**­Skeleton of a Governance Structure for DPLA in Ohio Three Year Prototype**

Given the pre-existing library/cultural heritage organizations in Ohio, as well as their long history of working together collaboratively, we propose starting with the existing state/non-profit agencies as DPLA Community Engagement Centers. These agencies are:

* **Ohio History Connection** (<https://www.ohiohistory.org/>)

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection and the State of Ohio have maintained a longtime public-private relationship whereby the Ohio History Connection carries out dozens of history services for Ohio and its citizens.

With more than 180 staff members, hundreds of volunteers and thousands of partners in historical societies, local history groups and local and state government, it champions all Ohio history, including the more than [50 historic sites and museums](https://www.ohiohistory.org/visit/museum-historic-site-locator) in its network throughout Ohio.

[Ohio Memory](http://ohiomemory.org/), a CONTENTdm installation, is a collaborative project of the Ohio History Connection and the State Library of Ohio. In this, 26 organizations from around the state are active participants. Additionally, there are more 300 organizations that can be reached out to using the Ohio Local History Alliance network. (And more than 300 organizations of various types who participated when the site was a state bicentennial project in the early 2000s.)

* **OhioLINK** (<https://ohiolink.edu/>)

A state agency under the Department of Higher Education, OhioLINK is the consortium of the 121 member libraries of 93 institutions of higher education in Ohio. OhioLINK has a robust structure for community collaboration and communication, with a history of successful collaborative projects both within OhioLINK members and with other library organizations such as peer-to-peer resource sharing with SearchOhio as well as the Libraries Connect Ohio project with OPLIN (public libraries) and INFOhio (K–12 libraries). OhioLINK member libraries have substantial digital collections and experience with collaborative digital platform projects such as the now-superceded Digital Media Center and the institutional repository program, the Digital Resource Center.

* **State Library of Ohio** (<https://library.ohio.gov>) and the **Ohio Public Library Information Network** (**OPLIN**; <http://www.oplin.ohio.gov>) -- OR TBD

A state agency serving state government and all types of libraries, the State Library of Ohio is also a member of OhioLINK and a collaborative partner in Ohio Memory with the Ohio History Connection. The State Library leads and partners in the development of library services throughout Ohio, promoting and enabling resource sharing among libraries and library networks, providing access to information for Ohio’s state government; and specialized services to Ohio’s residents.

OPLIN is an independent state agency within the State Library of Ohio, and collaborates with the State Library, OhioLINK, and INFOhio in the Libraries Connect Ohio partnership (<http://www.librariesconnectohio.org/>). OPLIN provides broadband Internet connections and related information services to Ohio public libraries, as well as high-quality research databases, and limited support of digitization activities, including the Digitization Hubs project. OPLIN receives extensive fiscal and logistical support service from the State Library of Ohio and contracts with the Ohio Office of Information Technology for assistance with network management.

The State Library of Ohio will serve as the administrative and fiscal agent for the Ohio DPLA project. DPLA in Ohio proposes to use these three organizations, OHIOLINK, OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION, AND OPLIN, to serve as the initial community engagement centers for DPLA activity. The structure is extensible allowing for an additional Ohio organization to represents museums or they can be incorporated into one of the existing community centers, such as Ohio History Connection which already maintains close relationships with the Ohio Museum Association and Ohio Local History Alliance. Alternately, a museum or public library could become affiliated with an academic organization for actual metadata contribution/content hosting, with the understanding that they would be represented by the host’s community engagement organization.

Proposed Governance Structure During Pilot Program:

* Executive committee will be made up of the director or designee from State Library of Ohio, OPLIN, the Ohio History Connection, and OhioLINK, and the Project Manager.
* Advisory Committee: A larger Advisory Committee made up of deans/directors/other leaders from the three initial community engagement groups to address policy issues, along with the Project Manager and the Chairs of designated working groups.
* The Advisory Committee would review and recommend policies associated with funding, sustainability, and program development.
* Advisory working with the Executive Committee

How Many members?

* Working Groups: Cutting across these organizational engagement groups, we propose statewide working groups based on practitioner expertise in metadata and advocacy. The Chairs of these working groups would sit on the Advisory Committee. How Many WG and how many members? What about Technology? Which current working groups will transition to three year working groups?

**Legal documents needed:**

* Lightweight DPLA in Ohio MOU between partners modeled on LCO MOU? See attached
* Lightweight agreement between SLO as Project Manager/Originator and each contributor?
* MOU or SLA between actual technology/aggregator hub and DPLA in Ohio? This will depend on whether SLO decides to operate technology themselves or outsource it. Not sure this has been determined.