Program Steering Committee Update
& Panel Discussion of Collections Survey Findings

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Session Outline

• PSC Overview and Update

• Panel Discussion of Collections Survey Analysis and Findings
  – Round Robin from 4 PSC sub-domain perspectives
  – Q & A from the Floor and Panel Exchange

• Wrap-up
PSC Charge

Established in 2013, the PSC is charged to:

• Review HathiTrust’s development agenda, shaping initiatives and strategies for Board discussion and decision-making.

• Develop position papers for the member community to encourage debate or mobilize discussion with regard to particular issues.

• Work with the Board of Governors to develop policies for HathiTrust and its members.

Bylaws of HathiTrust:
PSC Membership

Current Members (8-12 members appointed by the Board for 3-year terms)

- Ivy Anderson (California Digital Library)
- John Butler, Chair (University of Minnesota)
- Todd Grappone (University of California, Los Angeles)
- Martha Hruska (University of California, San Diego)
- Robert McDonald (Indiana University)
- Erik Mitchell (University of California, Berkeley)*
- Beth Sandore Namachchivaya (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)*
- Greg Raschke (North Carolina State University)
- Oya Rieger (Cornell University)
- Michael Stoller (New York University)*
- Karla Strieb (The Ohio State University)*
- Elaine Westbrooks (University of Michigan)

* Denotes new members as of July 2016
What Drives HathiTrust Program Priorities?

Historically:

• 2008-2010: HathiTrust Functional Objectives (13)
  – Public ‘Discovery’ Interface for HathiTrust, Full-text search, Page turner
  – APIs for member institutions’ use and integration of data
  – TRAC Certification, more…

• 2011-date: Constitutional Convention Ballot Initiatives (5)
  – Expand and enhance access to U.S. federal publications
  – Establish a distributed print monograph archiving program
  – Formalize a transparent process for development initiatives

• 2014-date: Strategic Issue Briefs (4)
  – Non-Text Formats
  – Quality Assurance and Validation
  – Services for Print Disabilities
  – Metadata Strategies and Policies
How Does the PSC Get Work Done?

1. Through close orchestration with the Board of Governors and the Executive Director; and

2. A process of:
   – Discerning needs and interests of the membership,
   – Scoping strategy and work agendas, and
   – Assembling key experts from the membership to serve on committees and working groups to advance exploration and/or instigation (with PSC liaison/lead structure)
HathiTrust PSC Committees and Working Groups

• **Collections Committee** (2014, July 2016): A standing committee responsible for collection development activities and policies, charged with making key recommendations about HathiTrust content.

• **Metadata Policy, Strategy, Use and Sharing Advisory Group**: (2015) MUSAG is charged with reviewing managed metadata, formatting relevant policy and strategic directions to benefit the members. Interacts closely with the Zephir Advisory Group.

• **Quality Assurance and Standards Working Group** (August 2016): Recommends strategies, processes, and techniques detailing how members, end users, and/or HathiTrust Operations can assure the quality of the HathiTrust corpus.

• **Rights and Access Working Group** (2014): Promotes HathiTrust's ability to provide the widest possible access to its collections within the law by establishing priorities for rights determinations and strategies for engagement with rights holders.

• **Ad Hoc Development Framework Working Group** (2015): Responding to passed Ballot Measure #2, creates a transparent and well-managed process for HathiTrust development initiatives that follow overall programmatic decisions.

For committee/group charges and related documents, see: [https://www.hathitrust.org/working_groups](https://www.hathitrust.org/working_groups)
HathiTrust Program Initiatives with PSC Advisory

• **Federal Documents Advisory Committee** (August 2016): makes recommendations regarding implementation of the U.S. Federal Documents Program.

• **Shared Print Advisory Committee** (July 2016): Recommends policies and procedures to establish and sustain the HathiTrust Shared Print Program.

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Panel Discussion
Collection Priorities Survey Analysis

HathiTrust Collections Committee
- Carmelita Pickett, Chair
- Martha Hruska, PSC Liaison
- Sharon Farb
- Bryan Skib
- Claire Stewart
- Tom Teper

Conducted in Fall 2015 (n=76)
Key Recommendations

1. Concentrate on Enhancing the Comprehensiveness of the Digitized Print Collections

2. Improve the Quality of the Corpus

3. Improve Services to Members (address barriers to access, provision collection management, analysis, and reporting tools, etc.)
Panelists and Perspectives

- **Martha Hruska**
  - representing the Collections Committee

- **Ivy Anderson**
  - representing the Quality Assurance and Standards Working Group

- **Todd Grappone**
  - representing the Metadata User Services Advisory Group and Zephir Advisory Group

- **Beth Sandore Namachchivaya**
  - HathiTrust Research Center perspective (Exec. Mgmt. Team)
What key activities is PSC setting into motion in response to these recommendations?

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Looking Ahead
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PSC 2017

• **Steering and review of numerous initiatives set in motion:**
  – Collection development of the digital corpus
  – Quality improvements
  – Metadata policy and use
  – Technology/service development framework
  – Federal documents
  – Shared Print

• **Emerging policy issues** (with Board and Exec. Dir.)

• **Review of support models** for PSC and groups

• **Strategic planning?** Review of program governance / member engagement models? (with Board and Exec. Dir.)
Thank you.
Let’s talk.