

Steering Groups Discussions (Notes from S. McDonald)

Based on contributions, seats are awarded

Review steering group members

Their focus is on big change and big drivers

Becoming a member

via invitation

Perhaps rotating membership (Fresno)?

Approve and direct significant change:

Len: the need for the roadmap, SG creates

Chris: classes of changes, some handled at DWG level, others bubble up to SG

UI changes need SG approval

Erik: ideas can come from anywhere

Chris: some autonomy needed by DWG, but hard to generate guidelines

UI, resource changes

Perhaps maintain an internal roadmap, collaborate with SG

Bess: How many developers, how is work resourced

those willing to do the work get determine the details of the work

Garey: changes specific to an institution can just do as they need

Patrick: 7 committers

Jeroen: without resources to allocate, SG has no resources so little to do

typically core developers drive,

SG could hire core developers

committers are responsible for quality, accepting contributions

Patrick: SG members allocate their own internal resources

Jeroen: open source projects need to be open and allow others to do contribute

?: communication is important, sharing decisions as they are made

Jeroen: voting in open source is among peers

Patrick: benevolent dictator time has passed

Keith: SG could give advice on potential feature additions, would it become part of OGP

vision statement (e.g., limited mapping support) would be useful

Peter: not a research institution but want to create modules

SG would encourage broader community

Jeroen: foundation to hold resources/funding

get new ideas implemented, core developers need support

Peter: SG could consider foundation model

Patrick: DWG has autonomy to deal with local issues

SG deal with foundation issue,

Garey: need queue of features, re-evaluate 5 to 6 times a year

Patrick: each institution has their own roadmap (e.g., MN, ingest, etc.)

similarly, metadata group has the same issues

Erik: need some project management software

e.g., pivotal tracker

Jeroen: need metadata representation on SG

Patrick: shifting to metadata group

Bess: SG provide legal advice to BG, CLA

Patrick: institutional management wants clearer governance

Marc: do we need liaisons across groups to help coordinate

Bess: metadata group mandate: schema? fgdc? shared cataloging

Patrick: all of the above? not just OGP community

Marc: all of it, best practices, broader vision

schema open to interpretation, need coordination

Garey: what is scope of OGP

it comes from a library setting, for publishing

pulls in curation, geoinformation stack comes into play

Patrick: OGP as technology stack vs. best practices for spatial repositories

Garey: OGP as a discovery tool vs a showcase for services

persistent identifiers, deduplication, etc.

not limited to search interface but adding to infrastructure

Patrick: decoupling is important

Garey: metadata group has very broad license

Len: metadata group can add tremendous value of the long term

integrate harvester and community

Patrick: metadata people won't all be using OGP

empower Cambridge create better metadata and we all win

bigger community than OGP code

Len: Are others doing this?

Jeroen: inspire in Europe, nice to have a US university group

keep interacting to Europe and across other efforts

Patrick: we all have global data and global needs

Peter: metadata group and SG

metadata is huge, much more universal, not limited to spatial

SG could set limits as to what is relevant

?: liaisons are important, need communication piece e.g.,

tech documentation needs to be made appealing, fix bugs, etc.

metadata best practices also to help inform experimentation

being able to find out who is steering committee and what they are doing

need ownership

how to ensure metadata issues are well understood by DWG

Patrick: developers work with metadata people, need to ensure collaboration

standards don't say what to put in fields

need to turn fields into controlled vocabularies and create facets

curated metadata

Summary:

3 working groups,

DWG, MWG autonomous

SG: larger issues address dealing with liaisons

add User Group?, it needs a chair

Patrick: data group: data collection, sources, perhaps down the road