

Beyond Technology: Creating and Sustaining the MetaArchive Cooperative

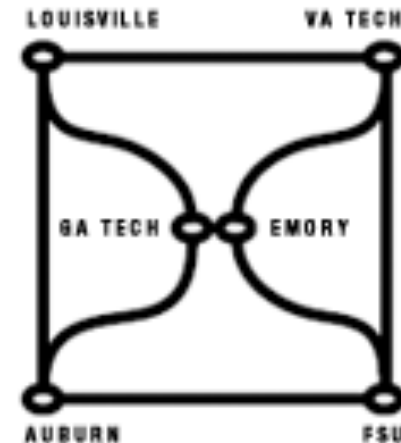
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MetaArchive Cooperative: The Early Days

- Shared goal: preserving digital materials relating to the history of the American South, at reasonable cost
- NDIIPP-supported
- Six initial participants plus Library of Congress
 - Emory
 - Auburn
 - Virginia Tech
 - Georgia Tech
 - Florida State University
 - University of Louisville



MetaArchive Cooperative: From the Beginning

- ❖ A collaborative effort, a philosophy -- not a service
- ❖ Modifications to basic LOCKSS set-up
- ❖ Created Cooperative Agreement for sustainable collaboration
- ❖ Developed traditions and practices that encouraged input, trust, and accountability

Communication, Traditions, Practices

Essential for keeping the collaborative nature alive
across state and regional boundaries

- ❖ Conference calls (1/week)
- ❖ Steering Committee meetings (1/year)
- ❖ Listserv(s)
- ❖ Wiki for document development

Sustainability and Governance

- ❖ Charter
- ❖ Membership Agreement

Charter

- ❖ Organization and governance
- ❖ Answers questions like...
 - ❖ What can membership fees can be spent on?
 - ❖ What are our responsibilities re: copyright?
- ❖ Establishes the roles of committees
 - ❖ Steering committee
 - ❖ Content committee
 - ❖ Preservation committee
 - ❖ Technical Committee

Membership Agreement

- ❖ Clarifies the relationship
- ❖ More than one type of membership
 - ❖ Different institutions have different needs
 - ❖ Different institutions have different resources
 - ❖ We all have stuff to preserve
- ❖ Both membership types presuppose a 3-year commitment
- ❖ Both membership types presuppose membership in the LOCKSS Alliance

Membership Types: Sustaining Members

- ❖ Leadership role
- ❖ Operate a node
- ❖ Contribute more content to be ingested
- ❖ Cost: \$5,000/year or \$12,000/3 years

Membership Types: Preservation Members

- ❖ Operate a node
- ❖ Can have representatives on the content, preservation & technical committees
- ❖ Contribute some content each year to be ingested
- ❖ Cost: \$1,000/year

Expansion and Evolution

- ❖ Expanding collaborative group
 - ❖ More members
 - ❖ More minds for problem-solving
 - ❖ More stuff

- ❖ Adding new networks/archives
 - ❖ Electronic Theses and Dissertations Network
 - ❖ Transatlantic Slave Trade Network

For more information...

- ❖ MetaArchive - <http://www.metaarchive.org/>
- ❖ LOCKSS – <http://www.lockss.org>