InDiPres Annual Membership Meeting, August 14, 2024

Heather Rayl – Vigo County Public Library, Justin Clark – Indiana State Library, Kristopher Ligget – Rose Holeman, Lisa Bennett – Butler University, Emily Bunyan and Tom Bartholomew – Knox County Public Library, Amber Passen – Columbus, Eric Spall – Lebanon Public Library, Natasha Hollenbach – Indianapolis Public Library, Charla Gilbert – Vincennes University, Katie Farmer – Indianapolis Public Library, Bernadette Ewen – Rose Holeman, Bristina DeJesus – Butler University, Evan Miller – Butler University, Reid Isaac Boehm – Purdue, Jamie Wilson - The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, Jacob Speer – Indiana State Library Director, Jennifer Noffze - The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, Benjamin Tween Parnin – Purdue, Amanda Hurford – PALNI, Suzy Quick – Vigo County History Center

Janet Gilligan - Sisters of Providence Archives

Financial updates from Indiana State Library

a) 2023-2024 Fiscal Report
   a. Still a few who haven't paid membership fees and/or storage fees – list of who needs to pay (only 4 for membership and 6 on storage fees)
   b. One big challenge has been the accounting irregularity between InDiPres' and the State Library's record keeping. Still trying to figure it out, but regardless we are in the black. We've never run into the red.
      i. Context – Wabash Vision and Voices (LSTA) – included 3 years of membership
         1. 3 costs - Website, membership of MetaArchive and then Storage to MetaArchive
   c. Membership 2024-2025 – Sept 1st; Storage – Oct 1st
b) 2023-2024 End of Year Report
   a. InDiPres 2023-2024 Annual Report.docx - Google Docs
   b. Most of the report will actually be down in the technical update, but there has been one new member (Indiana Entertainment Foundation). No one has left though there are several who are inactive. Current membership 23 with 13 actively preserving digital content.
   c. Steering Committee – Natasha added

Technical update

a) Recent Additions to InDiPres – Butler has the servers and were going to be moved to State Library, but that proved to be more challenging than expected. Talked to the Midwestern Consortium of Library Services, but it was prohibitively expensive. Butler is still hosting the servers, but once everything currently in the queue they'll be giving it up, probably end of 2024/early 2025.
b) MetaArchive Sunset – Cooperative is sunsetting in 2025. There are several reasons. They worked with LOCKSS to shore up the technical, and that was a great partnership,

but Educopia who was the umbrella for MetaArchive no longer wants to be a financial facilitator (MetaArchive and BitCurator are both being dropped).

    a. We've known that since March/April that it was going away. There was some discussion of it moving somewhere else, but there wasn't anyone who wanted to pick it up.

    b. We've been looking into other possibilities:

        i. Work with APTrust – they weren't the right fit. $20,000 just to be a member, but also they don't have the technical ability to handle a consortium.

        ii. Work with Preservica – Very good technical infrastructure, (Justin has notes if anyone wants them) but $60,000. Our income is $15,000-20,000. They also include a major access piece so that's paying for things we don't need.

        iii. Statewide Private LOCKSS network – very similar in structure to MetaArchive, but since of having a middleman we would run it ourselves, which will take more from the membership. We'll lose the community facilitator position, but we don't think that it's an unreasonable lift for the membership.

c) Prospective PLN Development Discussion

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    b. Need nodes/hosts

        i. That's why Reid and Ben are here from Purdue because they also are part of MetaArchive.

        ii. Michigan has a PLN that we've been talking to. They have an IMLS grant, so one option is to look into some grant funding in 2025. (Grant funding is how InDiPres happened the first time.)

        iii. We think it's going to take a year or two to set this all up. At a minimum we need four nodes. (Purdue, Indiana University, University of Louisville, and ideally State Library) However, especially State Library need a much stronger plan to commit.

        iv. What does that mean for members right now: During the 2024-2025 there will be no fee structure change, unless there is a plan that is voted on by membership. Fees haven't changed since 2019 (membership) or beginning of org (storage). Plan is for storage cost isn't more than $1/gb.

            1. What do we do now: continue to work on digital preservation plans, create archival units and metadata. The ingest process will probably be similar so the work that's done will still be useful. But no ingest for awhile.

            2. Sad to see MetaArchive go, but excited about the opportunity.

Open Floor

Let's move this to now instead of after the elections.

Tom (Emily Bunyan) – What is the specific role of MetaArchive?

- Organization to act as facilitator between participating organization and technical needs. The facilitator would work directly with the LOCKSS team and then work with the InDiPres node institution to get everything ingested. Doing it ourselves should make InDiPres more responsive to members, since so much of the steering committee's time was focused on working with MetaArchive.

Amanda Hurford – curious about the potential nodes – would they be joining InDiPres? Indiana University is already part of the LOCKSS network, so they're more looking at this as a service for the rest of the state. Purdue would join InDiPres, since they were part of MetaArchive. ADPnet (which is the Alabama PLN and they're adopting a few of the orphan MetaArchive). We've thinking that we'll still be InDiPres but we're not opposed to bringing in from outside Indiana, like Louisville. Do Reid or Ben want to say anything? Reid – we've had some great talks at Purdue about being involved. Ben – promising possibility. Purdue was a node for MetaArchive so they definitely have the ability. Follow-up from Amanda – node exchange with someone outside our geographic range. Justin – yes we're open to that. But yes, definitely. There has been a long-term vision where we merge with Michigan to become a larger mid-western regional PLN. Right now though, need to show that we're able to do this and become stable. Be big enough that there are enough members to handle the work and cost distribution. Also node at Stanford.

Elections

Justin should always be part of the Steering Committee, but since there's not a way to do that right now, but he's willing to be nominated as Chair Elect.

When should the proposed documents be changed? Do we to wait until the new PLN? The Steering Committee is the only standing committee, so we're going to have to bring some of the committees back. We should be able bring those back and add Justin to the steering committee pretty quickly. Justin also suggested that we set a monthly or bimonthly meeting, which is we have a quorum, we could vote on some of this.

Justin is providing the institutional memory, and the State Library is the institution that all the money is running through, so it makes sense.

a) Nominees for Steering Committee
b) Vote to Approve

Steering Committee 2024-2025: Justin Clark – Chair Elect, Natasha Hollenbach – Chair, Charla Gilbert – Past Chair

Adjournment