



December 15, 2016

Dear members,

As our first operational year comes to a close I wanted to provide you with an important update regarding deposits, pricing, and services. We are looking beyond the next few years as we consider preserving the scholarly assets of the academy and cultural heritage institutions and have made some significant adjustments. Our vision and actions are focused on passing invaluable assets forward to the next generation of scholars and beyond.

We have signed (or almost signed) Deposit Agreements with over 30 members and are collectively working to secure valuable resources for the public good for generations to come. This year has been one of learning as we have worked through legal agreements, looked at membership and services, and examined workflow at the local level. Please review the notable changes below.

Grace period for 2016 deposits

Many members are just now finalizing (or preparing) their deposits for 2016. To insure that no member is disadvantaged, we are extending the time of the 5TB allocation from your 2015-16 membership through the end of 2017. This will give members time to work through any issues in order to take full advantage of their membership benefit. Therefore, all current members will have 10TB of preservation allocation to use by December 2017 (5 TB for 2016 and 5TB for 2017).

And as a reminder, a Deposit Agreement will need to be signed to cover the 2017 deposit. The programming teams have completed a nearly yearlong effort to improve the software that manages the DPN infrastructure. DPN 2.0 is being deployed over the next few weeks by the DPN Nodes. Deposits can still be made in the meantime, but will not be finalized and replicated until DPN 2.0 is live in all nodes.

Significant price drop for additional TBs deposited into DPN

The DPN leadership team has been diligent over the last year to contain operational costs. The lowered expenses along with projected drops in long-term storage costs have enabled us to significantly reduce the price for depositing additional content into DPN. Additional TBs beyond the amount included with your membership will now be priced at **\$2,750 per TB**. This cost is for twenty years of preservation storage equating to \$137.50 per TB per year or \$11.45 per TB per month. This price will be specified in the 2017 Deposit Agreements.

DPN Services for Members

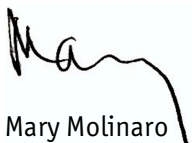
Digital preservation workflow training - Over the last year we have determined that workflow at the local level is a significant challenge for many institutions. Many members do not have a fully mature strategy for managing digital content in order to ensure its preservation. We are taking steps to help remove barriers that are preventing the preservation of content into repository systems and into DPN. In conjunction with AVPreserve, we are working to develop a curriculum that will instruct practitioners in how to develop a digital preservation workflow. This curriculum will be widely distributed for use in face-to-face workshops and in online courses so those working in our institutions will have a clear path forward.

Residency program - We are also in the process of seeking funding to establish a DPN National Digital Stewardship Residency program. This program, in conjunction with the Library of Congress, would place post-masters residents in DPN member institutions to establish workflows and process digital content for deposit in a repository.

Tool development - We are exploring what tools are needed at the local level to help get content flowing into repositories. Once determined, the development of such tools will make a real difference to many of our members and to the community at large.

I want to say a hearty thank you to all members of the DPN community. I am proud to stand with you as we work together to preserve valuable resources that are vital for future generations. Our community has recognized the importance of taking action in a very real way, and for that I am grateful. I am excited about what the future holds for the work we are doing and wish everyone much success in the New Year.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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