



# 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

- 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: "exposure to current practice and encouragement to get engaged"*

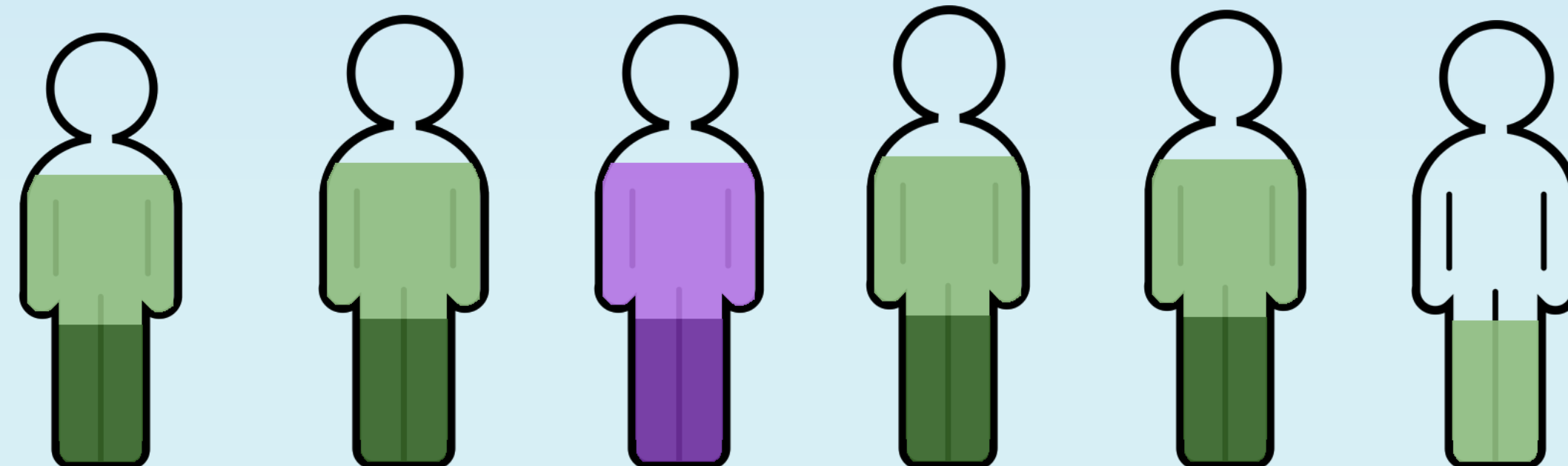
*Participant stated benefit was: "getting to know others in the library also interested in research data"*

## 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

## 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