1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda

R. Coughlan welcomed the members of the committee, the agenda was adopted with no changes.

2. Approval of February 07, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved with no changes. Action items arising from the February meeting will be addressed at the May 13th meeting.
3.1 Member Support Fee
The Committee discussed this item in camera as it relates to an issue of compensation.

Moved: G. Bilodeau

**Decision:** The Committee approves an increase of the Member Support Fee to $120,000CAD.

**Decision:** The Committee approves a 1% annual increase to the Member Support Fee for the subsequent two years.

**Decision:** The Member Support portion of the fee will be waived for the University of Prince Edward Island as long as they continue to provide in-kind hosting of the ORCID-CA website.

Following from their discussion of the Member Support Fee, the committee discussed the challenges in communicating the value of ORCID-CA to university administration. **T. Neugebauer** explained that there is still confusion and a lack of awareness about ORCID, indicating a need for further conference presentations and outreach.

**Action Item:** **J. Demaine** to prepare a short document highlighting the benefits for universities in becoming members of the ORCID-CA consortium. The intended audience of this document is the universities’ research office. The goal is to get VPs of Research to understand how the automation and integrations afforded by ORCID can support their business goals. The documents could include examples from current members of ORCID-CA or from universities around the world. It should make a clear distinction between ORCID and ORCID-CA. What are the benefits of ORCID at an institutional-strategic level? It could point out its relevance to FAIR and OpenScience.

3.2 License Fee

**J. Friedman** described the differences between the new ORCID pricing model and the current “grandfathered” model that for the initial two year ORCID-Ca license. The new model offers a flat pricing structure for all members with no increase in price for the next three years. The current model could be retained with a 3% annual increase and would be more economical if the ORCID-CA consortium grows to at least 43 members. **C. Appavoo** added that maintaining the current pricing structure could result in a more significant increased price for members at the next renewal in May 2022. The discussion of the Governing Committee centered on the unpredictability of pricing when staying with the grandfathered model (due to both the exchange-rate and fluctuating membership). **T. Neugebauer** noted that at the current number of members (36), the new pricing model is more advantageous.

**Decision:** The Governing Committee unanimously voted in favour of adopting the new pricing model.

4. New Business

As no new business was proposed, the meeting adjourned at 1:59PM.

**Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2019 at 1PM to 2:30PM Eastern Time.