

Open Initiatives Committee, submitted by: Andrew Wesolek

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Continuing Activities, placing emphasis on any activities supporting the 2017-2021 [Strategic Plan](#)

We added a button to the NASIG donations page, where contributors can earmark their contributions for the OA fund. As noted below, we are likely to be more successful soliciting donations from University libraries, and perhaps other organizations. If this approach is adopted, in order to solicit donors, we will want to identify donor institutions, perhaps on a separate web page.

Completed Activities, placing emphasis on any activities supporting the 2017-2021 [Strategic Plan](#)

In coordination with Nicole Ameduri, we hosted a happy house fundraiser at ER&L that generated nearly \$500 in funds for the journal.

Statistical Information

Membership Services Committee Statistical Report Form <https://goo.gl/forms/Cg2xXJ31eZMzBZ8f1>

Questions for Board

We raised nearly \$500 at the ER&L happy hour, but our plans to solicit donations at the NASIG Conference have been upended by the pandemic. Questions for the board:

What is the future of the proceedings issue, since the in-person conference has been cancelled this year? Does this impact the proposed research/presentation tracks? Does the board have a system in place to vet papers for submission to the journal?

To meet our goals, we should pivot to soliciting donations from Universities. Does the board have thoughts on making tiers of contributors visible on the website? For example: Gold, silver, bronze levels of support? If this is a viable path, are we the appropriate committee to contact Universities, or should that be undertaken as part of our broader fundraising efforts?

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