Board of Directors
Annual Report to Participants
Why “Participants” and what does it mean?

• Foundation Status adopted in 2016
• Foundation Status precludes “Membership” and activities associated with membership organisations
• Signatory provides in-principle support for the goals and aspirations of the GDN but there is no further commitment required
• Adopted the term ‘Participant’ in lieu of “Membership” to tier the level of engagement individuals and organisations wish to have
• Participant Fees introduced with benefits package: AM Discounts; participation in formal GDN processes – Task Force and Board; Newsletters; ‘portal’ with access to articles, information and resources (proposed)
• Participant Fees contribute towards financial sustainability for the GDN
• 2019 first time Participants invited to take part in the Board of Director nomination process
Agenda

1. Welcome
2. GDN Board of Directors Annual Report
3. Statutes and Bylaws
4. Audited Accounts 2018
5. Financial Report 2019
6. Mid-Term Strategic Goals
7. Task Force Report
8. Board of Directors 2019-20
Board of Directors 2018-19

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**Past President:** Victoriano Giralt *CIO, University of Málaga, Spain* – term of office expires at the annual meeting 2019

**Treasurer:** Mike Reilly *Executive Director, AACRAO – American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Washington, D.C., USA* – term of office expires at the annual meeting 2019

**Secretary:** Valère Meus *Coordinator, Erasmus without Paper Project/Secretary, SGroup of Universities, Spain* – term of office expires at the annual meeting 2019

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Annual Report - Highlights

• Significant work defining Participant status and benefits
• Reviewing and updating Statutes and Bylaws – in light of change to Foundation Status in 2016
• More clearly defining Board responsibilities and process of appointment of Board of Directors
• Reviewing resource requirements post Foundation Status and in light of evolving needs
• Contracts established for administrative support; IT support; Outreach/Policy/Networking activities
• Considering strategic directions
• Funding opportunities and moving towards financial sustainability
Annual Report – Executive Director Outreach

- Kick-off meeting DigiRec project, The Hague, The Netherlands
- Malta Blockchain Conference “Blockchain, Credentials & Connected Learning”
- GDN signatory Commonwealth Centre for Connected Learning (3CL)
- Joint Meeting of the ENIC-NARIC Networks, Prague, Czech Republic
- Visit to IBO Regional Office, The Hague, The Netherlands
- PIEOneer Award Ceremony, London, United Kingdom
- EAIE Annual Conference, Geneva, Switzerland
- NUAK 10th Anniversary Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden
- First Intergovernmental Meeting on the Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France
- Visits to CHESICC, Beijing, and Tokyo, Japan – several organizations
- European Commission, Expert Group on Graduate Tracking meeting
- DAAD – German Academic Exchange Service, Bonn, Germany
- Plus planning for the Annual Meeting in Puebla!
Statutes and Bylaws

- History – Why we are considering this
- Board – The Board has considered revised statutes and bylaws on 3 occasions
- Notary Public – Approval has been given
- Participants – Acceptance sought for revised Statutes and Bylaws
- Statutes: Main points – Terms used are consistent; Board Member must be a Participant or from a Participant organisation; Board Member rotation and terms of office have been changed
- Bylaws: Main points – Process for termination of Participant status; Board Nomination process: invitation of nominations 2 months before AM (15 February 2020), nominations close 1 month before AM (15 March), Board appoints and nominees informed prior to AM
## RESULTS

### 3.1 Comparative overview

The result for 2018 amounts to €5,000 compared to negative €29,000 for 2017. The results for both years can be summarized as follows:

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Financial Report 2019

Annual Meeting – Registrations – 15% shortfall
Annual Meeting – Sponsorship – on target
Charter Entities – Funding – 10% shortfall
Participation - Fees – 60% shortfall

Unpaid invoices – still chasing 16,000 Euros
Participation Fees – small base

Expenditure – tracking to budget
Mid-term strategic goals

External goals

1) The GDN is acknowledged for providing academic, practitioner and consultative expertise to lead the global adoption of strategies and tactics towards the Digital Learner Data Ecosystem.

2) The GDN will be the umbrella organization with a critical mass of active participants to facilitate collaboration, engagement and synergies among regional and global organizations and initiatives.

3) The GDN encourages inclusive and active participation from diverse sectors, countries, regions, developing nations and other stakeholders. Consistent with this, the GDN cooperates with organizations and projects on all continents that align with the goal of advancing education and mobility and that support the principles and goals of the GDN.

Internal goals

1) The GDN has transitioned into a professionally managed not-for-profit organization with an established secretariat and a clear action plan.

2) The GDN has established a fundraising capacity that ensures financial and resource sustainability.

3) The GDN has assembled a constituency of expert volunteers, supported and overseen by a diverse, effective board with defined responsibilities.
Strategic directions 2019...

- Observing what is going on around us (Museum) or Participating (Dance) in shaping it
- Developing a vision for the future we want
- Creating time for developing that shared vision
- Annual Meeting and Regional Meeting opportunities
- Using network contacts and established relationships to build support
Task Force Report

• Proposed changes to Task Force Groups
• Continuing Task Force Groups
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