Program Steering Committee Update
ConCon Con Con Ballot Initiatives Update

HathiTrust 2014 Members Meeting

10 October 2014
Bob Wolven
Chair, PSC
Program Steering Committee

• Established as part of new governance structure.
• Initial members appointed May 2013.
• First in-person meeting September 2013.
• Two new members appointed May 2014.
• Website: http://www.hathitrust.org/psc
PSC Charge

- Reviews HathiTrust’s development agenda, shaping initiatives and strategies for Board discussion and decision-making.
- Recommends alterations in the development agenda based on such reviews.
- Develops position papers for the member community to encourage debate or mobilize discussion with regard to particular issues.
- Works with the Board of Governors to develop policies for HathiTrust and its members.
Membership

8-12 members appointed by the Board for 2-year terms

Current members

Ivy Anderson (California Digital Library)
John Butler (University of Minnesota)
Chris Freeland (Washington University)
Todd Grappone (University of California, Los Angeles)
Martha Hruska (University of California, San Diego)
Martin Kurth (New York University)
Erika Linke (Carnegie Mellon University)
Robert McDonald (Indiana University)
Matthew Sheehy (Harvard University)
Elaine Westbrooks (University of Michigan)
Bob Wolven, Chair (Columbia University)
PSC Actions 2013-2014

• Initial focus on Constitutional Convention Ballot Initiatives
• Re-established Collections Committee
• Created Rights & Access Working Group
• Charged Zephir Advisory Group
Collections Committee

• Responsible for collection development activities and policies
• Charged with making key recommendations about the content included in HathiTrust.
  – Collection development
  – Prioritization for new content types
  – Collection management tools and analytics
Collections Committee

- **Current members and terms**
- Ivy Anderson, Chair and PSC Liaison (CDL), 2014 - 2015
- Sharon Farb (UCLA), 2014
- Dan Hazen (Harvard University), 2014
- Carmelita Pickett (Texas A&M University), 2014
- Bryan Skib (University of Michigan), 2014
- Claire Stewart (Northwestern), 2014
- Tom Teper (University of Illinois), 2014 – 2015
- Ann Thornton (NYPL), 2014
Rights and Access Working Group

• **Responsibilities:**
  • Become familiar with previous work to open access to HathiTrust materials.
  • Support sustainability planning for the CRMS project.
  • Clarify priorities for copyright review of specific materials, such as serials, state documents, and publications in specific languages. May propose pilot studies to assess feasibility of these reviews.
  • Develop a strategy for engaging rights holders to encourage them to open access to their materials. Working with the Collections Committee, identify sets or collections of publications to target for inclusion.
  • Develop criteria to evaluate potential open access publishing partnerships.
Rights and Access Working Group

• **Membership**
  • Elaine L Westbrooks, Associate University Librarian for Research, University of Michigan (Chair)
  • Kyle Courtney, Copyright Advisor, Harvard University
  • Sharon Farb, Associate University Librarian for Collection Management and Scholarly Communication, UCLA
  • Joseph Hafner, Associate Dean, Collection Services, McGill University
  • Melissa Levine, Lead Copyright Officer, University of Michigan
  • Monica McCormick, Program Officer for Digital Scholarly Publishing, New York University
  • Kevin Smith, Director, Copyright and Scholarly Communication, Duke University
Zephir Advisory Group

• Zephir: “the infrastructure and processes that comprise the bibliographic metadata management service offered by the University of California for HathiTrust.”

• ZAG:
  – recommends new features and service enhancements to Zephir
  – serves in a consulting capacity ... to address operational considerations.
Constitutional Convention
Ballot Proposals, Oct. 2011

• 5 Passed
  – Establish a stable and effective governance structure
  – Expand and enhance access to U.S. federal publications
  – Establish a distributed print monograph archiving program
  – Formalize a transparent process for ... development initiatives
  – Develop and vet a fee-for-service model
Governance Structure

• Ballot proposal specified:
  – Composition of Board of Governors
  – 5-member Executive Committee
  – BoG to develop Bylaws for ratification by members
  – BoG to “create committees and working groups to carry out the Trust’s work and to develop strategies and priorities”
Government Documents Initiative Planning & Advisory Working Group

- Mark Sandler, Chair (CIC);
- Prue Adler (ARL);
- Ivy Anderson (CDL);
- Joni Blake (GWLA);
- Kirsten Clark (Univ. of Minnesota);
- Rick Clement (Univ. of New Mexico);
- Elizabeth Cowell (UC Santa Cruz);
- Michael Norman (Univ. of Illinois);
- Mark Phillips (Univ. of North Texas);
- Jon Rothman (Univ. of Michigan);
- Judy Russell (Univ. of Florida);
- Barbie Selby (Univ. of Virginia);
- Jeremy York (HathiTrust)
Print Monographs Archive Task Force

- Tom Teper, Chair (University of Illinois)
- Clem Guthro (Colby College)
- Robert Kieft (Occidental College)
- Erik Mitchell (University of California, Berkeley)
- Jake Nadal (ReCAP)
- Jo Anne Newyear Ramirez (University of British Columbia)
- Matthew Sheehy (Harvard University)
- Emily Stambaugh (California Digital Library)
- Karla Strieb (Ohio State)

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Development Initiatives

• HathiTrust desires to encourage the contribution of HathiTrust partners in order to leverage the expertise and resources of those partners

• Development initiatives have the potential to inform and influence the Strategic Goals and Objectives

• Development initiatives endorsed by HathiTrust necessarily consume the finite human, financial and technical resources of HathiTrust and HathiTrust partners
Fee-for-Service

- HathiTrust has received many requests from institutions ... that wish to preserve digital content in HathiTrust without [becoming members]
- The inclusion of rare or unique materials has the potential to increase the value and usefulness of HathiTrust
- Whereas, HathiTrust has an existing fee model that is based on the size (i.e., in bytes) of data deposited ...
1 Referred to Board
  – Broaden Mission and Goals beyond print

  – “[open] the door to consideration of the full range of “digital assets of intellectual value to our scholars and the academic research enterprise”
Looking Ahead
PSC in 2014-2015
Turning Talk into Action

• Respond to working group reports, Collections Committee proposals

• Define resource needs

• Oversight and monitoring of programmatic activities
Strategic Focus: 4 Areas

• Non-Text Formats

• Quality Assurance and Validation

• Services for Print Disabilities

• Metadata Strategies and Policies
Non-Text Formats

• Which formats?
  – Still images; time-based media; executable content; archival materials; web archives

• Needs and priorities
  – Current members; potential members
  – Preservation? Access? Both?

• Technical considerations
  – Development costs; systems architecture; storage and preservation
  – Rights management; metadata standards & indexing; user interface

• Operational considerations
Quality Assurance and Validation

(Recent) Past and Present: Gating ingest

Aspects of quality:
- Image legibility; image completeness; OCR; metadata; mark-up

Impacts on programs and services:
- User access; usability; replacement for print; textual analysis

Potential for item certification program

Avenues for remediation
Services for Print Disabilities

• Current status:
  – Mediated access through proxy
  – Eligible patrons at member institutions
  – Based on overlap with print holdings

• Issues to explore:
  – How much can be done within the law?
  – How broad is the need? What’s the potential impact?
  – Opportunities for partnerships
  – What’s needed to support direct authentication?
Metadata Strategies

• Multiple types of metadata
  – Bibliographic; rights; technical and preservation
  – Member print holdings
  – US documents registry

• Issues to be considered
  – Integration across sources
  – Maintenance and enhancement
  – Use and sharing
  – Impact on programs and services
Thank you!