The group received an update on the negotiations with Elsevier, the first meeting with which had taken place the previous day. The membership of the negotiation team for the sector and for Elsevier were confirmed.

The group responded to an update on the discussions with SpringerNature, and to an update on the proposal from Taylor and Francis.

The group received some further negotiation updates and updates on Jisc’s work.

Sally Rumsey (SR), cOAlitioN S OA Expert, presented on the rights retention strategy (RRS) which provides the mechanism by which the original rights holder, usually the author, retains the rights in their own works. This is achieved by a contractual obligation for the original rights holder to assign a CC-BY licence at publication. The author needs to add a funding statement and then deposit a copy of their paper in a repository.

Members expressed concern that some publishers had provided misleading information to authors during the submissions process. It was clarified that the RRS stands whether or not it is supported by the publisher. SR provided a number of examples.