PRESERVATION OF ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CONFERENCE CALL, April 28, 2017,
4:00PM CENTRAL TIME

Present: Martin Halbert, Robbie Sittel (note taker), Deborah Caldwell, Bernie Reilly, Marie Waltz, Shari Laster, James R. Jacobs, Scott Matheson, Marie Concannon, Lynda Kellam

Agenda:
1. May 18 meeting plans
2. Other upcoming presentations/meetings
   a. DataRefuge (May 8-9)
   b. ALA
      i. CRL (6/23 2p)
      ii. GODORT (6/24 10a and 6/26 1p)
      iii. possible ALCTS-PARS (6/24 3p)
   c. DLC (10/16-18)
   d. NDSA panel (10/25-26 -- proposal due May9)
3. IMLS grant news
4. upcoming activities (end of May)
5. other updates from group

MARTIN recapped the proposed agenda and attendees for the May 18 meeting. A request was made for changes or additions to the agenda with none offered.

MARTIN offered an overview of upcoming meetings where PEGI could be featured or discussed. Tentative plans for a steering committee meeting hosted by CRL in alignment with ALA Annual in Chicago. This meeting is tentatively planned for 6/23. (since the call, this meeting has been moved to Monday 26 June) Additional details and RSVP mechanism to come.

ROBBIE and SHARI shared information about 2 GODORT programs focused on preservation of government information. James R. Jacobs and Robbie Sittel will be part of a moderated panel discussion Saturday June 24.

MARTIN reported on a call for submissions for the ALA ALCTS PARS meeting at ALA Annual on Saturday, June 23. Martin also asked if any of the committee would be willing to co-present. CINDY noted that David Walls with GPO is active in ALCTS and would likely be available to participate.

LYNDA shared she will propose a PEGI session for the North Carolina Library Association conference. This conference is held the same days as the Depository Library Council meeting and conference.

ROBBIE offered proposing a session for the Depository Library Council meeting and conference in October. CINDY shared the call for proposals would post toward the end of the summer.
MARTIN shared information about the call for proposals for the NDSA meeting in October and requested volunteers to serve on a panel. The conference theme is “Preservation is Political.”

SHARI reminded that the DLF forum ahead of the NDSA meeting. She is interested in attending both and would be willing to serve as part of a panel presentation. MARTIN is interested in 3+ people sharing information about the project. MARIE C. is also interested in participating on the panel.

MARTIN reported the IMLS PEGI pre-proposal was invited to move to the full proposal stage. Details and discussion will be shared at the May 18 meeting. Martin shared the feedback from reviewers was positive and noted a “strong team”.

MARTIN shared information about conversations UNT has had with representatives at NARA including Meg Phillips and members of the Records Management Oversight and Reporting Program. The UNT group has reviewed several RMSA self-assessments to gauge at-risk federal agencies that could serve as a test-case for the environmental scan. MARTIN mentioned additional information learned from NARA reps including site inspection reports.

https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/resources/inspections.html

SHARI noted recent conversations with EDGI representatives and upcoming phone call between PEGI and EDGI groups.

Those attending the May 8-9 DataRefuge/Libraries+ Network meeting include Cindy Etkin, James Jacobs, Martin Halbert and Robbie Sittel.

MARIE C. shared information about a DataRefuge event she attended in St. Louis. Prior to attending the event, MARIE had the impression anyone could engage in the activities but learned there is a learning curve and expected knowledge of coding and hacking. Training was offered and though the theoretical knowledge was easy to pick up, practical application was not as easy and felt the training needs more focus.

LYNDA shared information about a recent FDLP hosted webinar discussing a impressions and outcomes from Minnesota-based DataRefuge event.

LYNDA suggested submitting PEGI-related articles for a special issue of Against the Grain focused government information preservation. The issue will consist of 6-8 articles due in November 2017. There is an affiliated conference that might also be a good fit. The plan is to add this to the May 18 meeting agenda.

CINDY reported on GPO’s project with the Federal Research Division (FRD) at LOC to evaluate publishing workflows and the impact on GPO. For this project, GPO has identified a sample group to test the questionnaire. Feedback will be evaluated and questions distributed to larger. Findings will be reported.
out at the Oct DLC meeting. CINDY mentioned the RMSA questions are helpful to the PEGI group and also cautioned that we be mindful of the FRD group and the roles of GPO & NARA.

Minutes submitted by Robbie Sittel