DataPubCharter

Data Release and Publishing Team (DRPT) Charter

Preamble / Introduction

-- General preamble here (TBD) --

-- Some notes (stream of conciousness, really) regarding potential roles and linkages --

- DRP roles: coordination/interaction/communication -- how and for what specific purposes is TBD
  - Participate in the formulation of sound* policies
    - *meaningful, helpful, workable, coordinated/consistent (i.e., not contradictory)
    - take into account needs of USGS scientist community (e.g., RGE implications) while promoting -- to the greatest extent possible -- quick, open access
  - Facilitate
    - community interest and participation in policy development and implementation (e.g., through broader review and comment)
    - communication of policies
- Linkages (the exact nature of which are also still TBD):
  - USGS-Data.gov publishing support "network" (Note: Relationship needs to be clarified. Is this to be regarded child of the DRP team or -- more realistically -- a mature peer "activity" that is loosely "sponsored" by the CDI, but which stands on its own"?)
  - Other potentially interested CDI communities and teams (e.g., MetadataTeam)
  - SIEO-NSN (or successor); NBII - particularly KM/Library components
  - EPN (or successor)
  - FSP
  - "science advisory groups", science-strategy based data management and delivery, inter-agency, other science "communities" and "networks" (e.g., CEN, USNPN, USGIN, ...), or other data publishing loci that emerge from the impending reorganization.
  - Working groups loosely associated with or external to CDI, but with shared data delivery interests (e.g., AK Data Integration WG)
  - Any science program-based group (formal or informal) concerned with publishing generally and data DRP in particular
  - IM and Preservation communities
  - External Open Access community
  - ...

Membership

-- Proposed candidates who have crucial expertise and demonstrated involvement. No particular order. --

- Peter Lyttle
- Randy Orndorff
- Carolyn Reid - Policies Gatekeeper
- Keith Kirk
- Ed Swibas
- Alan Allwardt
- Rob Wertz
- Kate Kase
- Dave Govoni
- Richard Huffine
- Sky Bristol
- Scott McEwen
- Others ???

Charge

-- Specific activities/tasks suggested here need to be grouped under a set overarching goals as they emerge from and are ratified by team and CDI leadership --

- inventory data publishing/release policies (existing and draft)
- inventory and prioritize data publishing/release issues
- evaluate current and proposed policies for
  - adequacy, thoroughness, inconsistencies, gaps, ...
- identify issues requiring further attention arising from these evaluations
  - e.g., need for policy revisions, new policies or guidelines
- propose solutions (to FSP, EPN, CDI, or whomever appropriate)

Selected References and Resources

- EnterprisePublishing Network
  - Policies of Interest to USGS Authors
    - USGSPublishing and Related Policies
- Fundamental Science Practices