

Annual General Meeting

Minutes: June 2026

Meeting details

Date and Time: Thursday 11 June 2026, 15.35 BST

Location: Online

Presented by

Chair: Jo Lambert, Chair of the Board, COUNTER Metrics

Executive Director: Tasha Mellins-Cohen, COUNTER Metrics

Members with representatives present

Aalborg University

ABC Ltd

Akten Appiah-Menka University of Skills
Training and Entrepreneurial
Development

American Association for the Advancement
of Science

American Chemical Society

American College of Physicians

American Physical Society

American Psychological Association

American Society for Microbiology

Annual Reviews

Association of Learned & Professional
Society Publishers

Bates College

BIBSAM - National Library of Sweden

Big Dig Data (CELUS)

Biochemical Society and Portland Press

Birkbeck, University of London

BMJ Publishing Group

Brigham Young University

Cairn

Canadian Research Knowledge Network
Consortium

Canadian Science Publishing

Casalini Libri

Clarivate

Colorado College

Consortium Couperin

Consortium of Academic & Research
Libraries in Illinois (CARLI)

Coventry University

De Gruyter Brill

East West University

Edizioni Ca' Foscari

Elsevier

Emmanuel College

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Finnish Library Association (FinELib)

Florida Virtual Campus

Fundacao para a Ciencia e a Tecnologia

Gale Cengage

Georg Thieme Verlag KG

George Mason University

GeoScienceWorld

Göteborg University Library

Imperial College London

Ingenta

Institute of Electrical and Electronics
Engineers (IEEE)

IntechOpen

IOP Publishing

Irish Research eLibrary (IREL)

ITHAKA

James Madison University

Jisc

Karolinska Institutet

Kentucky Virtual Library

Konsortium Baden-Württemberg

Konsortium der Schweizer

Kudos
Leeds Beckett University
LibLynx Connect
LSU Libraries
Lund University
LYRASIS
Manchester University Press
MDPI
Medical College of Wisconsin
Niedersachsen Konsortium
North Carolina State University
Northwestern University Libraries
Norwegian University of Science and Technology
OA eBook Usage Data Trust
OhioLINK
Oxford University Press
Partnership of Québec University Libraries (PBUQ)
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Public Library of Science (PLOS)
Purdue University Libraries
Purdue University Northwest
Research4Life
Rockefeller University Press
Royal Society of Chemistry
San Juan College
Scholarly iQ
Scholars Portal
SciELO
Silverchair Science + Communications, LLC
Smith College Libraries
SPIE – the international society for optics and photonics
Stanford University Libraries
State Library of Oregon
STM
Supreme Court of the United States
Swarthmore College
The British Library
The Francis Crick Institute
The Open University
Thieme Group
University College London
University of Birmingham
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Cambridge Library
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago Libraries
University of Chicago Press
University of Exeter
University of Galway (NUI)
University of Ghana
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Iowa Libraries
University of Kentucky
University of Leeds (Brotherton Library)
University of Leicester
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of Michigan Libraries
University of New England
University of Newcastle upon Tyne
University of North Texas
University of Nottingham
University of Oslo Library
University of Sheffield
University of St Andrews
University of Sussex
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Dallas
University of the West of England Bristol
University of Virginia
University of Westminster
University of York
University System of Georgia (GALILEO)
University System of Maryland & Affiliated Institutions
Utah Academic Library Consortium
Vanderbilt University
Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA)
Washington State University Libraries
Wayne State University Libraries
West Virginia University
Wiley
Yale University

Meeting minutes

Jo Lambert welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. She explained that members would be able to vote on motions using the poll function in Zoom.

Minutes of the last meeting

Members were asked to review the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held in June 2025.

Member representatives voted to accept the minutes as an accurate record of the last meeting.

One member informed COUNTER that they had voted to decline the minutes by mistake, and rescinded their vote. As such, the minutes were unanimously accepted.

2025 Directors' Report

Tasha Mellins-Cohen presented the Directors' Report, which had been made available online through the AGM registration page a month prior to the AGM.

Against COUNTER's three objectives:

- We will maintain, develop and extend the COUNTER Code of Practice as a foundation for normalised, community-defined usage metrics:
 - Migration to Release 5.1 (R5.1) of the COUNTER Code of Practice.
 - Successful deployment of a small Fix Release, R5.1.0.1, in January 2025
 - Developing, beta testing and launching the new Validator, and sunseting the old R5-only tool.
 - Establishing working groups to develop Best Practice Guidelines on complex areas, including a pathway to compliance (for very small publishers), reporting for users with multiple institutional identities, and on usage metrics for generative and agentic AI tools.
- We will foster and grow an engaged community to increase adoption and use of COUNTER metrics worldwide:
 - Implementing the new Advisory Committee structure to enable all members to engage with COUNTER.
 - Second annual COUNTER Conference and AGM for a second time attracted over 270 registrants, with 83% rating the event as 'very good' or 'excellent'.
 - Reached eleven new countries in Africa and South America, and 300 new individuals signed up for our regular bi-monthly newsletter.
 - Development and launch of COUNTER Academy.
 - 98% satisfaction in our bi-annual community survey
- We will ensure COUNTER is operationally resilient and financially sustainable:
 - Implemented a new membership tiering structure, which primarily impacted technology providers,
 - Welcomed 23 new members, six of which were under the Research 4 Life membership program for lower-income countries

Member representatives voted unanimously to accept the Directors' Report.

2024 Accounts for COUNTER Online Metrics

COUNTER was reported to be in a healthy financial state, with reserves standing at £178,721 at 31 December 2025. Turnover for 2025 was £139,925 (up on 2024), mostly thanks to sponsorship of COUNTER Academy. Expenditure was up on 2024 at £166,346 due to planned capital investments in the Validator, and multimedia support for the Academy. Members were reminded that full financial reports for COUNTER are available through Companies House.

Member representatives voted unanimously to accept the Accounts.

Appointment of Directors

Jo Lambert thanked Heather Loehr for her valuable contributions to COUNTER as a member of the Board of Directors.

The Board recommended the appointment of Beth Montague-Helen (Francis Crick Institute, UK) and Erin Peters (Vanderbilt University, USA) as Directors for initial three-year terms, bringing COUNTER to a total of seven Directors, the maximum permitted.

Member representatives voted unanimously to accept the appointments.

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No other formal business being raised, the AGM closed at 15.50.