



April 26, 2017

Dear colleagues,

We are writing to invite – and encourage – you to attend the upcoming DPN Membership meeting, May 23-24 at Emory University in Atlanta.

The DPN Board has formed a Program Directions Committee to help shape and guide the priorities for the collaborative work of the DPN community. DPN has the potential for community-based, action-oriented leadership to advance the field and help its members ensure that their vital content is preserved. We want to take advantage of the upcoming meeting to share ideas about possibilities and opportunities to shape practice and further the accomplishment of digital preservation.

To help you determine the appropriate representative(s) to send, here is the preliminary agenda. Our objective is to bring together those who determine institutional policies and priorities in these areas, typically at a senior level, to consider these topics.

**May 23. Session One: The Landscape of Digital Preservation Storage** - This session will articulate, and seek a common view of, the levels and layers of content storage that range from back-up, to commercial “archival”, to DPN-defined preservation storage. Through panel presentations from DPN nodes and other partners, a review of a matrix of the current landscape, and discussion of members’ own definitions, we will aim for a common view of the current and desired ecosystem of preservation repositories.

**May 23. Session Two: New Work in Collaborative Problem Solving** - This session will consider new work accomplished in the Preservation Metadata working group, new ideas under development in the Heavy Users (i.e., large content holders) group, and the storage workflow issues that the Services group, as well as observation of members’ efforts to make deposits, have raised as barriers to effective use of layers and networks for storage.

**May 24. Session Three: Priorities for Programs and Services that Deliver Results** - This session, which will be structured for strategic perspective and active planning, will seek to identify those areas of digital preservation work in DPN member libraries that can be enhanced, strengthened, expanded, and made more effective by collaborative initiatives. Now that we have achieved the milestone of launching the DPN preservation deposit network, we can come together to work on the next big challenges.

We hope you will agree that this meeting could position all of our institutions to increase capacities and broaden our collective impact. Please feel free to contact any of us if you would like to discuss the proposed agenda, DPN goals, or any related matter.

**The Details:** The meeting will start at noon on May 23rd and end at noon on May 24th. Registration information may be found at this [link](#). A hotel block has been set aside for this meeting at the Courtyard Marriott in Decatur and to reserve a room in that block at a discounted rate of \$159, Mary (mary@dpn.org) must receive an email from you by this Sunday.

With best wishes,

DPN Board Program Directions Committee:

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