Overview and Background

The Repository Working Group is an ad hoc group that supports CRRA's Newspaper Digitization Program. Its work is expected to take place in January 2014, prior to the CRRA Board meeting in February.

The group's work is one of many items on the **timeline for the Newspapers digitization proposal**, as follows:

- Dec. – Page counts for all papers in scope (digitizing partners)
- Dec. – Establish a group to recommend a repository (Pat, Betsy)
- **Jan. – Identify and recommend a repository solution (Repository Working Group)**
- Jan. – Develop the concept proposal, including digitization and repository cost estimates (Lyrasis, Betsy, Pat, Jennifer)
- Feb. – Concept proposal to Board between Feb. 6 and Feb. 18 (Jennifer)

Goals

The goal for the Repository Working Group is to identify and recommend strategies, options, and cost estimates for repository options for Catholic newspapers in digital form.

Specifically:

- Identify the purposes and priorities for a CRRA newspapers repository solution
- Evaluate 3-4 options such as Veridian, Islandora, NDNP
- Develop repository options with cost estimates for implementation and hosting to include in the concept proposal (to Board Feb. 2014)

This recommendation will be part of a larger concept proposal to digitize Catholic newspapers and make them available and searchable through a repository. For the proposal, we will need cost estimates for digitization of twelve priority papers and for the repository solution.

Timeline

The group's work is expected to take place in January 2014 through conference calls.

Membership

Members of this group were invited for their expertise relating to repositories. They may also be, but do not have to be, members of the Newspapers Implementation Advisory Committee.

- Betsy Post (Boston College), chair
- Leah Prescott (Georgetown)
- Rob Behary (Duquesne)
- Megan Bernal (DePaul)
- Kate Dohe (Georgetown)
- Demian Katz (Villanova)
- Pat Lawton (CRRA)

Related Groups/Administrative Context

The Newspapers Task Force (with idea emanating from the Directory Platform Group) has recommended that CRRA establish a Newspaper Implementation Advisory Committee. This proposal will go to the Board for approval in Feb., 2014. Also at the Feb. meeting, the Board will review the draft proposal to digitize priority Catholic newspapers and to consider repository options for the digitized papers.

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        │         Newspaper Digitization Program            │
        │   The CRRA initiated the Catholic Newspapers      │
        │   Program in 2011 when the Scholars Advisory       │
        │   Committee noted their intense use of Catholic    │
        │   newspapers in research across a wide range of    │
        │   social and economic issues. Managed by CRRA Staff│
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| Newspaper Directory Platform Group *(February –November 2013)* | Repository Working Group *(January 2014)* | Newspaper Implementation Advisory Committee *(proposed)* |