



GOBLET

Global Organisation for Bioinformatics Learning, Education & Training

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT
GOBLET AGM
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2018**



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AIM & OBJECTIVES

AIM

To provide support to GOBLET through maintenance and development of its website.

OBJECTIVES for 2018

To rebuild the GOBLET website.

SPECIFIC MILESTONES from AGM 2017 to achieve this objective:

1. Review technical features list
2. Check with Exec and OB chairs on features needed compared to list
3. Solicit Web development bids against technical feature list
4. Execute on website re-development

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

What is the achievement	Next steps
Technical features from GOBLET survey reviewed and compiled	N/A
Input from GOBLET Exec and OB chairs on technical features for website sought	N/A
Request for proposals for GOBLET website development drafted and posted	N/A
Technical committee review of bids and selection of web developer	N/A
Execution of website re-development, including incorporation of Bioschemas standards	Ongoing



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TOP THREE CHALLENGES

1. No elected chair – Committee has an acting chair who is also the Secretariat for GOBLET, so workload is unmanageable at times.
2. Matching website redevelopment to needs of GOBLET given absence of input.
3. Value of GOBLET website outside of marketing GOBLET – without content, social media activity, etc., the website cannot function beyond being a marketing tool.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TOP THREE PRIORITY ACTIONS

1. Finish and release updated GOBLET website.
 - a. Strategy for executing is to work with web developer to review and approve new website according to contract.
2. Train Exec and OB chairs on how to use new GOBLET website.
 - a. Provide video tutorials and documentation on how to use backend of new GOBLET website.
3. Put in place a fee-for-service maintenance plan with web developer.
 - a. Existing website development contract comes with a one-year bug fix maintenance plan. Beyond that, negotiate with the web developer an annual maintenance contract for security patches and bug fixes, and a fee-for-service rate for new feature requests.