NURTURING A DATA MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY

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RDSIG AT A GLANCE

RDSIG: Research Data Services Interest Group
Membership open to: Library professionals and graduate assistants; Library School faculty and students
Typical meeting attendance: 10-15 individuals
Number of listserv subscribers: 34 individuals
Budget: $0
Participation: Informal
Goals: Provide training opportunities, and initiate collaborations

LESSONS LEARNED

Participant stated benefit was: “exposure to current practice and encouragement to get engaged”

• Comfort level and sense of community increased, but more structured training would also be helpful
• Informal, discussion-based meetings are appreciated
• Elaborate structure and planning process is not necessary

Participant stated benefit was: “getting to know others in the library also interested in research data”

Readiness to Participate in Data Management Work

- Completely
- Very
- Moderately
- Slightly
- Not at all

RDSIG Contribution: Large | Large | Large | Some | Some | Slight

= prepared before
= prepared after
= willing before
= willing after

STRATEGIES

• Have two coordinators plan alternate meetings
• Take advantage of other campus events
• Schedule meetings where participants can have unstructured conversation
• Create group listserv to announce meetings and webinars, and distribute notes
• Use stand-alone topics so people can attend meetings as needed
• Publicize to other interested people on campus

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