

WPI Advisory Group Meeting
UW Allen Library Tower Room
(Dean's Office, 4th floor)
Friday, January 19, 10 a.m.

AGENDA

1) WSL update - LSTA Funding for Grants

Susan was unable to attend due to a flat tire on I5 (!), but reported in advance that she hoped the announcement for the 2007 Preservation Grants will go out soon.

2) Western States & Territories Preservation Assistance Service (WESPAS)

Update

Gary gave a brief update on WESPAS which received \$408,000 in funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities beginning January 1st. WESPAS will provide disaster planning workshops and 24/7 emergency assistance by phone to support institutional disaster response in ten states and three territories in the Western and Pacific regions. Gary and six other preservation librarians in the West are involved in the project.

3) Discussion of Tom's report: Final Report WPI Program Impact Survey Report, October 27, 2006.

We briefly reviewed some of the findings in Tom's report.

4) WPI Successor

We are encouraged that the Library Council of Washington has authorized \$100,000 for a fourth year of preservation grants. The Secretary of State's proposed Washington Heritage Center is also a positive sign. The State Library is beginning the development of the LSTA 5 year plan. There are opportunities to provide input through the four conferences scheduled in February 2007 and the "Gathering Ideas of Future Statewide Projects" process.

We talked about some of the past collaborative preservation efforts such as the 2000 Swimming Upstream conference and the Vision Statement from that meeting.

<<http://www.lib.washington.edu/Preservation/vision.html>>
The preservnw listserv and discussions that lead to WPI are products of that meeting.

Marketing preservation was discussed. Developing the "right spin" is important. We discussed some of the tie ins and differences between digitization and preservation.

We have developed a preservation constituency for preservation through WPI (the grant recipients, workshop participants and survey respondents), activities such as the PNW Preservation Management Institute (PMI), and students who have taken the

ISchool preservation class. The PMI participants could form a core of preservation experts in the State. Could we schedule a meeting like Swimming Upstream to explore ideas for forming a statewide consortium?

We discussed the possibility of developing some disaster response networks within the State - a follow-up to discussions at the Alliance for Response Forum in June. These would be regional networks as opposed to a state-wide network. Seattle and Spokane are natural areas for networks, but other areas of the State are also possible. There might be a webpage for the networks. Each network might have some centralized supplies and identify local vendors for disaster supplies and services. The Portals Network <<http://www.portals.org/members/disaster.shtml>> has a cold storage agreement. Some networks have mutual aid agreements, e.g, the Inland Empire Libraries Disaster Network <<http://www.ielldr.org/mutual.htm>> and the San Diego/Imperial County Libraries Disaster Response Network <<http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/sildrn/mutualaidagreement.html>>

5) IMLS Initiative

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is working with Heritage Preservation to organize a National Conservation Summit, to be held in June in Washington, D.C. The Summit as part of an IMLS initiative called Connecting to Collections. It will be followed by regional and possibly state forums, but no details have been publicized yet.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at the University of Washington Club, as Gary's thank-you for the group's efforts over the past three years.