[Please stand by for realtime captions.] >> We have food in the back. Help yourself. We will start. My name is Beth Harper I am at the University of Wisconsin which is still going to be a regional for the next three years. I am a member of legal which is the group that organizes and we will talk more about membership in legal before the end of the evening. I want to remind people we do have people attending so we have to use the mic but we have new coordinators so would like to have you say your name and institution.

I am glad Sinclair from the University of Illinois. -- Glenn Sinclair from the University of Illinois.

[Indiscernible]

I am crystal Lentz.

[Indiscernible]

I am Stephanie [Indiscernible].

[Indiscernible] from New Mexico State Library. [Indiscernible]. >> [Indiscernible]

[Indiscernible]

[Indiscernible]

[Indiscernible] University of Memphis Tennessee.

University of Memphis [Indiscernible]

[Indiscernible] Alaska State Library. [Indiscernible].

[Indiscernible] University of Virginia.

[Indiscernible] University of Virginia I am the original library and [Indiscernible].

[Indiscernible] University of Georgia.

[Indiscernible] Chapel Hill.

[Indiscernible] University of New Mexico.

[Indiscernible].

[Indiscernible]

[Indiscernible] >> [Indiscernible] the state library of Arizona.

[Indiscernible] University of Colorado Boulder.

[Indiscernible]
Thank you to the virtual attendees. I think we will try and do passing around the mic as people speak. We will try it. The agenda, I have step on the slides -- stuff on the slides. We will jump into the regional district policy discussion. I am curious to have any regionals submitted, anyone? Okay. Marilyn is going to be
We are going to see if people had questions or observations at this point.

[Indiscernible]

I wanted to know who is on the chat. We are missing Massachusetts Maine Vermont Connecticut New Hampshire anyone from the Northeast region is anyone from that region? Cash --

We have people joining us online tonight. We have Judy Q8 -- Hewitt [Indiscernible].

We don't have to talk about it. Is everyone fine with the? Okay. Dish with it tran for with it -- I am sure emails will be flying so hopefully we can move and if people want to discard they will be able to.

That's actually the next item on the agenda. They are kind of related. [Indiscernible] is going to be a conservation steward in Kentucky any other library thinking about it? Okay. Quite a few.

This is Marion. In might be interesting to know what titles we are thinking about. We know that Colorado [Indiscernible] but it might be interesting, can I say a few? [Indiscernible] is what I am considering. We already have about 1500 posters both in digital form and originals. Iran-Contra hearing is another one and I can't remember all of them. Sandy prompted me to think about our WPA publication so those are what we are thinking about. Anyone want to share? >> I think the only thing we have a complete set of that's not a preprint is the United States reports.

[Indiscernible] I was laughing during the earlier presentation because we are considering doing the complete [Indiscernible]. That's just off the top of my head. >> do things that are in good shape. >> [INDISCERNIBLE] University of Virginia. I do plan to do a discard because I am going to do a discard. The bar for us is obviously higher.

[INDISCERNIBLE]

We have a lot of large runs in storage already so I want to say what Barbie was saying knowing that there is a way not to have to pull back out in order to double check everything. It makes me a little more hopeful but I have to convince my in -- administration.

[INDISCERNIBLE]

Since no one other than Barbie is going to do it because she has to, sends do since none of us are rushing to discard, I asked the opposite question. Are there one or two of us maybe one on each coast who would want to say okay, I will be the preservation Stewart for the collection. I am not going to get rid of anything. That would be one copy.
We don't almost the vast majority of our questions are not catalogued so we are happy to say we are not getting rid of anything and we have no intention of getting rid of anything but who's to know what we have. Cataloging is a big goal of ours but there's no money.

We are lucky to have most of our collections catalogued. For us the biggest hurdle is that we circulate everything. [INDISCERNIBLE]. >> Suzanne Carr University of Montana. There's a significant difference between not needing or discrediting a lot of material and being a pervert -- preservation person. If there's a chance that something could go missing or if you have to have it circulate you can have that as a preservation copy. As much as we don't want to let things go that doesn't mean it's preservation.

Anyone else have comments? Do we have any online comments? We do.

My comment is more, at least I think my library would be a possibility of a preservation stored but I need to go back and see what would work. Can we talk about maybe finding an area where we can communicate with other regional about what material we may be thinking of preserving. I don't know if it can just be through the regional or maybe some sort of GPL, I don't know but I think that would be nice to be able to see what other states are thinking of doing and then we can react accordingly.

Brown University. Just a question for clarification because I am confused. In terms of preservation steward the initial obvious thought and reaction is for prints but there is a sizable amount of stuff is there not that was only distributed in microfiche? Was that going to look at -- look like in terms of the responsibility and anybody interested in doing microfiche?

Kathy Hale state library Pennsylvania. That brings to mind microfiche, sometimes it's their online and sometimes it's not. That might be a possibility.

I mentioned earlier about the state library we have a microfiche scanner that's high-speed and one of our goals is to get more of that content and that will take a lot of time, but it is at least on some of our radar and is something we can do going forward. For the test run that we've done, it's the cabinet level agency I think about 100 documents we've done a trial on so far. We are exploring different things. It's definitely something in the works.

We do want somebody to discard please because we need to use that to test the process so good. We are looking forward to your process.
[Indiscernible]. I was looking at the list that you came out with on the things that can be discarded and I was trying to, XL is not something I know, but I was wondering if I could use that to strip out what I don't want to discard in use the list to send it back to you because you have, is that what you are thinking? That's what I was thinking. I may just discard some paper [Indiscernible].

[Indiscernible] >>
[Indiscernible]. The idea of an eligible list was so it jumpstarted your list so the majority of that information [INDISCERNIBLE].

[Indiscernible] . There's a lot of microfiche out there that went to the library in format and it was distributed to libraries [Indiscernible]. The second generation went to the Library of Congress that's where you will have to find the material or go back to paper. A little more to add.

[Indiscernible] >>
[Indiscernible]. This last year I went through and did a survey of the condition of our microfiche so if you are curious about this, I will be in the -- it's starting to go but it will be a category that you need to monitor. If anybody wants to know about that process or what I found out just let me know.

[Indiscernible] . I am wondering if we start the conversation if we could have those electives jump in. [Indiscernible] .

Anyone else? >>
[Indiscernible] . >>
[Indiscernible]. I would like to add on the issue of microfiche that we have a bunch of it and I'm not into the preservation issue, but as far as the partnership will we noticed was a lot of the microfiche and feel that we have in our collection is predominantly on newspapers and you need to monitor and because once you start getting the first hints of the vinegar syndrome it is not progress linearly it exponentially goes. We have had stuff go from fairly good quality to irretrievable in about one year. This stuff accelerates, was it goes it starts to take other stuff with it. You have to be very careful with this and keep on top of it. The other question I have is as has been mentioned with regards to coordinate in among -- coordinating among the partnerships, somebody will have to start doing that because we may end up giving the different situations on the ground at individual institutions, these documents and agencies because we need to have four for one title one run and we may not have a lot of different trusted partners and so on.

[Indiscernible]. We have to do that because we can't authorize any discard the less we know that so that's one of the things that GPO has to do.
As part of the regional discard and the preservation stored program I would like to continue to separate. That is something that we need to keep doing and it will become public.

I've a question about the regional discard policy and procedures. You have a list out there, with a few Freada registers and congressional records and a bunch of Ways and Means hearing this that right? -- Is that right? You can't finish out your process unless you have your four reservations -- preservation so how would you test this?

As of now when you submitted we will look at them and you get a pending status because we don't have preservation stewards and they are geographically dispersed and we will not be able to submit an approval.

At this point in time you cannot actually discard.

The question is is there a specific list of titles that everybody can access now who are eligible for discard? Yes. There is a list called eligible titles.

No. We have not received any.

But if those of you who are interested in discarding what are those titles and that might be something that the preservation stored side -- steward side might be interested in doing.

Earlier I said I was going to go back to my administration. It's not worth my time to consider anything to discard. It would be considered a waste of my time until it could be followed through so the priority for me is to see if I can convince them to be a preservation steward for something to help move that first step along. But until that is met, I would not have any support from my administration.

Steward --

Eligibility to discard means there has to be 4 stewards and it's available on.

I guess the question is things may not show up for years and years so my question is suppose were going along and we never get stewards for anything at what point are we going to?

>> [Microphone feedback]
We need to stop talking broadly if we want to move things forward to start focusing on the things as to who will be a preservation steward. If we want this to start rolling that's got to be the priority. Find people who can do it.

My question was related to that. We don't have stewards for those initial titles and when push comes to shove will there be various levels of support? I would be interested in being a preservation stored steward but we also just took on a massive cataloging inventory project. I can't tell all of the staff working on that.

One of the things that we have talked about as this process goes forward I suspect that in the future as we start doing inventories and during preservation's we will potentially find materials where there are not four copies. I suspect there might be somewhere along the lines that we will have to go to JP -- JCP and say these are things we identified that are very rare or we only found one copy and sorry we can't comply with your 4. We don't know if we will, cross that are not. That was one of the.

[Microphone feedback -- Indiscernible]

Another thought that's been going around is there is a possibility where we may have to use a digital surrogate to create a tangible copy because there are not four.

Along those same lines were talking about preservation stewards what about some of these bloggers who dropped the program years ago. They still have these documents in their collections which, yes they are still property right? Could you clarify that?

Could we clarify that? Back --

We have about nine more minutes allotted.

Is a selective has discarded materials properly -- if a selective has discarded materials properly and they say they don't need it it's no longer government property. So the libraries can keep it or they can give it away what we try to do is discouraged sale of the material because that's not good either. I think Marie and I went through this several years ago. This material in Montana. They are no longer a part.

Maybe it's an option for getting some of this on if maintaining all of that collection is an issue.

That's going to be an even smaller subset of people who have the material to save. The other issue I have was I
completely understand why they're going this route but one of the
reasons we said we probably would not get rid of much is because it's
all of the materials we need they are not things we want to discard,
they are high use reference sets. The hearings are the heaviest used
part of our collection. It's not the stuff I want to weed but anyway.

[Indiscernible]. That's definitely true but our users are using them
online for the most part. If I know that there are four copies of
them, and I talked to the people in the state, idle no -- I don't
know. >>

[Indiscernible]. I was just thinking we are sitting here in our
meeting talking about how we will never get rid of anything, we are not
the deciders. I think reality will hit us in the face when we get back
home when my library gets renovated then reality, the robber will hit
the road. I think that the way we are thinking right now may have to
alter.

[Indiscernible]. I don't want to start rumors, I truly do not,
because this is nothing that I have been involved in, but we have
[Indiscernible] some agreements with some of the local colleges and
universities and there were some discussions for the portion of their
collection that we hold onto for preservation purposes and I heard
only indirectly and indistinctly someplace that it is possible that
some of the, especially with the advent of all digital libraries at
some universities, is that the entire concept of accreditation via X
number of students with X and him -- amount of stuff on the shelves
might be going away. When that happens, what is your administration
going to do? Will there be a rush to the exit because we have been
discussing the impact of online ability in materials and how it's
affecting public libraries. What happens when the accreditation or if
at some point in the future the accreditation is not something you can
use with the administration anymore? They may have very different
priorities than we do. Devils advocate.

[Indiscernible]. I guess to go back to Barbie sparring -- Barbie's
point, we are not the ones who make the decisions but I guess I wonder
if we are getting to the point where we are not getting preservation
stewards and this is the time to pull the directors in and say look
amongst yourselves, if you want to discard you need to step up. Again,
it's a great idea but as you say if we don't have the stewards it's
just an idea on paper. >> One of the problems I have with the discard
is in seems really piecemeal and I know that from our work of pulling
publications and putting them in storage we went with the most space
gained with the fewest records so in order for this to really take any
flight at my institution would have to be a list that includes large
runs on one record. This piecemeal is not going to cut it. >>

[Indiscernible]. The problem is it's what's on [Indiscernible] so
there's not large runs of [INDISCERNIBLE] at this point. Part of the,
going through the list even though it may seem piecemeal we had to
check to make sure we had records for the format. Sometimes we didn't
and sometimes we started doing assessments and finding out that the
electronic was not complete. Am I correct?
Yes. Going through and then validating and making sure what we are putting out there it does come across that and it is, it took our manual and we had to double check. Then when you were talking about bringing directors on board to help with being preservation partners making those commitments, it strikes me that the preservation officer for your library has to be on board and some of the biggest libraries that have a really good preservation program it's such a critical organization to talk to. One of our preservation officers approached me recently and said is there a small discrete thing within the federal round that we could task here. I am not talking about 10,000 reports. I thought here's my opening so I had to think about that.

We are at about time for this right now. I am reading the template and I am Scott Madison. It does not say that the tangible copies have to be paper. If one of the agencies that in theory has preservation quality microfiche of some of these materials could they be preservation partners based on microfiche? I know that's one library, but what about people who bought silver from vendors? If it's not distributed copy it's not eligible.

It's important to remember with microfiche you have the image format and you have the, so even if you have silverfish if it's on it's still not going to last. I am going to throw out a piece of and we talked a lot about directors involved in the if they won't step up to be preservation partners, stewards, I am going to, this is not going to be kosher but you can't trust those people. I am retired so I can say that but I would say it anyway. Their priorities change in what they say today and it may change tomorrow. We talked about this during this whole process. The more I hear us talk about all of the points and details the more work it makes and someone will say who will be, we will preserve such and such and it will not happen.

I thought that was the whole point of the theory year review. -- Three year review. Is that not the case?

There is the three-year review as well as at any point in time be preservation stored was having difficulty, the idea that they could communicate and then again as you said, then you will need a replacement for that person. Apparently were not having a time getting the first any way. -- We are not having a good time getting the first one anyway.
[Indiscernible]. I really think that the sticking point is the size of what's in it and watch you are allowed to make available and until it's substantial have to go back to we won't be dealing with it.

[Indiscernible-Microphone feedback] >> [Indiscernible]. What I want to do is to find the preservation stores that will keep all of the pamphlets and flyers etc., but all of that that I know is in everybody's collections that we sent out in probably the 70s and 80s, because I thought everybody wanted to get rid of that stuff so if we could find somebody who wants to keep all of the flyers in pamphlets from smaller agencies maybe we could, to me also if we could get those preservation stewards and then we could also talk with [Indiscernible] which is a challenge. That's what I would like somebody to step up to the plate and do.

[Indiscernible] >> [Indiscernible] . This is something I have to bring up, I wonder how many people have been contacted by Bernadine? I am working with Bernadine we are putting together a letter to our Senator to encourage Congress to help pay for preservation and preservation efforts. I'm getting my selective all together and we will sign it and get the state libraries and historical societies work with the program and see about if there's a way and perhaps this might be something you are interested in to create something similar to the grants where states could actually get grants to become preservation partners. If anyone else is interested Bernadine was not able to calm but I am quite equal to talking your ear off.

I don't see anyone waving madly. One thing I wanted to clarify, Brents question about who is keeping track of what people are thinking about, been stewards, to understand correctly Heidi said that GPO will be doing that? Are they going to be keeping some track of intentions or is that something GPO is willing to coordinate with that something that the community should be figuring out?

[Indiscernible] . GPO will be keeping track of those. That information will be made public. Currently it may be something a little not preferred by everybody so we have something that will be a place that makes it more manageable.

[Indiscernible]. I think also were keeping track of anybody who has any intention so because today Suzanne reached out so we are keeping track of that and we will be talking to Kathy or whoever and sending the draft of an agreement discussing with them trying to take it to the next step. Lots of phone calls and things like that.

[Indiscernible]. Part of what Brent was saying was just the conversation about what we might be thinking before the official onion for this. Just kind of the community conversation about it which could be [INDISCERNIBLE]. >> I think for now the idea is if you are thinking about it you might want to put it out to regional and see if any anyone else is there and when he gets to an officials Sage that's when GPO -- an official stage, that's when GPO [Indiscernible].
We are expanding and we will eventually have [INDISCERNIBLE] and also working forward for the congressional records and it's coming up over and it will take time but gradually you will start to see that. [Indiscernible].

In other words you are thinking make that as a priority. Anyone interested? To follow up, [Indiscernible].

I am going to move on. What do we do with the floppy disks that we can't read because our machines don't accept them and I did ask Cindy. This was discussed in the spring and but not, I don't think [INDISCERNIBLE] so I asked Cindy to talk about what the rules are.

We've reached out or I reached out and Susie and -- Suzanne has reached out to the staff that runs the warehouse so we posted conferences and we have a road trip to rest in scheduled to go talk to them about what they put in what their schedule is for putting material in and they are scanning we have a lot of collections, I have identified a couple and would be willing to pony up the historic collections for digitization. I wanted to talk to the warehouse so we have reached out to them so we will add that to the agenda.

We have a new library and we are starting to undertake it but project--big project after the meeting if you want to contact us and I will [Indiscernible].

That is a good reminder. [Indiscernible]. Everyone brings up the Indiana project and I have never been clearer on was it an official partnership or can we use that to substitute was on the Indiana University see the ROM floppy disk project? That only comes up when this discussion happens so if anyone is willing to take that up?

It is in a database so could it be [INDISCERNIBLE] from Indiana? Scott from Yale.

It seems like we are talking about three different kinds of materials, one is compact discs that had indexing components using the automated software to provide a search.

The other is a little bit of disk imaging and if it was a disc that had software and had to interact with your Commodore computer, then that's a case where disk simulation which is basically coming up with an emulator to replace the actual software that was supposed to
interact with the content to read all that -- to resolve it to frame what we are talking about.

[Indiscernible -- Microphone feedback] >>

[Indiscernible]. The number we are talking about is so small that that effort the law can be changed before that kind of effort whatever makes sense to do for those materials. If you look at them and you go to the website it's not all there I realize that, but much of it is and they've moved it to the web so I can imagine that we would put that kind of effort into this and I will say right now my, I have to but I might not have him forever.

[Indiscernible]. There are two things I want to say. Generally I do want to read everything that I, -- that I, that I can,

[Indiscernible]. Right now it is will will will

Any other people want to comment? >>

[Indiscernible]. About three weeks ago my head of technical services said we need to find out what we have in the database that has floppy disks and we need to get rid of it. We did a search of our catalog and pulled out all of the records, pulled out a list of all of the records that had the floppy disks attached to them so I have been seriously looking at the documents for the last three weeks. Also when we were cataloguing our USGS open report we cut all of our microfiche open with a few minor exceptions and a number of them were, the microfiche was distributed to us, the microfiche was a manual or an introduction to a floppy disk that may or may not have been distributed and when we checked the USGS warehouse they say they don't have the disk contact -- content, I can't remember what the terminology was, but it said unavailable. Whether they have that somewhere and they just haven't uploaded it, I don't know. The majority of the records I found that I have in my database in my catalog for things that were floppy disks actually are pointers to the Indiana project which I have never really had a lot of luck figuring out how to use. My people are saying if we can't, if we don't have the floppy disks and we can't figure out the Indiana project why are we keeping these records? If we have a book that came with a floppy disk and we can't read them why are we keeping people? -- The book? This is something I have been looking at so I was hoping for some guidance. I am very conflicted. I myself have trouble getting rid of things not only in my library but in my personal life. I am not really a quarter but I guess some people might think that I am headed that way. Unless I have an overwhelming reason, if I can see some potential use for things I have a hard time getting rid of them. Some of the DOE statistics that were on the spreadsheet they weren't distributed on paper. I am not finding those titles as paper they may have been titled so I need some help.

[Indiscernible] >>

Going once, going twice, all right so we throw back into GPO's lap.

[Indiscernible]
Scott just said we could ask for a [Indiscernible] webinar on how to use the Indiana disk project. Someone is writing that down. We are pretty much on schedule.

Things aren't quite as I portrayed them in the email, but they are better than I pretrade them. Regal has six members, we, basically they are going to organize the two regional meetings and sometime in the spring it may or may not coincide with the virtual conference in the spring but it's calling for agenda items. The ideal is it was set up to have asked members with two members rotating off after the end of a three-year term and two new members rotating on. Last fall it turns out we had two members total, and Flora who was in a car accident she is rotating off. The other five of us are all, officially started in January 2016. So the current members if you want to raise your hands? We actually, floor is the only one rotating off and we have to volunteers which is excellent. -- Flora is the only one rotating off and we have two Mac -- volunteers which is excellent. I think there will be opportunities in the future so don't, you may get this year off but I just kind of wanted to let you know that two people have volunteered. Would you be okay?.

If everyone is okay with that, and I think we still want to have this overlap because of the way, right now we have five people co-op but -- go off but maybe that's something we can talk about on regal the six of us who might want to, who may have to leave early. Anyone have any comments? Okay. I also was told I have to ask GPO, did Kathy there give anyone the cows -- the cows -- decals? does anyone have any announcements? To the mentioned the letter. -- Suzanne mentioned the letter.

[Indiscernible]. Cathy Behr said that in her recent travel she has seen some really sad stickers. These are for the regional and know that they are much larger than the older ones, but not as big as the selective stickers. We have the regular sticky on the back and sticky on the front so if you need to replace them, please come up and take what you need. Thank you.

I want to make sure Cindy, does anyone online have any comments?

[Indiscernible--Microphone feedback] >> [Indiscernible]. This was mentioned in one of the sessions so I don't know if anybody attended, but DeVita has given me permission to have a meeting, we don't know when in the spring, to talk about the regional discard and pay for inviting one person from your regional to attend in DC or virtual attached to the spring the -- meeting so it's an option, we don't know if DeVita will still be there that we don't know. We don't know if we will get funding cuts but she authorized it if we felt like we needed to have a meeting in the DC area or whatever it we can coordinate it and Lance doesn't shoot me. We can find space and find some kind of hate that we could -- date that we could have a meeting without in the spring we had the exchange up and running, some of this stuff would
have worked itself out. We hope we have more preservation stewards so that's an option for this group.

All right. I am getting my steps and. -- My steps in. Anything else?

We had a discussion earlier today about the exchange told -- toll -- tool and Indiana has a different system. How many of you use a different system now but it's not really the same as okay how many of you are planning to use the exchange? To those of you who are not planning to use who have a separate system planning to use the exchange or do you have concerns let me know now or tomorrow morning before we disappear and we will think about that. Think about the incentives to make the system talk to each other and figure out a way to have things more automated. I think it will work better for everyone.

[Indiscernible]. We got together at lunch and there are no promises at this point but Shirl was talking about we could do some export so it could be in the GPS format. I think if there are tools that open a lot of possibilities for others. >> [Indiscernible--Microphone feedback].

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Any other announcements? Thank you everyone. It was a great discussion. There are treats in the back. >>

[Event concluded]