

Summaries of meetings of the DOAJ Foundation Board

In March 2025, we announced our move to a new organisation, DOAJ Foundation, a non-commercial foundation based in Denmark. We also convened [a new Foundation Board](#). In the interest of complete transparency, we make the summaries of each Foundation board meeting publicly available.

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18 March 2026

The DOAJ Board discussed a proposal from the DOAJ Director and Deputy Director on the future development and extension of DOAJ, and provided input into next steps. The Board also discussed a report on the results of DOAJ's fundraising cycle from 2025, and progress on the current cycle. Two Advisory Board meetings were held earlier in the month, with transparency as a theme, and the Board discussed the outcomes.

16 December 2025

The Board approved the 2026 strategy and budget, along with the financial statement and a request to retain a financial surplus for stability. The Board commended the progress on 2025 strategic initiatives and noted the successful retirement of the DOAJ Seal, which had received no negative feedback. The 2026 budget was reviewed and approved, with a small surplus predicted. Candidates for the Advisory Board Chair were reviewed, pending a decision from the Danish authorities on a special exemption for a non-EU candidate.

2 October 2025

The Foundation Board discussed the next stage of DOAJ's 2026–28 strategy, and provided input to the different themes and terminology. The financial update predicted a surplus despite the ongoing transition between organisations, and the Board approved the new Financial Policy, procedures, and reserve policy.

DOAJ's recommitment to the POSI principles was discussed and approved. The Foundation Board reviewed the outputs from the recent Advisory Board meeting, and discussed the next steps for appointing the new Advisory Board Chair.



Next meeting: 16th December 2025

18th June 2025

Annual Meeting of the Board

At its first annual meeting, the Board discussed the results for the 2024 financial year. DOAJ (under [IS4OA](#)) reported a surplus due to the new funding model and an increase in consortia coordinating support for DOAJ.

Lars Bjørnshauge will step down from the Board as his term has ended. He was thanked for his support in setting up the new organisation, and for his important contribution as co-founder and Managing Director of DOAJ over 20 years. The new Advisory Board chair, to be appointed at the inaugural meeting in September, will join the Foundation Board once appointed. The Board reviewed and approved the membership of [the new Advisory Board](#).

The Board reviewed progress on development of a new strategy for DOAJ for 2026-28. The Board also discussed the current geopolitical situation and how the organisation can mitigate against potential loss of income.

Date of the next meeting: 2nd October 2025