nestor

Profile of

Best Practices Exchange

Data base: own disclosure
The community agreed in letting nestor publish the individual results of the survey for this community.

General characteristics

	Located in:		United States of America
	Regional focus:		entire country
	Subjects the community is working in:		Digital preservation with all of its aspects
	Further topics:		-
	Established in:		2006
	Legal predecessor:		-
	URL of website:		https://bpexchange.wordpress.com/

Mission and scope

	The three most important objectives of the mission statement:		
			Focus on managing, preserving, and providing access to digital information.
			Provide an opportunity to discuss real-world experiences, including best practices and lessons learned.
			Provide an online community for librarians, archivists, records managers and other information professionals dedicated to managing digital information in government and non-government settings.

Target group:		Beginners
		Experienced practitioners
		Researchers
		All persons interested in digital preservation
Services the community offers for its members and if applicable for non-members:		Community building / organisation of conferences and so on

Governance structure and financing

The community is a non-profit organisation.		
Legal status:		Informal group without legal form
Kind of bodies / internal organisation:		Steering entities / Board of directors etc.
		Advisory committee (board of experts or similar advisory committees)
Type of financing:		Sponsoring
		In kind contributions (e.g. of members who have joined working groups)
		Conference registration fees

Organisational structure

Type of membership offered:		-
Categories of members:		Percentages unknown, but participants come from all of these areas:
		Archives
		Libraries
		Museums
		Enterprises
		Universities
		Research institutions
Number of partners and members:		estimate ~200 individuals
Official individual membership of natural persons:		-
Institutions collaborating in the community:		-

| Number of persons actively working
in the community: | | ~18 are on the Steering and/or Program Committees |

Cooperations

| Cooperations with other
communities: | | none |

Modes of communication – scope

| Newsletter: | | no |
| Mailing list: | | yes |

URL for newsletter and mailing list:

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Social media sites:		yes
Website:		yes
Wiki in open access:		no
Shared workspaces online:		yes
Other communication channels:		Larger community utilizes Google Group: Best Practices Exchange Discussion Group (78)

Events organised by the network

| The community
organises events: | | yes |
| Number of events per year: | | 1 Conference: BPE Best Practice Exchange Conference |
| Average number of
participants in events: | | Average ~115 |