

Pathoplexus Executive Board Meeting

Agenda & Notes Summary

27 Jan 2025 ❄️

Attending:

Executive Board:

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

Location: Zoom

Agenda:

- The Executive Board (EB) discussed potential new pathogens to add to Pathoplexus and agreed to reach out to community members for their perspectives.
- The EB reviewed expenses that have thus-far been paid out-of-pocket by Pathoplexus members, which they would like to reclaim now that Pathoplexus has a small amount of funds
 - The EB voted in favour (4/4) of approving the listed claims, provided that Chaoran (Treasurer) can verify receipts. He can then organize reimbursement.
- The known future running expenses were reviewed by the EB, which included costs for email handling, domains, hosting, bank costs, etc.
 - The EB voted in favour (4/4) of approving adding all these costs to the Pathoplexus debit card, pending a check that the domain costs are reasonable and are part of an account owned by Pathoplexus
- The EB voted (4/4) in favour of setting up a dedicated Pathoplexus slack & applying for charitable status
- The EB discussed ways to easily accept smaller donations
 - The EB voted (4/4) to set up a Stripe account to accept direct donations
 - This will be linked from the website in an unobtrusive way
 - The EB discussed at length wording around donations, the difference between donations and sponsorship, and the larger topic of donor categories that may not align with the ethos and mission of Pathoplexus
- The EB discussed the WHO International Pathogen Surveillance Network (IPSN), with whom Pathoplexus is already familiar. Their work in areas like genomic surveillance and data sharing often aligns with Pathoplexus' aims
 - The EB voted (4/4) in favour of Pathoplexus applying to become an IPSN member