July 2010 Partners Meeting Breakout Session

Politics of Sustainability: Making Distributed Digital Preservation Attractive

Breakout Session #7
NDIIPP Annual Meeting
Wednesday, July 21, 2010
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Presenters: Ardys Kozbial, Chronopolis
            Matt Schultz, MetaArchive
            Andrew Waller, COPPUL
            Tom Wilson, ADPNet

Attendees: 21

Brief overview

Tom Wilson
- Alabama Digital Preservation Network (ADPNet): how can membership be made more accessible?
  o LOCKSS Alliance membership costs are high; considering decoupling ADPNet membership from LOCKSS
  o Hope to have the new arrangement of tiered fees in place by October 1, 2010
- Their current model is sustainable, but the cost is very high and keeps some potential members out

Matt Schultz
- MetaArchive has the foundational belief that cultural memory organizations should serve a role as stewards of their content; MetaArchive is seen as a “true cooperative” rather than a vendor service
- Introducing a tiered membership fee to make the group accessible for smaller consortia
- Using LOCKSS as the technical infrastructure

Andrew Waller
- All the university libraries in the four western provinces of Canada are COPPUL members; most are publicly-funded
- All COPPUL members must set up and maintain a LOCKSS box
- Issue of keeping momentum going; collections are disparate and funding is limited

Ardys Kozbial
- Existing data providers for Chronopolis are all NDIIPP members, which is a model they hope to move away from in the interest of becoming sustainable
- Looking into the possibility of charging a subscription fee, other models of charging customers for digital storage

No action items.