July 2010 Partners Meeting Breakout Session

Trustworthy Repository Criteria, Virtual Organizations, and Infrastructure
Breakout Session #2
NDIIPP Annual Meeting
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2:45-4:00

Presenters: Micah Altman, Harvard University
Jonathan Crabtree, UNC Chapel Hill
Nancy McGovern, U Michigan, ICPSR
David Minor, UCSD, SDSC
Katherine Skinner, Educopia Institute
Mackenzie Smith, MIT Libraries

Attendees: 31

Brief overview that highlights the topics covered during the meeting.

- Use of TRAC to identify organizational and technological risks
- TRAC audits help inform policies to improve your processes and communicate trustworthiness to community
- Collaboratives/Virtual Organizations benefit long-term preservation and help with cost efficiency through decentralization
- Shared and commonly understood vocabulary and policies are necessary
- Policies are crucial; the definition of a Policy is not always straightforward or easy to express in formal language
- There are gaps in TRAC policy areas; no sliding scale in TRAC for level of trustworthiness. You're either trustworthy or you're not. But there might be a range of trustworthiness
- Redundancy is good
- How does one account for individual institutions involved in collaborative?
- How do communities find trusted digital repository organizations (and the transparency of their finances, etc.)? What role does transparency play in trustworthiness?
- Does trustworthiness expire? What schedule for re-assessment?
- How to balance trust and risk? How to appropriately identify risk?

List of noted Action Items.

- No noted action items