

National Data Service Consortium Steering Committee Update

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Interim Steering Committee Established

- Purpose
 - formally forming the NDS Consortium
 - emphasis on the consortium governance needs of the next 6-12 months
 - provide input for this meeting
 - provide oversight/sanity check on initial NDS activities
- Follow-up email to Boulder meeting called for participants

Membership

- Alan Blatecky, RTI
- Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld, UIUC
- Anita de Waard, Elsevier
- Kathy Fontaine, RDA
- Ian Foster, Argonne/UChicago
- Bob Hanisch, NIST
- Kristen Ratan, PLOS
- Ed Seidel, NCSA (interim chair)

Activity to Date

- September 4th conference call
 - updates and feedback on pilot projects
 - recommendations for October meeting
 - bootstrapping: interim organizational structure
- October 20th conference call
 - Precis: RDA, RDA-US and NDS
 - foundations of governance; prep for this meeting

Looking Forward

- Further develop governance model
 - shared vision of success
 - further develop governance strategy and initial instantiation
 - update/evolve organizational structure
 - work toward formal chartering of the Consortium
 - documented charter
 - formal election of Steering Committee and its Chair
- Further develop the work of the NDS
 - pilot projects
 - coordination of working groups
- Foster/coordinate pursuit of funding options
- Community engagement
 - engage additional thought leaders in enabling NDS success
 - increased clarity and coordination among open data consortia