (chair)
- Alli Black
- Anderson Brito

Agenda:

- The Executive Board (EB) discussed funding opportunities for Pathoplexus and how to move forward
- The EB voted in favour (3/3) to appoint Meera Chand to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), after the proposal from the General Assembly on 4 Oct 2024
- The EB voted in favour (3/3) of opening a bank account for Pathoplexus Association for the purpose of receiving funding
 - It was pointed out that the EB should be mindful of banks' associations with misconduct allegations and their investments
 - However, the choice of banks accepting 'Verein' account in Basel is not large
- The EB voted in favour (3/3) of modifying the Data Privacy Statement to include storing email addresses for the purpose of a mailing list (only on users requesting to be added to such a list)
 - Exact wording will be prepared by the development team and sent to the EB for confirmation
- The EB discussed the decision-making process for adding new pathogens to Pathoplexus, including current pathogens of public health concern that could be potential candidates for addition
 - The EB emphasized the importance of gauging community support to adding new pathogens and incorporating this into any decision
 - The EB also talked about formalizing steps to quickly adding a new *novel* pathogen, when there may not be an existing research and/or public health community working on the pathogen, and when researchers/public health may be too busy to engage with Pathoplexus about need

- The EB discussed ways to better organize communication of activities within Pathoplexus, and how to gauge what level of reporting to and involvement by the EB is appropriate, especially in 'intermediate' step for ongoing work/goals
 - The EB acknowledged that in new organizations it is to be expected that it will take some time to settle into a routine that works best
 - The EB decided on a new strategy for updates via the Chair that will help to gauge this better going forward
 - The EB will give feedback on how this works