

CTDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES

September 28, 2015

1:00 – 2:30 pm

**Mystic Seaport Collections Research Center
75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, CT**

Present: Greg Colati, Jennifer Eustis, Amy Harrell, Elizabeth Rose, Kim Sheridan (Liz Shapiro), Mary Anne Stets, Jessica Woolford

Absent: Jody Blankenship, Greg Colati, Michael Howser, Brenda Miller, Michelle Riordan-Nold, Betsy Pittman, Ken Wiggin

1. Welcome and introductions

We'd like to welcome Francesca Livermore, Digital Projects Librarian, Wesleyan, to the Advisory Committee. All meetings are open but only board members can contribute to decisions. For terms, the CTDA will ask outgoing board members if they would like to continue for another term and that person can decide to remain on or not.

2. Grants, Projects & Presentations update

The CT State Library has received a supplemental award of \$250,000 from NEH to continue to digitize historically significant newspapers. Details can be found at:
<http://ctstatelibrary.org/connecticut-state-library-receives-new-grant-for-newspaper-digitization/>.

Wesleyan University and UConn are working on a CLIR grant together, Digitizing Atwater: Nutrition, Agriculture, and Home Economics in the Long 19th Century. Wilbur Olin Atwater's resulted in the popularization of the calorie, the U.S. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Mystic Seaport re-submitted a grant for the NEA Landscape project.

CHLO is working with the CT State Library on 2 new grants that revolve around teaching and the project Teach It or a crowdsourcing activity for teachers using primary resources.

Though not a grant, UConn Libraries is working with the Office of the Vice President for Research to find support for UCL's research data archive which is powered by CTDA.

Many of these grants are asking for development to create new tools or enhance features of the CTDA. One of our goals is to diversify our tool set and reuse repository services.

Greg will be presenting on October 17th at a meeting of CT town historians on primary resources online.

3. Participants

We have new participants. Bibliomation has begun training as well as The Gunnery. The American School for the Deaf would like to add historical content about their school and community which is unique in preparation for their 100th year anniversary. Case Memorial Library is moving to production to add and manage their historical newspaper, the Amity.

4. Updates (Infrastructure & Content)

All production sites are on the latest version of Islandora and Fedora versions. Currently we are bringing all our stage and development sites up to “head” or the latest version. This work involved not just upgrading software but also building entirely new servers and adding new software.

There is new functionality and better performance. Islandora now comes with new content models that can accommodate other formats such as web archive formats (warc files), disk images (dd files), or documents (spreadsheets, word, etc.). PDF’s are now viewed in a PDF viewer allowing for a better user experience. 2 workshops will be offered beginning of October and will be announced again on the CTDA News site.

The CTDA continues to grow and we have passed 254,000 digital assets. Around 14,000 records are being harvested.

5. CTDA Technical Committee

The CTDA Technical Committee is being reformulated to be the Technical Roadmap. This will be a standing meeting every 4th Monday from 3:00 pm to 3:30pm EST. This meeting is open to anyone. This will be a time to discuss CTDA’s technical infrastructure in terms of charting its future. Discussions will be technical in nature and concern components of Islandora, Drupal and Fedora. Anyone may submit a development idea or issue. More details will be shared via the CTDA News.

6. Virtual Meetings

We realize that it is not always possible to travel for an hour and a half meeting, especially when faced with winter weather. The CTDA will offer virtual meetings using WebEx in the winter.

7. User Group

We are now at a point where users want to share, learn and network from each other. The group agreed that an unconference style meeting would be great. This would take place after the late spring Advisory Meeting. We will be looking for a central location where people can break out into groups as well as plenty of outlets for people to plug in and a strong internet connection.

8. Next Meeting

A Doodle Poll will be sent out.