Mets Board Teleconference

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Attending: Markus Enders, Thomas Habing, Betsy McKelvey (recording), Leah Prescott, Jenn Riley, Brian Tingle, Robin Wendler

Git Repository for METS

Brian has completed most of the work to create a git repository for METS. He is holding off on publishing the repository because he needs to verify some dates. This will be a work area; the official repository remains with LC.

METS Group on GitHub

https://github.com/mets -- send Brian your account.

Fall DLF Meeting

Planning is underway for the fall face-to-face meeting. The meeting will take place on the Saturday (Nov. 3) before or the Tuesday (Nov. 6) after the 2012 DLF Forum in Denver, CO.

Board members should think about whether Saturday or Tuesday is preferred for the METS Board meeting. Note that a number of affiliated events are already scheduled for Saturday. There are fewer potential conflicts on Tuesday.

METS 2.0 Decisions

A few decisions about METS 2.0 were made at our last meeting:

XLink

XLink will not be used in METS 2.0. We will find a better solution for linking. Several options were discussed at our February meeting. (Final Decision)

Controlled Vocabularies

- Controlled vocabularies will be outsourced in METS 2.0 (Final Decision)
- Sébastien will mine the METS profiles for vocabulary terms that are currently in use.

Documentation/Primer 1.1

Some of our documentation is out of sync with the current version of the schema. Leah will begin work on this by obtaining the last WORD version of the Primer and other critical documents.

PREMIS Style Linking in METS 2.0

We had further discussion about the potential use of PREMIS style linking. (For background, see February minutes, pp. 1-2,5 and Tom's white paper.)

Two points were added to the discussion:
- If METS is to be used for exchange then PREMIS isn't a very efficient way to handle linking because it is so verbose.
- Our deliberations seem to be based on the current XML instantiation of PREMIS. This instantiation could easily change in PREMIS 3.0: PREMIS is an abstract model with a data dictionary and doesn't rely on XML.

Modeling

The modeling column on the affinity diagram is a good place to focus some energy. As an exercise in analysis Tom will reverse engineer the current METS XML schema. The result will be a data dictionary and an entity diagram.

The goal of this exercise is to extract the implied data model and theory around objects from the existing schema. The result will help structure a work towards METS 2.0.