



Welcome and Preliminaries

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First things

- Welcome! We're so happy you're here!
- Health and safety
- Hybrid conference notes (USE THE MIC)
- All main room sessions will be recorded



Icebreaker

- At your table or in the virtual breakout room, take 8 minutes to:
 - Introduce yourselves briefly
 - Organize yourselves in 2 different ways of your choice (e.g., height, shoe size, zip code, birth month, alphabetically by last name, etc.). Standing up is welcome!
- Then we'll pass the mic for brief introductions by everyone – name, state, role (virtual participants introduced by IMLS); one person at each table should share the 2 ways you organized yourselves



Overview

- Where we've come from
- Where we're going
 - As a program
 - At the conference



Since one year ago...

- Administering and reporting on CARES Act
- Administering ARPA
- Navigating 2 CFR and UEI changes
- Five-Year Evaluation CoP, March submission
- Three Freely Associated States (Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau) fully integrated in program (SPR, Plan, Evaluation)
- New IMLS Program Officer (Cindy Boyden!)



Pandemic realities

- More and different work for SLAAs
- New ways of working together and gathering
- Attention on libraries in the news
- Colleague departures
- Loss of friends and loved ones



Thank you to our recent mentors!

- Debbie Hall (AR)
- Jamie Ball (AZ)
- Jean Heilig (CO)
- Nancy Medema (IA) **RETIRED!**
- Karen Egan (IL)
- Janet McKenney (ME)
- Karren Reish (MI)
- Jennifer Peacock (MS)
- Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer (NJ)
- Cindy Boyden (OH)
- Judy Tirey (OK) **RETIRED!**
- Wendy Coplen (SC)
- Ashley Bowers (TN)
- Rachel Cook (UT)



Thank you to our current mentors!

- NEW! • Rob Favini (MA)
- Karren Reish (MI)
- NEW! • Terry Blauvelt (MO)
- Jennifer Peacock (MS)
- NEW! • Catherine Prince (NC)
- NEW! • Lori Fisher (NH)
- Sulin Jones (NV) NEW!
- Wendy Coplen (SC)
- Erica McCormick (TX) NEW!
- Rachel Cook (UT)



Where we're going – as a program

- Plans/certifications due next week!
- IMLS refresh of site visit checklist
- Refresh of state profile pages on IMLS website
- SPR reporting moving to January (except interim)
- ARPA reporting/extensions
- Analyzing program impact (stimulus funds/five-year activities)

Conference framing - topics

- Five-year evaluations
- Social wellbeing
- Access for all – state perspectives
- Five-year plans
- CARES/ARPA
- Update from IMLS Director
- Telling the LSTA story
- Burning questions



Crosby Kemper, IMLS Director

Conference framing – other details

- Conference survey: in your packet, or [by URL](#)
- Peer-to-peer appreciation wall
- Parking lot
- Dine-arounds
- Orientation one-pager with acronyms: [online handout](#)
- Conference theme: News!





Initial appreciation

- Capital Meeting Planning
- Grants to States staff
- Office of Research and Evaluation staff
- SLAA panelists
- And YOU!



Onward!

- THANK YOU for your tremendous work with communities in this difficult time



Questions?