NDSA On the Move

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Collaborators & Co-Conspirators

- The over 160 institutional members of NDSA, and the tens of thousands of hours contributed by their representatives to NDSA working groups, meetings and reports.
- Library of Congress and CLIR / DLF staff who are actively working to effect a smooth transition to the Digital Library Federation.
NDSA’s Mission

to establish, maintain, and advance the capacity to preserve our nation's digital resources for the benefit of present and future generations.
DLF’s Mission

to advance research, learning, and the public good through the creative design and wise application of digital library technologies.
(brief) History of the NDSA

• The National Digital Stewardship Alliance was launched in 2010 as an initiative of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP), with a core of NDIIPP partner organizations.

• Over the last five years, the NDSA has grown rapidly, to include over 165 organizations that represent all sectors, and include universities, consortia, professional associations, commercial enterprises, and government agencies at the federal, state, and local levels.
• Based on **collaborative community effort** and partnership. There are no fees for NDSA membership.
• The **Host Organization** provides essential organizational support, logistical support, and substantive collaboration and expertise.
• Each NDSA member organization joins by being vetted, **committing to the NDSA principles**
• Each member **contributes efforts** to working groups, reports, surveys, meetings and other NDSA initiatives
• Governance is democratic: **member organizations elect a coordination committee** to guide the organization
at the Five Year Mark in 2015:
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2015 - A Year of Evaluation

January
- Library of Congress Reorganizes
  - New deputy director appointed
  - NDIIPP, OSI reorganization follows

April
- NDSA and Library Announce RFP for New Host
  - Public RFP issued in April
  - Issued to an international audience

July
- Host Interviews
  - Expert advisory committee formed
  - Five host organizations interviewed

October
- DLF Announced as Incoming Host
  - Coordinating committee and working groups collaborating on transition
• Mission Alignment
  The core mission of NDSA is to promote digital stewardship – CLIR / DLF have, respectively, a 60- and 20-year track record of dedication to digital stewardship

• Commitment to Values
  NDSA members commit to inclusiveness, exchange, collaboration and stewardship. CLIR / DLF recognizes and commits to these values.

• Commitment to Democratic Governance
  NDSA is a democratic, membership-run organization. CLIR / DLF has committed to democratic governance, supporting coordinating committee elections, participating in governance, and to future transition of NDSA assets to future hosts.

• Support for NDSA Activities and Events
  DLF enthusiastically commits to outreach and communication, NDSA working group activities, and the annual membership meeting, without charging a membership fee.

• Internal and External Review
  DLF was well reviewed by the NDSA external Advisory Board (Joshua Greenberg, Sloan Foundation; Kathryn Mendenhall, Library of Congress; Victoria Reich, Stanford U; Don Waters, Mellon Foundation) & NDSA CC.
MISSION ALIGNMENT

• We’re similarly **outward-focused**, mission-driven, and thinking about social (not just technological) systems
• CLIR+DLF efforts to create a **long-haul culture of accessible information**: not just to protect/preserve our shared cultural heritage, but to solve 21st century problems

PROGRAM ALIGNMENT

• In **educational programs** especially: CLIR/DLF postdocs in data curation, DLF eResearch Network, emerging work on professional development/communities of practice ("Legible Learning"), DLF Forum

STRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY

• **Similarly structured** to support NDSA working groups in the way we do our own (plus opportunities to **combine/collaborate/rethink** on both sides)
• **Organizationally light and nimble**: not a lot of preconceived notions, barriers (conceptual, geographic, technical, etc.), or bureaucracy involved
• DLF as **practitioner-oriented**: new blood to NDSA working groups from DLF member orgs; huge growth of DLF means greater exposure/chance for implementation of NDSA products by DLF practitioners

Why NDSA?
Some Things Coming in 2016

Winter
- Launch of DLF-NDSA Web Site
- Launch of Bi-Annual Web Archiving Survey

Spring
- Publication of Preservation Storage Survey
- Renewal of Organizational Agreements

Summer
- Elections to Coordinating Committee
- Digital Preservation Pioneer Awards

Fall
- Digital Preservation Innovation Awards
- 2016 National Agenda for Digital Stewardship
- Digital Preservation 2016 meeting in conjunction with the DLF Forum
The Plan for 2016: Collaboration at Multiple Scales

❖ Deeper engagement with NDSA members through working groups and interest groups
❖ Collaboration and greater intersection with the DLF community
❖ NDSA initiatives and activities at the local level
❖ An increased focus on international collaboration
❖ Your ideas?
Join in Stewardship!

❖ Watch for calls for participation, new reports, and transition announcements
❖ Become an institutional member
❖ Invite briefings, webinars, and consultations on the Agenda or other NDSA work
❖ Seek assistance in gathering comments on National policies and programs
❖ Seek assistance in recruiting experts for review and discussion panels
❖ Seek referrals to content stewards in specific areas
More Information

new website coming soon at:

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