July 2010 Partners Meeting Breakout Session

The Original NDIIPP Partners: Plans for Moving Forward
Breakout Session 1
NDIIPP Annual Meeting
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2:45-4:00

Presenters: Patricia Cruse, California Digital Library, Web-at-Risk project
David Kirsch, University of Maryland, Birth of the Dot Com Era project
Marc Maynard, University of Connecticut, Data-PASS project
Jared Lyle, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research
Steve Morris, North Carolina State University Libraries, NCGDAP project
Nan Rubin, Community Media Services, Preserving Public Television project
Beth Sandore, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, ECHO DEPository
Tyler Walters, Georgia Institute of Technology, MetaArchive Cooperative

Attendees: 23

Moderator Jared Lyle noted the following questions were asked of the participants ahead of time, as framework for today's discussion.

Regarding the partnership projects:
- What kind of structure and organization has your partnership established in preparation for moving beyond core Library support?
- How will the structure be different from the past six years?
- Have current economic realities affected the structure or organization of your partnership?
- What do you see as the biggest challenges for your partnership in the next six years?
- What types of future collaboration would you like to see with the Library of Congress?

The following presenters gave an overview of their projects, and also addressed some or all of the above questions. Slides are available where indicated.

Patricia Cruse, CDL: (slides)
- o CDL has re-invisioned themselves – now "UC Curation Center" (UC3), a new evolving community including external partners, including libraries and non-profits, academic, national and international.
- o Collaborate, build when necessary, and outsource.
- o Staffing has changed to respond to new challenges.
- o A need to "embrace an entrepreneurial spirit" going forward

David Kirsch, Univ. of Maryland:
- o The project successfully gathered the specific set of records.
- o Storage landscape has changed, a terabyte is no longer what it once was.
- o Enormous progress made in many content areas, but not in the area of business records.

o   Big question now is – what will the policies be going forward?

Marc Maynard, Univ. of Connecticut: (slides)
   o   Maintained independence of all partners with different business models, collection sizes and resources.
   o   Need to sustain the partnership, keep participation easy, share technology.
   o   Challenges – infrastructure management, collection development, relationship building, sustaining collaboration and momentum.
   o   Future directions – many areas, including shared catalog and technology, shared preservation activities (developing area), sustainability. Need to solidify commitments from organizations.

Steve Morris, North Carolina State Univ: (slides)
   o   Able to create state-wide community, developed practices.
   o   Outcome – creation of GeoMAPP partnership w/ NC, KY, UT.
   o   Challenges – funding cuts to state governments, making business case for digital preservation, large scale storage costs for raster data, and others.
   o   Several possibilities for collaboration with LC, including disseminating information and best practices, and venues for exchange of ideas

Nan Rubin, Public Television: (slides)
   o   Designed a repository to maintain and use, to encourage other stations to use.
   o   Promoted preservation to the system, all had to adapt to changes due to digital switchover a couple years ago.
   o   Creating new business models, due to economics. For the first time, the CPB decided to take on preservation, with money from Congress, for "American Archive".
   o   Hopefully, this project can hand over its results to this group. Will take a few years.
   o   LC's Culpeper facility can take their materials as files, for sharing in the future.

Beth Sandore, Univ. of Illinois:
   o   Two unanticipated things – development of the "hub and spoke" model of repository architecture, and creation of METS profiles.
   o   The most important result was building a "community" among academics.
   o   Working with the project results, they are building a local digital preservation plan.
   o   In the past year, a movement towards common repository for all campuses.

Tyler Walters, Georgia Inst. Of Technology:
   o   Some new developments, including Educopia a "management entity", so there is no one host university. Was encouraged to do this by NDIIPP early on.
   o   There is growth, but no big changes in structure, with doubling/tripling of membership (including Folger Shakespeare Library). Self sustaining, to run on member dues and storage fees.
   o   With the current economy, will need to leverage infrastructure in institutions, rather than outsource. Also, need to maintain strong relationships.
   o   For the future - new stewardship alliance participation.

Questions after the presentation:
- Has anybody re-applied for funding**?**
  - Martha Anderson responded, one project has a small amount, as 2-yr bridge funding. They had a well executed plan up front. The multi- member groups have been hit by more changes.
- What about other funding?
  - The Data Pass group has applied for other grants. P. Cruse – also got an IMLS grant, for content used in schools. Other grants mentioned.