

Project background: preserving legislative digital records

**National Digital Information Infrastructure
and Preservation Program**

Today

- Informal
- Review of the issues
- Update on progress and products
- Discussion of next steps

Background: MHS

- ER projects: TIS, ERM, DHS
- XML research
- E-government research
- PAT project
- Collaborations: legislative tapes, records retention schedules, government publications
- Adoption of XML based bill drafting system
- E-legislature project

E-leg conclusions

- Collaboration
- Standards
- National cyberinfrastructure
- Rigorous appraisal and ROI: use value of electronic records
- Cultural and institutional change
- Sustainability

E-leg products

- Reports and evaluations
- Appraisal of “universe” of MN legislative records
- Cost/benefit analysis
- Ongoing partnerships ...

NDIIPP program

- National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program
- Library of Congress
- Series of programs
- State studies, states initiatives

Four state grants

- Arizona: LOCKSS implementation
- Minnesota: legislative records
- North Carolina: GIS
- Washington: digital archives

Preservation issues

- COOP, disaster recovery
- Legal framework – records laws, litigation, discovery
- Increased public attention and expectations
- Complexity of systems – email, RMA, web, web 2.0
- Costs
- Lack of a good model

Familiar challenges



Solution: ongoing process

- Migration
- Conversion
- Innovation
- Collaboration

Sustainability: business case

- Appropriate solutions
- Integration into routines
- Priorities – appraisal, scope
- Cost control
- Use value
- Collaboration

Legal framework

"The current law is just completely unhelpful. The Legislature has to get to this. ... it'll be messy and quite ungratifying, but it has to be done."

Minneapolis Star-Tribune

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Archivists' role

- Add value, define niche
- Appraisal and selection
- Facilitate use
- Context
- Web 2.0
- Long term

Conceptual framework

- Access
- Data consultancies
- Guidelines and standards
- Outreach, education, promotion
- Collaboration
- Larger context

Project outcomes

- Capture, preserve and provide access to “at-risk” digital content from state legislatures
- Test the model in MN
- Determine capacity of other states to adapt the model
- Promote the results through education and outreach
- Connect to national cyberinfrastructure