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Dear members,

As we move past the development of the preservation infrastructure, I would like to update you on the important work that is in progress by both our membership and the DPN leadership.

The Digital Preservation Network (DPN) is a membership organization committed to developing the services, tools and infrastructure needed by research and cultural heritage institutions to preserve their high-value digital content for the next generation of scholars and beyond. DPN creates needed capacities and acts as a catalyst and facilitator within the community for the wide adoption of robust digital preservation practices.

The academic and cultural heritage communities are engaged in a race against time to ensure that the digital content being created and collected today is available for tomorrow's researchers and scholars. With the launch of the DPN distributed preservation network last year, we realized our initial goal of developing a diverse preservation repository system, including the legal agreements that enable succession and protect against institutional failure. Content is now being deposited and replicated in coordinated repository infrastructures around the country—preserved for the next generation of scholars, safely and securely.

DPN Members are now coming together to work on the next big challenges that face the community: preserving content at very large scale (including petabytes of research data, audio, and video); developing tools and services to surmount workflow barriers from the local level up; designing models for preservation systems that meet the needs of diverse constituencies and differing institutional scale; realizing economies of scale and containing costs; and creating workforce development opportunities in our institutions to cultivate future digital preservation leaders. DPN addresses challenges that are beyond the capability of any one institution, challenges that call for solutions drawn from a collaborative ecosystem of infrastructure and commitment.

I look forward to engaging with you and your colleagues as we work together to address the significant challenges facing digital preservation. Our annual membership meeting next month will afford us a wonderful opportunity to interact with one another as we tackle the difficulties before us. Information on the meeting and registration information may be found on our website at [www.dpn.org/news](http://www.dpn.org/news).

See you in Atlanta!

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