To: Shared print programs and groups
From: The Executive Committee of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections

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The Partnership for Shared Book Collections (the Partnership) is a federation of shared print programs with a vision to ensure the long-term preservation of, access to, and integrity of monographic print resources in North America. The Partnership is open to monograph shared print programs in the U.S. and Canada. Our aim is to coordinate collaboration among shared print programs to support cost-effective retention and access to monograph collections. By working together, shared print programs can:
● Reduce the cost of retaining the scholarly record through shared distribution of commitments;
● De-duplicate efforts;
● Develop and promote evidence-based best practices;
● Increase the effectiveness of communication with end-users and funders, as well as
● Tackle large scale projects and research issues that are out of reach for individual shared print programs.

The Partnership seeks to provide informed and progressive leadership in the developing field of shared print and works closely with the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance in areas of shared interest.

Joining the Partnership
To join the Partnership, an interested shared print program should contact the Chair of the Executive Committee (info@sharedprint.org) indicating its interest in joining. The initial term of membership is through June 30, 2022 with annual Membership Fees set at $3,000 per year (with a fiscal year of July 1 – June 30). This Membership fee is for each shared print program, not per individual Participating Library. Shared print programs joining after January 1, 2021 will have their membership pro-rated but are expected to join for the full initial membership period. Member Programs will have a voice in setting the budget, assessing program effectiveness, and proposing strategic directions for the organization.

Cost-Share, Governance, & Staffing
This cost-share model allows the Partnership to fund a part-time Program Coordinator as well as minimal infrastructure costs. The primary governance of the Partnership is the responsibility of an Executive Committee elected by the Partnership Member Programs. An appointed Operations Committee oversees the work on the Partnership Working Groups and coordinates closely with the Program Coordinator based on the strategic direction set by the Executive Committee. (See Governance Document for more information.)

The goal of the cost-share formula for the Partnership is to create a straightforward, sustainable funding model that will encourage broad membership to support well-established and emerging shared print

monograph programs. The cost-share is a flat fee for simplicity's sake and recognizing that all programs will derive benefits from the Partnership.

Partnership Member Program Responsibilities:
- Provide some level of in-kind support on committees and working groups or other projects;
- Provide components of the Partnership infrastructure - for more detail;
- Lend to participating libraries of other Member Programs using their own policies and procedures.

See Membership Agreement for complete Member Program Responsibilities.

Among the Partnership's planned service initiatives are:
- Developing and advocating for a set of best practices and guidelines, including: shared print efficiencies and communications templates to provide consistent messaging;
- Investigating the enhanced discovery of shared print commitments;
- Supporting the development of new shared print monograph programs;
- Creating a Shared Print Program Directory to support adding new institutions to shared print programs.

Information and Joining the Partnership for Shared Book Collections:
See the Membership Agreement. The Governance Document and other information about the Partnership are available for reference on the website https://sharedprint.org/.