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TEI Consortium Annual General Meeting

14 August 2026

Joseph & Rosalie Segal Centre
SFU Harbour Centre
Vancouver, Canada

Land Acknowledgement

The TEI-C respectfully acknowledges the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations, on which both UBC and SFU Vancouver resides, as well as the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish) and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation, on whose territory SFU Vancouver is located.

AGM Agenda

Reports:

- Board of Directors
- Treasurer & Membership Report
- Technical Council
- Infrastructure Group
- jTEI
- SIGs
- TEI-C Community Calls

New Business:

- Election results
- Rahtz Prize for TEI Ingenuity
- Announcement of TEI2027
- TEI and Funding Bids
- Membership Rates and Drive
- Discussion

Board of Directors

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Board Report: 2025-26 Accomplishments

- What does the Board do?
 - We try to support and encourage
 - We hope to keep the 'skids greased' and not get in the way of the main business of the Consortium – the work of the TEI Technical Council in maintaining and developing the TEI Guidelines and associated software
- What did we do this year?
 - We listened to, considered, and supported a number of proposals
 - We spent a lot of time thinking about TEI's futures
 - Found replacement Treasurer
 - Ran TEI-C Elections
 - Arranged for TEI Conference (but real work done by organizers!)

Report on the TEI Consortium Consultation About Membership <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.21669563>



- At the beginning of the year we undertook a survey of the community about membership
- Questions ranged from core activities to membership rates
- Lots of helpful responses and free-text suggestions
- The report details the background, questions, and results with some light-touch analysis and pie charts of multiple choice questions
- There is an overall summary and summary of the most frequent suggestions.
- The TEI-C Board is considering these recommendations as part of its considerations on the future of the TEI-C.



Some Recommendations from the TEI Consortium Consultation About Membership



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- **Core activities:** Focus on Guidelines (and related software) maintenance/development, Council meetings, jTEI, TEI Conference
- **Communication/Outreach:** Prioritize TEI-L, TEI-C Slack, and Community Calls, start the “We Are TEI” posts, Mentorship opportunities, Increase recognition for TEI volunteers, Increase awareness of TEI-C member benefits, Rationalize TEI-C social media (no need for ‘X’)
- **Finances/Membership:** Raise membership fees, Explore additional benefits, Keep membership-by-donation, Undertake membership drives, Target project/institutional memberships



Board Report: 2026-27 Goals and Objectives

- Work with community to consider, support pedagogy-focused initiatives (e.g., TEI by Example)
- Implement an engaging Membership Drive
- Undertake responsible financial mitigations
- Encourage TEI Technical Contributors Program
- Arrange for TEI2027 conference, agree a host for TEI2028

Treasurer & Membership Report

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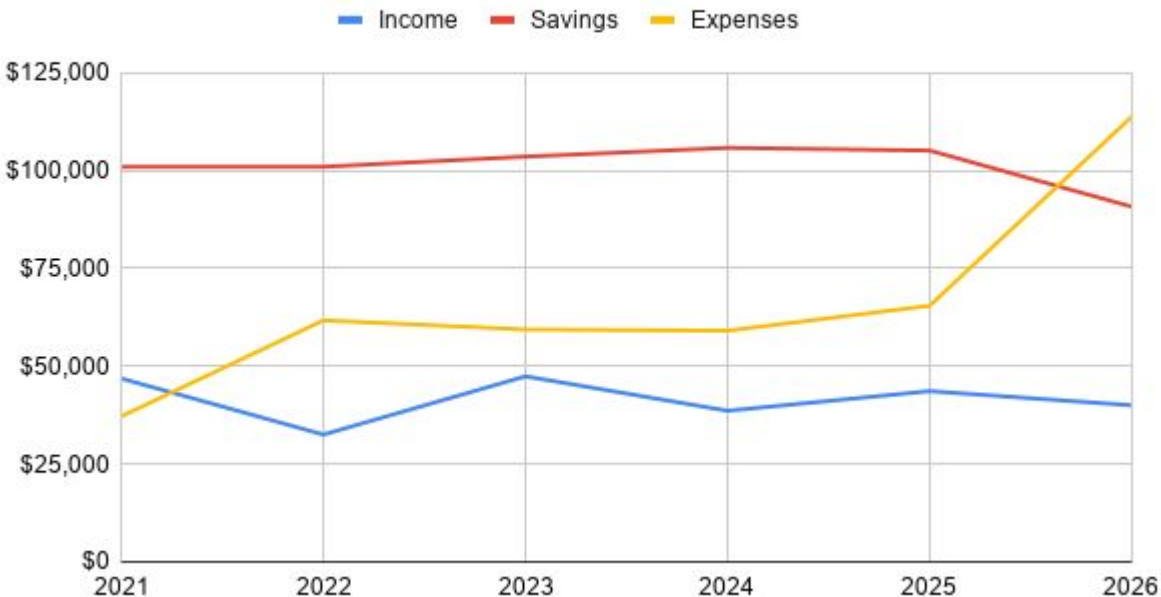
membership@tei-c.org

Financial Overview

Since 2021 our income from membership has dropped and our expenses have risen, meaning that we've had to begin drawing down on our savings in a significant way.

2026 budget identified \$65K in expenses. Estimated actual spending will probably be \$110K.

TEI Financial History (2021-2026)



Contract services (Finance & accounting, legal)	\$20,500
Operations (jTEI copyediting, supplies, etc.)	\$10,000
Conference subvention	\$7,000
Council travel for F2F*	\$30,000

\$67,500*
normalized annual expenses

*2026 expenses will be approximately \$100,000 due to increased travel

Expense Snapshot (rounded numbers)

Individual (\$50)	147	\$7,350
Supporter (\$250)	13	\$3,250
Contributor (\$500)	8	\$4,000
Friend (\$1,500)	3	\$4,500
Patron (\$2,500)	3	\$7,500
Sustaining Partner (\$5,000)	1	\$5,000

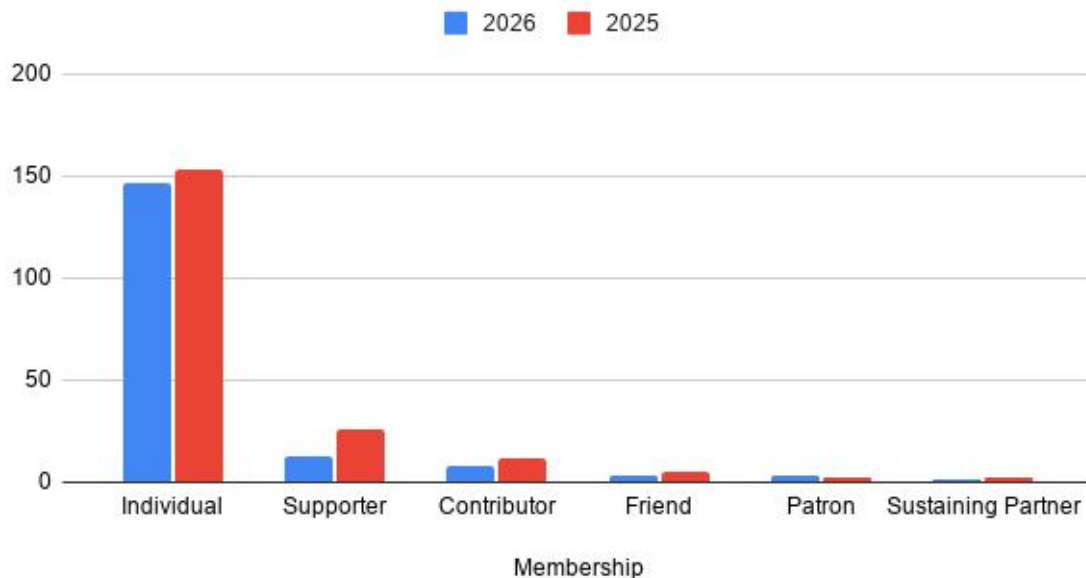
\$31,600
*in total membership
revenue*

2026 Membership financial breakdown

Membership statistics

- 147 Individuals (↓ from 153)
- 13 Supporters (↓ from 26)
- 8 Contributors (↓ from 12)
- 3 Friends (↓ from 5)
- 3 Patrons (↑ from 2)
- 1 Sustaining Partner (↓ from 2)

Membership: 2026 vs 2025



Membership / Financial Outlook

We lost a sustaining partner this year.

We've had a small drop in individual memberships.

Our biggest expense is the Technical Council, which is as it should be, but while we should be funding the Technical Council to meet in person twice a year this year travel will cost around \$60,000. We need at least \$30,000 more per year to sustain that. We continue to dip into our savings to offset deficit spending, and that savings cushion is getting thinner year by year.



Technical Council

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Technical Council Report Details

- Since the AGM in Kraków:
 - [110 tickets and pull requests](#) closed on the TEI Guidelines GitHub repository.
 - [29 tickets and pull requests](#) closed on the TEI Stylesheets GitHub repository.
 - Modified Guidelines release process and documentation due to transition to new server at HumaNum.
 - March 2026 Würzburg F2F: Council begins intensive discussion of a possible TEI P6, and doubles its meetings per month: one on P5 and the other on P6.
- New releases of the TEI P5 Guidelines
 - [4.11.0: “The Paperclip Release”](#): (February 18, 2026)
 - significant updates to `<address>` now allowed in `<div>` + takes `@type` + `@subtype`, `@key`, and `@ref`)
 - `<entryFree>` and `<spGrp>` may now self-nest
 - `<lem>` now permits the `<speaker>` element
 - [4.12.0: “The Igor Release”](#): (July 28, 2026)
 - `teidata.point` datatype has new optional 3rd coordinate for encoding surfaces and zones in 3-dimensional coordinate space
 - Introduces the `<interleave>` element for ODDs to simplify indication of unordered content



New TEI Technical Contributors Program

Technical Council mentoring program:

- Consistently impressive Technical Council election slate
- Active contributors to TEI releases
- How to acknowledge and support this interest from the TEI community?

The Technical Contributor Program is an initiative by the TEI Technical Council to provide mentoring on how to edit and maintain the TEI P5 Guidelines and Stylesheets repositories to interested members of the TEI community



New TEI Technical Contributors Program

Upon completing the program, Technical Contributors will:

- Have a deeper understanding of the TEI Guidelines and Stylesheets source code
- Know how to use GitHub, Git, Docker, and the command line (bash)
- Be able to edit the Guidelines and Stylesheets
- Be able to build the TEI Guidelines
- Be able to run tests
- Know how to address GitHub issues
- Be able to create and merge Pull Requests

New TEI Technical Contributors Program

What does the Technical Contributor Program involve?

- Mentoring sessions with Technical Council members
- Attend some Technical Council Zoom calls
- Participate in Technical Contributor calls
- Special in-person sessions at TEI conferences for Council and Technical Contributors to meet

New TEI Technical Contributors Program

What does the Technical Contributor Program involve?

- Solving GitHub issues
- Creating and merging pull requests
- Earn the TEI Technical Contributor badge
- Contributors can then list the badge when running for Council



New TEI Technical Contributors Program

How to become a Technical Contributor?

- Open to everyone on the Technical Council election slate
- Training is open to interested members of the TEI community

Infrastructure Group

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Infrastructure Group

- The infrastructure group is back to meeting regularly (quarterly)
- Successful migration of Huma-Num Virtual Machines from 3 to 1
 - Website (including the Vault), TEIGarage, Roma, Debian Packages, TEI Wiki
- Everything runs in Docker now
- Deprecation of
 - Romaantiqua, old.tei-c.org, svn (used for JTEI, migrated to TEI-C GitHub), dev.tei-c.org
- Transfer to the Vault
 - Graz 2019 website



jTEI

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Editors

- Joel Kalvesmaki, Catholic University of America (2019-27) (outgoing chair)
- Pietro Liuzzo, Bibliotheca Hertziana (2019-28)
- Tanja Wissik, Austrian Academy of Sciences (2019-25) (incoming chair)
- Ana Salgado, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Porto (2024-26)
- Francesca Giannetti, Rutgers University (2026-30)
- Silvia Berigüete Pastor (2026-30)

Technical Editor

- Ron Van den Branden, Belgium (2012-)

Advisory Board

- Federico Boschetti, CNR, Italy (2021-28)
- Stefan Dumont, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (2021-27)
- Johannes Kepper (2026-27)
- Elli Mylonas (2021-28)
- Jonathan Prag, University of Oxford (2021-27)
- Gimena del Rio Riande, IIBICRIT-CONICET, Argentina (2022-28)

Issue 17

- Newcastle 2022
- Guest editors James Cummings, Martina Scholger, Tiago Sousa Garcia
- Fully published

Issue 18

- Paderborn 2023
- Guest editors Peter Stadler, Raffaele Viglianti, Johannes Kepper
- Thirteen published, one in progress

Issue 19

- Buenos Aires 2024
- Guest editors Gimena del Rio Riande, María Teresa Ravelo Sánchez, Gustavo Fernandez Riva
- Nine published, two in progress

Issue 20

- Kraków 2025
- Guest editors Iwona Grabska-Gradzińska and Joanna Hałaczekiewicz
- Ten articles in progress

Rolling issue

- Six submissions in progress

Noteworthy

- Two new editors
- 62% of respondents in a recent poll regarded jTEI as crucial or necessary

Always worth remembering

- jTEI Editors are appointed by the Board for terms of 4 years, renewable.
- Chair of the editors rotates each year
- One editor works with the guest volume editor on a particular issue
- Editors meet monthly
- Editors regularly update and revise author guidelines, workflow, and policy
- Indexed by DOAJ, EBSCO

Get involved

- Please send your submissions (whether a conference paper or not):
 - research papers,
 - data sets, and
 - project / tool notes;
- You may submit papers in English, German, Spanish, and Italian
- Please register as a reviewer
<http://journal.tei-c.org/journal/user/register>
- **Current reviewers:** please check your account and update email and keywords if necessary.

SIGs

SIG: AI Tools for TEI

AI Tools for TEI SIG

This SIG is focused on the use of AI tools/LLMs for creating, enhancing, and analyzing TEI text. Many TEI practitioners are experimenting with using these tools to create new workflows for generating TEI text, including OCR, encoding, named entity recognition, and quality assurance. We need a robust forum for sharing this work in progress, to avoid unnecessary and wasteful duplication of effort. Given the amount of out-of-copyright digitized text available in libraries and repositories like HathiTrust, and the rapid improvement of AI tools for processing text, we have the potential to quickly and dramatically increase the amount of TEI-encoded text that is freely available to the public for literary and semantic analysis, mapping, modeling, the creation of new scholarly editions, and many other purposes. A coordinated approach is the key to unlocking this potential, and now is the time to get started.

Mailing List

The mailing list "AI Tools for TEI SIG" can be joined [TBD]:

- by sending an email to (recommended): TEI-AI-SIG-subscribe-request@lists.psu.edu
- or via webform: <https://lists.psu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=TEI-AI-SIG&A=1> To send a mail to the list (only as subscriber), write to: TEI-AI-SIG@lists.psu.edu

To unsubscribe, send an email to: TEI-AI-SIG-unsubscribe-request@lists.psu.edu

To access the list archive: <https://lists.psu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A0=TEI-AI-SIG>

Convener

The SIG is convened by [Chris Ruotolo](#) (Director of Arts and Humanities University of Virginia Library). Contact: ruotolo@virginia.edu

SIG: Computable Text and Media

- Convenors: Torsten Roeder & Lauren Liebe (new!)
- What does *computable* mean?
 - Documents meant to be **processed by a rule-based method or a set of instructions**
 - Computer code on any media: printed on paper, punched in cards, stored on media ...
 - Textual data on any media, esp. handwritten entries on pre-printed forms
 - *Computable* suggests that the documents are stored digitally, but they do not need to be
 - Nonetheless, we stick with the name (which confuses me sometimes – says Torsten)
- Why is this philologically interesting (= interesting for TEI)?
 - How to capture different stages in the process (editing environment / storage / presentation)?
 - How to describe environments and rulesets (metadata)?
- Contact and further information (mailing list, Slack channel etc.):
<https://tei-c.org/activities/sig/computable/>

SIG: Computer-Mediated Communication

- Convenors Michael Beißwenger and Harald Längen
- Virtual SIG meeting 19th September 2025
 - Exchange among several projects that use CMC-TEI
- github repo at <https://github.com/TEI-CMC-SIG>
 - New example tei docs and stylesheet
- Poster presentation of the SIG at CMC-Corpora in Oulu, Finland, 27th August 2026

SIG Website: <https://tei-c.org/activities/sig/cmc/>

SIG Wiki: https://wiki.tei-c.org/index.php/SIG:Computer-Mediated_Communication

SIG mailing list: <https://lists.uni-due.de/mailman/listinfo/tei-cmc>

SIG: Correspondence



- Convenors: Stefan Dumont & Sabine Seifert
- Virtual SIG meetings in November 2025, February and July, 2026
 - discussions of issues in GitHub TEI
 - short presentations and discussion of correspondence projects / editions
 - reports from conferences with correspondence-related topics→ next virtual meeting: planned for November, 2026
- correspSearch <https://correspsearch.net>
 - now aggregates meta data from ca. 425.000 letter, 42.000 📄s with full texts
 - CMIF Check improved <https://correspsearch.net/en/cmif-check.html>
 - CMIF v2.0-Dokumentation in preparation:
<https://github.com/TEI-Correspondence-SIG/CMIF/blob/dev/doc/documentation-en.md#cmif-v2-additional-information-on-the-letter-and-its-content>

SIG Website: <https://tei-c.org/activities/sig/correspondence/>

SIG Mailing list: TEI-CORRESP-SIG@lists.psu.edu

SIG minutes in Wiki: <https://wiki.tei-c.org/index.php/SIG:Correspondence>

SIG: East Asian/Japanese (EAJ)



- <https://tei-c.org/Activities/SIG/EastAsian/> <https://tei.dhii.jp/> <https://github.com/TEI-EAJ>
 - a. **Conveners:** Kiyonori Nagasaki and A. Charles Muller.
- SIG EAJ is managed by the steering committee (SC)
 - a. **SC members:** Kazuhiro Okada, Kiyonori Nagasaki, Natsuko Nakagawa, Satoru Nakamura
- Weekly Meetings
 - a. The SIG holds weekly online meetings, rotating among translation work, text encoding, and research presentations.
 - i. Discussion on development of the guidelines
 - ii. Discussion of text encoding issues and challenges raised by participants
 - iii. Translating spec files on the Google spreadsheet prepared by M. Holmes
- Collaborative Activities:
 - a. The SIG is collaborating with a government-commissioned initiative funded by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) that promotes the dissemination and adoption of East Asian text encoding practices.
- Achievements:
 - a. Completed the manual Japanese translation of Chapters 2–4.
 - b. Completed the TEI markup of Japanese dialect discourse data.

SIG: Graph Technologies

- Conveners: Stefan Armbruster, Andreas Kuczera, and Iain Neill.
- Visit Wiki: <https://wiki.tei-c.org/index.php/SIG:GraphTechnologies>.
- We are working on our Software-Suite for Graph-Based Digital Scholarly Editions based on a conceptual model (RAMEN): <https://ramen-schema.org/>.
- We are developing a profile-driven import/export pipeline for RAMEN-based (*Reusable Abstraction Model for Editorial Needs*) graph data, using ATAG (*Applied Text as Graph*) for textual content and supporting TEI/XML among the exchange formats.
- Project-specific profiles define the mappings between TEI/XML encoding conventions and the corresponding project model and graph structures.

SIG: Indic Texts

- The purpose of the TEI Special Interest Group “Indic Texts” is to allow scholars engaged in the study of Indic texts to develop and document best practices in applying the TEI’s Guidelines to these kinds of texts.
- Activities 2025/6 (projects of SIG members, but no coordinated group-wide activities):
 - a. ERC Dharma project guidelines: <https://dharma.hypotheses.org/guides> Updated set of guidelines is in the works. See also <https://github.com/erc-dharma/tfd-sanskrit-philology> for TEI to HTML conversions of editions of Indic inscriptions.
 - b. Progress on VEGEST, the “Vienna Encoding Guidelines for Editing Sanskrit Texts”. They are the effort of the Austrian Academy of Science’s Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia to develop a set of guidelines for editing works produced in the tradition of Sanskrit literary culture. Follow along here: <https://gitlab.oeaw.ac.at/vegest/vegest-schema>
- Conveners: Patrick McAllister and Andrew Ollett.
- Visit Wiki: <https://wiki.tei-c.org/index.php/SIG:IndicTexts>

SIG: Manuscripts

The goal of the TEI Special Interest Group on Manuscripts is to bring together users of the TEI who wish to improve the encoding strategies for marking up

- manuscript descriptions and/or
- transcriptions and editions of manuscript materials.

The SIG is convened by Torsten Schaßan and Yasmin Faghihi.

The group has an area on the [TEI wiki](#). (outdated, to be updated)

The SIG runs a mailing list, "TEI MS SIG", which can be joined:

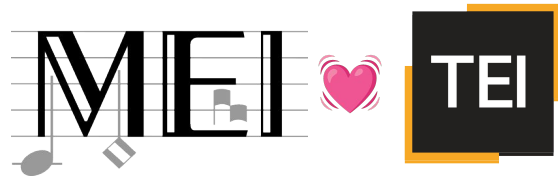
- by sending an email to (recommended): TEI-MS-SIG-subscribe-request@lists.psu.edu
- or via webform: <https://lists.psu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=TEI-MS-SIG&A=1>

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To access the list archive: <https://lists.psu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A0=TEI-MS-SIG>

SIG: Music



- Convenors: Raffaele Viglianti & Torsten Roeder
- SIG status as usual: "slow but alive" :D
- Main task: harmonization of MEI & TEI, in schema + in practice
- Further activities:
 - Workshop @ MEC Tokyo 2026 (Torsten Roeder / Fabian Moss):
[Minimal Publishing of Multimodal Sources: Integrating MEI, TEI, and More](#)
 - Example repo for integrating multiple formats (encoding and presentation):
<https://github.com/TEI-Music-SIG/examples>
- Slack channels available in TEI and MEI Slack retrospectively
- More Information: <https://tei-c.org/activities/sig/music/>

SIG: Ontologies



- Yes, we are slow and alive too, co-convened by Connie Crompton and Kathryn Tomasek
- 2026 meeting recap:
 - 10 participants (2 online, 8 in person)
 - Discussion and 4 tool/project demos
 - Ontologies are not a goal, even if they might be the last point in a trajectory
 - What are the consequences of ontologizing
 - Positive consequences: bounding boxes
 - Negative consequences: we risk setting up a system in which the things that don't get treated as noise

And we certainly want to be able to keep and study and outliers!

SIG: TEI for Linguistics (a.k.a LingSIG)

Convenors: Piotr Bański and Susanne Haaf-Dumont

Since the last TEI Conference, the SIG has met virtually three times and hosted three presentations of various length (by Martin Holmes, by Joel Kalvesmaki, and by Chiara Martignano and Giorgia Rubin). The next meeting is planned for October.

Much of the group's activity is reflected in the TEI-C GitHub issues (look for the label "SIG:LingSIG") as well as in the LingSIG fork of the TEI-C repository.

Notably, a pull request concerning lightweight annotation of dependency constructions (a proposed addition to ch. 18.4) is under review by the Council.

SIG: Text and Graphics

The TEI Guidelines are used to encode many diverse, graphically rich documents, including illuminated manuscripts, laboratory notebooks, art books, children's illustrated books, comics and graphic novels, and so on. These types of graphically rich documents present GRAPHICSspecial concerns, considerations, and challenges, both conceptually at the encoding level and technically at the transformation, presentation, and publishing layers of digital document development.

The purpose of this SIG will be to discuss, develop, and document various strategies and best practices for implementing the digital facsimile structures available in TEI P5, especially as relates to graphically rich texts, and for developing methods to extend the TEI when existing structures are not suitable.

The conveners of the SIG are [John Walsh](#) and [Martin de la Iglesia](#). The SIG maintains [a TEI wiki page](#) and a mailing list:

The mailing list "TEI GRAPHICS SIG" can be joined:

- by sending an email to (recommended): TEI-GRAPHICS-SIG-subscribe-request@lists.psu.edu
- or via webform: <https://lists.psu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=TEI-GRAPHICS-SIG&A=1>

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Activities

The Text & Graphics SIG first convened at the third annual TEI Member's Meeting in Nancy, 2003. The SIG usually convenes at the annual Members' Meeting.

TEI COMMUNITY CALLS



TEI

- **3rd Tuesday of the month at 8am PT / 11am ET / 3pm UTC / 5pm CET**
- Launched Nov. 2024 (following TEI2024, Buenos Aires).
- 15 Community Calls so far.
- **Open discussion of encoding practices, tickets, and encoding questions**
- In 2026 we experimented with invited speakers – increased attendance!

Thanks to our speakers:

- Chris Ruotolo, University of Virginia
- Sabrina Strutz, Graz University
- **All** are invited to propose topics
- Label on GitHub (Community Call) for issues to discuss
- See: <https://tei-c.org/activities/community/>

Next call:

September 15th 2026

**Give us some
feedback! -->**



TEI COMMUNITY CALLS



TEI

Next calls in 2026:

- Tuesday, September 15
 - Tuesday, October 20
 - Tuesday, November 17
 - Tuesday, December 15
-
- Register
<https://members.tei-c.org/Events>

Give us some
feedback!



New Business

New Business Details

- Election
- ~~Announcement of Rahtz Prize~~ (Not this year!)
- Announcement of TEI 2027
- Reminder: TEI and Funding Bids
- Membership Drive and Finances
- Questions / Discussion

Big thanks to those volunteers whose terms
are coming to an end in December 2026
(if not re-elected)



TEI-C Board of Directors

- Gimena del Rio Riande
- Diane Jakacki (2022-25 Chair of Board of Directors): Ongoing as Treasurer & Membership Secretary

TEI-C Technical Council

- Syd Bauman
- Torsten Roeder
- Joey Takeda
- Raffaele Viglianti

Election Results: Board of Directors

Nominated: (3 Nominated for 2 Positions)

- Gimena del Rio Riande
- Torsten Roeder
- Christine Ruotolo

Elected: Torsten Roeder was successfully elected, but stepped aside.

- Gimena del Rio Riande
- Christine Ruotolo

Thank you to all those who nominated someone and all those who stood for election! If you were unsuccessful, please keep trying in future years!

Election Results: Technical Council

11 candidates – 4 positions

Results:

- **Syd Bauman**
- **Torsten Roeder**
- **Joey Takeda**
- **Raffaele Viglianti**

Those nominated:

- Syd Bauman
- Roman Bleier
- Selina Galka
- Dario Kampkaspar
- Chiara Martignano
- Elsa Pereira
- Ariane Pinche
- Torsten Roeder
- Joey Takeda
- Raffaele Viglianti
- Yifan Wang

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About Keio

Over 160 Years of Tradition and Innovation

TEI

PROLOGUE

Keio University

10

► Undergraduate faculties

14

► Graduate schools


33,800+

► University students


2,400+

► Full-time university faculty

*Including non-tenured faculty

Established in 1858 by Yukichi Fukuzawa as a small school of Western learning, Keio has a history as Japan's very first private institution of higher learning. Over 160 years since its founding, Keio has thrived under its founder's motto of *jitsugaku*, or empirical science, as it continues to transform Japan as a modern nation through contributions to education,

TEI2027
@Keio University, Tokyo

Gutenberg Bible



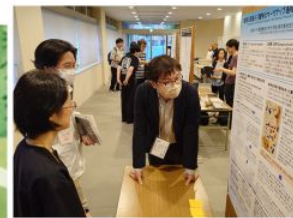
Digitization for rare books **since 1996**

Japanese picture novel in 17th century



The Hub for Text Encoding in Japan

DiHuCo Hub for Data Platform **since 2024**



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- Develop and publish Text Encoding Guidelines for East Asian Texts.
- Produce and publish supporting tutorials and use cases demonstrating the application of these guidelines.
- Organize lectures, workshops, and seminars to promote and teach the use of the guidelines within the East Asian Studies community.



Welcome to Keio University!



[Introduction to Tokyo \(Video\)](#)

30 Aug – 3 Sep 2027

Reminder: TEI-C and Academic Funding Bids

TEI-C provides suggested boilerplate text for you to use as starting point to talk about:

- Using the TEI in your academic project
- Adding TEI Consortium Membership to your funding bid

TEI-C is also happy to partner on funding bids in a variety of other ways.

If you have research funds leftover at the end of a TEI-related project, consider a donation!

<https://tei-c.org/support/bids/>

TEI

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Funding Bids and the TEI Consortium

Mentioning the TEI Consortium in your funding bids

The TEI Consortium provides one of the most flexible, widely-used internationally-recognised standards in digital text encoding, and mentioning that you are planning to follow the TEI Guidelines can reassure your application reviewers of your funding body that the data you produce will follow best practices and be reusable in the future. A template explanatory paragraph you may wish to modify for your funding bid could read like this:

The Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) is a community-based consortium which collectively develops and maintains a mature and well-regarded international standard for the representation of texts in digital form that is recognised by digital libraries and archives throughout the world. Volunteers working on behalf of the TEI Consortium maintain this standard as a set of recommended encoding methods for digital texts that are used by projects such as this one. Using the TEI P5 Guidelines for our digital textual data delivers value for money in the creation of richly-encoded XML texts that are in a format ready for long-term preservation.

Where you are asked to provide a Data Management Plan the aspects of using the TEI Guidelines you may wish to highlight include:

- The TEI P5 XML format is a plain text, XML-structured format, that is internationally recognised by funding bodies, digital libraries, and archives as suitable for long-term preservation
- The ability to customise the general TEI framework for your specific project vocabulary is beneficial in reducing human error, ensuring documents are valid, and documenting the project's use of the TEI for the future
- Use of the TEI provides significant value for money not only in potential for reuse but also in following a standard format that is easily transformable to other formats as needed

Adding TEI Consortium Membership to your funding bid

The TEI Consortium is a nonprofit membership organisation which is composed of volunteers from academic institutions, research projects, and standards bodies from all around the world. While all TEI Consortium outputs are open access, available freely under open licenses, it is important to contribute financially to the TEI Consortium so that it has funds to maintain and develop these further. Individual membership is \$50 (USD) per year. In project funding applications you have the ability to put in a membership for the project or institution. These memberships enable you to bundle together a set of memberships together and come in the level of Supporter (\$250, up to 5 members), Contributor (\$500, up to 10 members), Friend (\$1500, up to 30 members), Patron (\$2500, up to 50 members), and Sustaining Partner (\$5000, up to 100 members). However, it is common for institutions to take out a higher level of membership than the number of members they represent. A template explanatory paragraph you may wish to modify for your funding bid could read like this:

The TEI Consortium is a nonprofit membership organisation composed of volunteers from academic institutions, research projects, and individual scholars from around the world. By having a yearly membership of “\$AMOUNT”, our project will help to sustain this important and developing standard for the future. Benefits of membership include being eligible to vote in elections for both the TEI Consortium’s Technical Council and the Board of Directors, as well members receive a 50% discount on registration costs for the annual TEI Conference, and discounts on some software and training events.

Partnering with the TEI Consortium in a funding bid

The TEI Consortium occasionally partners with academic projects submitting funding proposals where the outputs of the project provide sufficient benefit to the Consortium or its community. The kinds of things that the TEI Consortium can offer range from writing letters of support or endorsement of proposed projects to active involvement of Board / Technical Council members in a project (where feasible and appropriate). It is beneficial for both research projects and the TEI Consortium to have projects that are contributing to the work of the TEI or supporting its community. Any such potential partnerships and their details must be discussed in advance – please contact chair@tei-c.org with sufficient time before any deadlines (the Board of Directors meets monthly).

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Membership Drive

Ensure that the TEI Consortium's Mission will be viable to future researchers and scholarly communities

- ★ Develop the TEI Guidelines
- ★ Disseminate the TEI Guidelines
- ★ Maintain and develop associated software
- ★ Train and reach out to new editors and projects
- ★ Cultivate a *vibrant* TEI research community

What do we need to do this?

- ★ Support for the Technical Council to sustain, develop, and enhance the Guidelines to respond to practitioners' needs
- ★ Maintain technical infrastructure (Stylesheets, Roma, TEI Garage, etc.)
- ★ Build community, train, share, and collaborate (e.g., conferences, jTEI, workshops, community meet-ups ...)
- ★ Implement some of the recommendations from the TEI Consultation on Membership (more membership benefits, membership drives, target projects/institutions, more visibility, multi-year memberships)

All of this needs resources to support our volunteers!

2027 Membership Fees – First rise from 2001



Individual

- Student/emerging scholar membership: \$50 / year
- Individual membership: \$100 / year
- Membership by donation **

Group

(a group is defined as any institution, company, organization, or project.)

- Project membership (up to 5 members): \$500 / year
- Institutional membership (up to 25 members): \$2,500 / year
- Sustaining Partner (up to 50 members): \$5,000 / year

*** We recognize that individual rates may not align with personal circumstances and these become members by a lower donation; Others might like to **give more** to become members: remember that you can make a donation to the TEI in **any amount** at any point <https://members.tei-c.org/Donations>*

And yet, Comparison of Membership Revenue After Increase



Current

Level	Amount	Members	Total
Individual	\$50.00	147	\$7,350.00
Supporter	\$250.00	13	\$3,250.00
Contributor	\$500.00	8	\$4,000.00
Friend	\$1,500.00	3	\$4,500.00
Patron	\$2,500.00	3	\$7,500.00
Sustaining Partner	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
		175	\$31,600.00

2027

Level	Amount	Members	Total
Student etc.	\$50.00	45	\$2,250.00
Regular	\$100.00	110	\$11,000.00
Project	\$500.00	8	\$4,000.00
Institution	\$2,500.00	5	\$12,500.00
Sustaining Partner	\$5,000.00	1	\$5,000.00
		169	\$34,750.00

- Current membership levels raise \$31,600
- At new levels we only make a small bit more
- The numbers of members are **pessimistic guesses** and assumes losses. (We might gain more student members!)
- Shows that **our priority must be getting more project, institution, or sustaining partners memberships**

Questions for Discussion

- How can we more effectively reach out to institutions and funding agencies (e.g., universities, libraries, projects, initiatives, philanthropically-inclined billionaires)?
- What are the value propositions of membership?
- What should the Consortium do to encourage potential new institutional members to join?
- Remembering that we *all* are volunteering our time for the Consortium, what should the Board and Council commit to in terms of incremental support, consultation, training?
- What should we *stop* doing in order to continue sustaining our core mission?

Many Thanks!

Discussion?