

NDLTD Steering Committee
Brigham Young University Library

(Gail's unedited notes)
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Susan Overstreet, BYU, distributed nametags and registration packets

Fox Welcome
Thanks to BYU conference coordinators: Susan Overstreet, Selby Herrin, and Scott Eldgredge
Reviewed agenda
1st service award to John Eaton, plaque and check in the mail for \$500 (from last year's
conference surplus). Schaffer made suggestions for slight redesign of wording (Inaugural instead
of 1st) Need for process for future service awards

Awards Discussion

Fox What about awards for students? Sponsors? Graduate school perspective needed. What does it
mean to win an ETD award? Content? Innovative presentation?

JL American History Association (AHA) model: to turn TH into ETD. Each student nominated
could make a presentation on the thought of ETD. Issues addressed included intellectual property.
Look at interdisciplinary societies, a few, and see if they would cosponsor. Would give faculty in
the disciplines the role.

JS What about regional graduate school associations? Would serve prospectively to give the
opportunity at completion of the TD. The effort would both push and pull the ETD initiative.

Fox Are we ready to do this?

VC What about most accessed ETDs?

GMc Would this give advantage to an institution like VT that has had ETDs for a longer period of time
so users may be more accustomed to using its database?

JH What about awarding multimedia innovations? WVU is developing facilities and support for its
students to do this, as is Joe Moxley at USF. Let's reward them as a consortium.

- JS Perhaps 2 awards: for content and for presentation. Must be for content to lend credibility to the ETD.
- Fox How do we make this happen?
- TC Need to define criteria for selection of awards.
- JL For scholarship award, you want to work with a scholarly society
- Fox This would be a benefit of working with a society
- JS: CGS rotates among the broad fields. Graduate deans within the superstructure serve on the committee. Just North American institutions.
- Fox: Then liaise with multiple groups. AT ETD conference award the technology, expressiveness award. Nomination process; template for a portfolio for nominations, from home institutions, some peer review comments (outside institution—3-4 scholars in that discipline); present argument showing statistics (access, ILL);
- JL: one page essay by author: how technology enhanced the work. Goal: promote creative use of the technology; one award with 10 honorable mentions.
- TC: By institution for ADT nominated to NDLTD would be one possible mechanism. Council of Australian Post-Graduate _____ is promoting ETDs. To recognize when a certain standard has been reached.
- Fox: nominations from any NDLTD member, from the institution or a group selection process: Ask for volunteers at the conference, with a balanced membership in the committee.
- JS: re Strategic Plan, faculty are not strong supporters of ETDs, therefore selection process must involve faculty
- Fox: selection committee representing various constituencies: faculty, graduate deans community,
- JS disciplinary societies would considered valued by the faculty to make this decision
- JB: Involved professional associations and societies. EG ASIS does one. The Language issue is going to be an important consideration.
- AP: Societies have chapters from all over the world
- JL The Strategic Plan may address broader discussion of US and other countries. Work with CGS, and international organizations, work within their structures. May be largely disciplinary award.
- VC Awarded at the home country's association, but recognized as also sponsored by the NDLTD.
- Fox: Maybe an NDLTD award is premature, and we should work with other organizations. We could offer award winners from other associations, countries, to come to the ETD conference
- AP Offer to translate to English. As part of the award.

Fox: Individual comments from Steering Committee members

AP respect local countries. There is an organization similar to CGS in Brazil

PS: Germany has a special ETD advisory board that could make this suggestion

JS: disciplinary societies make decisions. Will enhance faculty participation

SE, SH: Good plan

TC: Broad agreement. Apart from ETDs what about an NDLTD award that advanced ETDs. Like service award but open to programs, organizations, as well as individuals. Fox: like a showcase event. Lippincott: Like EDUCAUSE does an award that highlights a campus and is considered a feather: networking, article, and _____ awards.

JB: supports working through other groups to lend credibility to ETDs from

TH: skeptical about success; coordination and money needed

VC: emphasis the e-part of ETDs, it will work.

Fox Who will volunteer: Liaison between NDLTD and their groups to create a program and an award mechanism for the best ETD by their own standards. Bending funding the NDLTD will co-sponsor the award.

Fox work with ACM

JB: work with ASIS

TC: work with ADT, from the council of Australian university librarians that oversees ADT.

JS: CGS has already been asked to do an ETD session. HE will use this session to let the deans know that we want to work with the disciplinary organizations. A letter drafted for them to use in giving feedback help. He needs a purpose for this session.

Please talk to CGS about an award: JS: need for money

AP: Brazil

JL Internet2/CNI committee to document humanities, capture store document and long term access (UMI also involved) broader than dissertations. Could be performance in lieu of a dissertation. She will see if this award could also be sponsored by NDLTD.

JH What about corporate aspects? Ed volunteered John to approach UMI.

Fox Sponsorship issue (outside of strategic plan) FUND RAISING, LATER
Merrill Lynch award gave innovation awards to TD.

UMI

ISI: from a citation perspective. JB: they provide \$\$ for ASIS dissertation award.

IBM, Adobe, and Microsoft: may be approached

RedHat?

LIAISONS REPORTS

Publishing

JB: SPARC's activities since last fall: activity in open access issues. Helped draft Budapest document. Have shifted emphasis from partnerships with publishers to helping libraries build digital repositories to manage their intellectual assets. Preparing a white paper. CNI/ARL October meeting, also with CERN and other in Europe about the same time—practical and political concerns. Will be available on there
“Gaining Independence” (following on “Declaring Independence”) for more explicit information to create a journal or a repository. A financial template and marketing plan.

Fox: Make this more visible through the NDLTD website. JB will look at this but perhaps also in the “Create Change” website. It would be good if others had NDLTD web pages—from another point of view. Asked Gail and Julia to work together on this. VC was also asked to make a page for the story around the Union Database; TH also for OCLC. Liaison network begun formally here. Could JS get CGS to do so also?

JS: Probably not. Their current initiative is to have visiting deans and those coming from various government agencies, NEH, NASA, etc. to serve as research resources for faculty through CGS. Good annual meetings, interest in ETDs but many other competing interests. Primary interest will be getting faculty to bring along the Graduate School. At Georgetown U, there is an e-library initiative, another train for use in classroom technology and ETDs could be a part of this. CGS would be a broad level of support only.

Library Liaisons

Fox: David Balatti retired this year from the National Library of Canada.

JB Research assessment activities led British Library, Sir Brian Follett, advocated support for research libraries .

JL: Gail and Joan’s CNI/JISC ETD presentation in Edinburgh. Perhaps we can get someone from JISC to participate. JISC has just funded several repositories.

Computing Liaisons

GMc: Stats of NDLTD since last year. VT Stats

JH: success at WVU in educating faculty , has higher worldwide access availability. Eugene Garfield. Will work with Gail to

Fox: What about Budapest agreement?

JB: Educate faculty, open access issue

AP: Conservative

Break

JL: Strategic Planning

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David Balatti, National Library of Canada
Julia Blixrud, ARL
Tony Cargnelutti, University of New South Wales
Vinod Chachra, VTLIS, Inc.
Lorcan Dempsey, OCLC
Ed Fox, *ex officio*, NDLTD and Virginia Tech
Jean-Claude Guédon, University of Montreal
John Hagen, West Virginia University
Gail McMillan, Virginia Tech
Peter Schirmbacher, Humboldt University, Berlin
Eric Van de Velde, Cal Tech

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NLDTD should focus mostly on standards and metadata and secondarily on education, outreach and training.

What organizational structure could best help NDLTD to be an effective and sustainable organization?

Outcome should be basic decisions on organizational structure as principles, not too much detail. Let's get consensus on broad issues. And, help from SC to shape plenary session that will be Friday morning at BYU conference: how to get input from attendees .

Key Program Decisions

- Which program areas and initiatives should NDLTD focus on?
- Decision is broad areas of standards and metadata. Should NDLTD focus on a limited or broad set of initiatives?
- What mechanisms should be used to carry out initiatives, e.g. committees, staff work, workshops, communication channels?
- What key alliances should NDLTD seek?

VC: Let's discuss questions on p. 13 at the same time. JL agreed

Key organizational decisions:

- What is the best organizational structure to facilitate NDLTD's programmatic objectives?
- Should NDLTD incorporate and apply for 501 (c) (3) status and NGO status?
- Should NDLTD develop a stable revenue stream through dues or other sources?
- Should NDLTD have paid staff in addition to volunteers?
- What will be the role of the steering committee or board and how will members be selected?
- How can NDLTD continue to be a lightweight and flexible organization if it adopts a more formal structure?

VC: 1 and 2 should be NGO. Need steady stream of income. Q2-3 = yes, if no?

EF: In thinking about the conference and web, packaging: If membership meant a free registration to the conference. Therefore, 100 members of NDLTD = \$10,000 and each gets 3 free conference registrations, then conference would have some support also. If corporate member get 4 free seats.

JL: Incorporating within the US is a fairly simple process and can be done with or without a lawyer. Need officers and bylaws= step 1. 501C3 status in US = nonprofit status, e.g., don't pay taxes. Do these together. NGO status—she did not pursue to gather information. Reason to incorporate: get a clear sense of identity as a legal entity, a way to get funds but the NLDTD might contract with another organization . If NDLTD wanted to seek grants under its own auspices, it could. However, it does involve paper work to do and to maintain; may require annual paper work. It is a small level of bureaucracy at its simplest. What would be the alternatives to being a nonprofit organization? Could continue informal organization with VT or elsewhere and use their infrastructures for handling money. Or, is there another NPO who would take NDLTD under it. Would mean less overhead for NDLTD. It could still collect dues, even if not a separate organizations. Could look for sustainable funding but this takes time and should be for multiple years or it would be very risky and this is not a typical fundable activity—to run an organization. Also re revenue stream, someone has to be responsible and it takes staff time. Send invoice for dues, sending invoice (multiple times), tracks changes in people responsible for the invoice, etc. International representation, but incorporating in US and applying for non-profit status in US.

- Fox: There are national ETD initiatives such as those in Australia, Germany, and Brazil. UNESCO held a discussion . If we become an NGO, officers would have to be international. Should have officers, standing committees and named chairs.
- JL: This is a key principle of our discussion.
- VC: Easier to organize a company in US than elsewhere. Countries can have membership with dues based on economy of the country. Decide on organize and dues.
- TH: Or, dues and not organization. Dublin Core is an example—needed more formal structure. Didn't incorporate, part of OCLC with supporting role: 2.5 staff on DCMI. Soon will be dues collected. Organize even if don't incorporate.
- JB: Dues issues are important because of funding at universities. Questions will be: whose budget is it coming out of? What do I get for my membership? A seat at the table to do what? Need a clear indication of what money will buy.
- TH: Paying anything is paying more than nothing.
- VC: Percentage of conference registration could support the organization. Objective becomes to make the conference bigger.
- AP: This has been a source of conflict that she is working with.
- TH: May effect where you have your conference.
- JL: JB NASIG: example from the report, no paid staff, conference revenue with low individual
- AP: Staff has important role, question of return for money.
- JL: Peter and Joan discussed dues funded organizations.
- PS: German perspective. Difficult decision to make. Think of what is the future of ETDs, we are at the beginning. It is a part of epublishing. It will be normal thing, so it is necessary to have a separate organization. We need meetings like NDLTD but spread the word. In Germany it is a big step to start or end an organization so wouldn't do it lightly.
- JL: Paying dues: not a common part of the culture in higher education in Germany.
- PS: Yes, a question of the fee and will be the results of paying it? A university can decide for itself, not.
- JS: Similar to creating interdisciplinary areas rather than establishing new departments. Funding comes from participating departments.
- SE: BYU built conference profit into the budget for the conference for the NDLTD.
- TC: ADT has an anchor at UNSW. This year the Australian Council for Higher Education (?) ratified an operation and business. Ask s for a levy from all Australian universities. The first year the libraries will pay, then all universities will contribute the same amount of money. NGO status is attractive because they will be able to attack a different kind of funding.
- EF: UNESCO said there was money but did not contribute anything to this conference.
- JL: What would we lose by charging dues? A loss of membership, perhaps.

General question: What are members contributing to the NDLTD?

- Fox: Let's return to PS's question. The potential number of students contributing ETDs is extremely large. The research from these sources could have profound impact on the world! No one else is promoting universities around the world sharing information like the NDLTD does.
- AP: I don't thinking charging will discourage membership. \$1500 dues by ISTEAC with about 80 university members; corporations pay more, about \$5000/yr. 90% in Latin America (I = Ibero American)
- JH: Sign up and get a package for installation.
- TH: The conference is a good first benefit.
- JL: (1) Develop a more formal structure for the coming year. New Organizational Structure. The committee suggests that the Steering Committee discuss the organizational structure described in this section as a possible direction for NDLTD.

- Assembly - 1 vote for each organization that is a member of NDLTD
- Steering Committee - selected by the assembly every 2 years, with some scheme ensuring that the various types of constituents are represented (e.g., graduate schools, universities, chairs of committees, national/regional projects, industry sponsors).
- Executive Committee - part of the Steering Committee, including Director, chairs of committees, etc.
- Standing Committees - ongoing, including: Standards, Conference, Strategic Planning, Speaker Bureau, Training
- Task Forces - to deal with particular issues
- Staff: Director, Assistant Director, Administrative Assistant – these could be paid or volunteer positions

Do this, then decide next year about incorporation and NGO status.

(2) WE would establish a dues rate and begin to collect under another organization that would hold funds for NDLTD.

TH: What organization.

JL: Would ask CNI if they would do it? ARL does some of CNI's paper work. Would VT handle dues process: membership tracking, collecting dues, and keeping records?

VC: For one year Len and VTLS could

GMc: Must we charge for submission software?

TC: ADT does this now.

TH: Don't wrap software into membership.

SE: Sell maintenance etc. to service.

JL: return to her proposition. For a group to lay out a more formal organization structure above. Should we begin incorporation.

VC: Incorporate as soon as possible, so that companies like Microsoft could give funding (startup, for example) if 501 C3.

JL They might do this to an existing entity such as Virginia Tech.

EF: Table Two: results of luncheon discussion

International board of directors representing every continent except Antarctica

Peter Schirnbacher: Germany/Europe

Ana Pavani: Brazil/South America

Tony Cargnelutti: Australiasia

Felix Ubogu: South Africa/Africa

Gail McMillan: North American:

Shalin Urs: India

GMc: With Ed Fox as chair since he's been the director of the NDLTD?

JL: Board would assume the fiduciary responsibilities if incorporated. No financial responsibility if there is no money, of course. But the morning session's discussion. Chair/president, treasurer, recorder of minutes: officers required for incorporation. Get officers' insurance to cover liability. Covers such things as last minute cancelled conferences (e.g., after 911).

VC: How much of a board will there be? Getting a quorum might be difficult.

JS: Outside members would also be good.

- EF: Focus on Internationalization of the board would encourage support from such organizations as UNESCO.
- JB: BioOne example: president, secretary, treasure ; plus working group that is a broader set of institutions. Financial group includes board member but is a larger group.
- VC: CAUSE was like that board and committees, including finance. They meet separately and have a liaison to the board.
- EF: Constitution and bylaws would include official standing committees with chairs as members of the board. Careful communication among and between the committees is important.
- JL: Why seek incorporation?
- TC: Incorporation supported.
- JH Do we need legal advice? (EF Have one on the board.) Before we make a decision about incorporation.
- JL: Enough members of the NDLTD Steering Committee have experience. What are the cons?
- Fox: ongoing activities need stability
- SA: Expenses of yearly is not that great. It is a virtual organization. Beneficial to get corporate support and other support for the organization. Treasurer is at a university and separately sets up accounts. Bank accounts stays the same even though the treasure changes and comes from other associations.
- JS: Agrees to be the treasure. Is having a Washington DC address is a good thing.
- JS: Get legal advice to be sure we are asking the correct questions.
- JL: NINCH and ARL are incorporated in DC.

CONSENSUS ON INCORPORATING.

- JL: Dues? What would they be used for? Will there be any paid staff.
- SA: Individual membership (450?) is free; Institutional memberships (25?)
- JL: Budget needs to be developed before setting dues.
- SA: Marketing point of view is important in terms of growing the membership.
- JS: Could be based on size of the graduate population, as CGS does for North American. Percentage basis for countries outside the US.
- JL: Propose: Form a subgroup to come up with a draft budget and dues structure for the fall meeting, working on both simultaneously.
- EF: and membership categories. Bundling conference registration and membership consideration also.
- VC: This will be a draft set of bylaws.
- EF: Susie Allard, volunteered. Vinod draft NISO bylaws. Julia has lots of bylaws drafting experience. Peter will get a German colleague to contribute. Joan will help. Vinod will get permission to use the NISO bylaws he drafted.
- VC: Ed should work on dues structure. \$10,000 is rock bottom for this organization. Paid clerical person who would work with new members ups it to \$30,000/yr.
- JL: We have covered most of the items in the box on p. 13, except paid staff. Not trying to raise a huge amount of money so will be volunteer workers.
- JB: Grant support must support the work of the grant, not the organization.
- JL Let's turn to Strategic Planning Panel at the conference:
20-30 minutes of presentation and try to get involvement of audience as much as possible. If your institution paid dues what would they want or expect to receive for it? What would be the prime benefit of membership? Comments. What part of institution do they represent. Which of the following areas you might be interested: standards, promotion, awards (i.e., liaisons to different groups). Name for follow-up and email address.
- JB: very beneficial to conduct survey.

SA: Distribute survey at presentation, collect before leaving plenary.
JS: Ask do you want to ask what they would be willing to pay.
SA: Ask what is prime benefit of NDLTD?
VC: Ask what they would expect to pay.
EF: want written record of question

JH: What level of detail about the plan will be presented?
JL: Most not interested in organizational structure.
Institutional history of the program, highlight successes, ready to enter a new era, suggested structure. Success if institutions willing to actively participate in new structure.

GMc Thanks to Joan and committee for a wonderful job. We've had due deliberation on these important issues.

EF: Discussion of conferences:

2002 Conference

SE: Ate the profit for lunch (joke). Registration at break-even point: 133 (total, 100 paid?). (i.e., no money for next years conference award). Ready to go.
Introductions to plenaries and breakout sessions.
Dinner at 6:30 at Octavio's on Center St. between University Ave and 1st East. Buy your own.
Advertised CGS mailing list USF used POD who wouldn't provide mailing list; all previous attendees, listservs; ARL mailing list.

2003 Conference

PS Showed video about city and Humboldt University (web site: www.hu.berlin.de/etd2003), a little outside Berlin: May 21-24, 2003. Start Wednesday at noon following preconference workshops
Expects 80 from Europe with additional participation from Asia supported (including Eastern Europe and Africa). UNESCO may support tutorials and workshops. JCG suggested asking Soros Foundation and Peter contacted them and they will try to support. Also asked German Research Foundation.

JL: Hotel ?

PS: has booked 250 rooms in Berlin across the street from the conference building with 130 rooms/beds. Campus Adlershof is main site of conference. There will be buses and good public transportation. Every conference participant will have some free tickets for public transportation. Arrange for hotels through conference registration: 80 euros = \$80 up to \$100/120.

JL could distribute 200 at JISC and 350 for CNI meeting in early December.

PS: Program committee from German National Library : Joan, John Hagen, Scott Eldredge, Selby Herin. Any partners who might be interested in being invited.

2004 Conference

John Hagen: West Virginia University

New open venue downtown library ; major conference hotel facility in downtown, designed to cooperate with the university. Morgantown. 80 miles south of Pittsburgh. 2,000,000 ETDs served,

i.e., over one million hits per year. His provost is very supportive as is dean of libraries, Francis O'Brien. (20 min flight from Pittsburgh to Morgantown).

Susie Allard, University of Kentucky

Will have a try run by hosting ARL conference directors this spring.

When is the Kentucky Derby, first Sat in May—to be avoided. \$99 room for \$200 rooms at the Hilton. See her presentation packet and slides. <http://www.uky.edu/ETD> for this conference information.

Susie will graduate in Feb. 2003. Most planning will be done in next year; but Beth Kraemer will be there on site and Susie will return for the conference.

Break

EF: 2005 in Southern Hemisphere?

Discussion of 2004 Conference proposals. Support structures, accessibility, collaborative projects on campus.

Library school aspect.

JB move to accept UK; seconded by JS. All agreed.

EF: Back to the agenda.

Re UNESCO Guide for Joe Moxley. Completed in March. Spanish version is not linked on web site. SD said French version should be finished. Ana will do the Portuguese version. PS said German translation version is not necessary and there is a separate German guide online already. 420 pages.

EF: We should do something for Joe Moxley since he put a tremendous amount to bring this to fruition.

JS Will announce at CGS in December.

JL volunteers to help.

JM will formally announce it.

Speaker Bureau: nothing done yet.

EF: Membership committee: reduced rates for some? Work with membership

JS: \$100 year one; \$500 second year.

JB: Founding member fees lower than subsequent membership fees.

JB Standing committee described in the bylaws.

JL Start sooner rather than later, feed into developing a charge, promote the NLDTD.

JB: Promote the organization as the broad charge, perhaps a surcharge to support membership?

JL Too much for one group to tackle.

EF: Define member services. Another issue is distributed membership e.g., different in Australia where they would look to the ADT for support. Speakers Bureau would provide informative presenters for area coverage. Task Force for this might be a way to move this effort forward. Include students who have participated. Have a diverse group to call upon.

JH: volunteered

JL: someone from UT Austin

TC: He was successful in Australia, including money.

EF: UNESCO's budget includes training in Latin America, Russian, central Asia and Africa. Pilot projects also.

AP: Worked with UNESCO. 60-70 people from Mexico to Argentina came to her workshop on ETDs. Including exporting metadata. Next step is to have course online in both Portuguese and Spanish. Silvia Southwick and AP will develop the course from Brazil available for Internet use. Her courses are not appropriate for developed countries. All work is voluntary.

EF Claudio has \$70,000 over 2 years. UNESCO connection. PS and SD are targeting Europeans to come to the conference.

PS Axel Patel, UNESCO is slow to respond. Workshops during next conference.

AP is an engineer and she has a contact with an Eastern European.

SD wants to get names to contact.

VC will give names of Polish libraries that have VTLS.

EF: How to get conference attendees more engaged in the organization.

JL Add this to the survey:

Standards: Thom Hickey

Promotion: John Hagen

Support: NDLTD web site. New service: eprint archives to talk about ETDs and a place for short papers. JH has conference proceedings site. ETD Proceedings is the first experiment. Is linked to the BYU conference web site. Press Release soon. Will also be open to others in the future, perhaps with an archiving fee but free to NDLTD.

EF: Training: Ana has address.

Software: Is there any available from other places? ADT? Germany?
VT software is Open Archives compliant, so when others use it they are compliant also.

Test beds from Strategic Planning: This is an opportunity to do research and analysis with 20,000 documents from a variety of sources.

TH: Metadata is controlled but documents are being pointed to.

JS: Isn't our goal to get the information, including the metadata, out there?

Eprint software from Southampton is available.

Scraping: even with Open Archives it is difficult to build a collection. This is the topic of an article.

VC: Status of the Union Catalog
7 countries, Canada, Germany, Greece, Portugal, Spain, US. Hopes to add UK by end of June. Brazil should be soon too. No technical problems that couldn't be solved. Interface languages: 14 languages. 6 languages of content. Korean records don't have URLs in them. List of institutions Korea Canada Germany Greece and US. As of May 4362 ETDs, 180 Korean Dissertations without URLs. Greece's links don't work any more. Changes in the software—interface changes; new searches e.g., committee member. Name browse for any word in the name. Data mapping changes: collapsed e.g. VT Engineering together instead of separate entries for each occurrence. Questions: difficult to get information about the author, e.g., must download the whole ETD to get the VITA. What about taking out other data from the ETD?
GMc Is this a copyright issue.

VC: What about subject headings? Best examples from German dissertations. Classification systems may help.

- Multilingual searchers are an issue.
- ETD citations with out URLs.

- Mechanism to check URLs and what to do when they're broken. Has grown from 400 to 20,000 searches per month.

JS: May need a computational linguist to help. There are some at Georgetown University that could help.

TH Report 9-10%, 4.3 mil bibliographic records for TDs used Open Archives 2.0 ver. Set approach to handling. For example, TDs with URLs are ETDs. Would like to harvest through Open Archives harvesting to build the catalog. Rough search interface is being tested for web interface for whole 4.3 million TDs.

EF: Fall NDLTD Steering Committee meeting. JCG couldn't make Sept. 13
ECDL in Rome Sept 16-18.
EDUCAUSE on the 14, ARL on the 11th
Fall NDLTD Steering Committee meeting moved to Sept. 6th

EF: Standards: VT is working with LOCKSS. ETD MS is moving forward. Multimedia standards. Datasets may require XML. Beyond the item level records and relationships between parts of ETDs. XML for the works. P5 is latest version of TEI. Standards for multilingual, e.g., data sets. How do we make standards clear, easy to follow, etc. Next year's conference should have a standards preconference. Use collaboration technologies.

TH: ETDs are on leading edge of Open Archives

GMc distributed Ursula Goldsmith's survey. JS brought up the issue of IRB approval.

Started at 9 am and left at 5 pm. Lunch 12:30 – 1:30.