Statement of Purpose

Recollection Wisconsin Steering Committee

The Recollection Wisconsin Steering Committee serves as the consortium's practitioner-informed advisory body, ensuring that Recollection Wisconsin's operational work, policies, and support of the community-of-practice remain aligned with the consortium's mission, vision, and values. Drawing on the collective experience of cultural heritage practitioners across the state and guided by Recollection Wisconsin's mission, vision, and values, the Steering Committee contributes grounded, real-world insight so that Recollection Wisconsin's services and programs are equitable, sustainable, collaborative, and responsive to community needs.

The Steering Committee is responsible for:

1. **Practitioner-informed operational guidance:** Offering practical advice on workflows, standards, and implementation details so that Recollection Wisconsin's services reflect the real challenges and opportunities cultural heritage organizations and digital collections users face.

2. **Leadership on issue identification:** Identifying operational or community issues that need deeper attention and recommending or initiating next steps to address them. The committee helps determine when something requires broader governance review or focused practitioner exploration.

3. **Representation and inclusion**: Guiding the consortium in fostering diverse and equitable participation from Wisconsin's cultural, geographic, and institutional communities; encouraging input from underrepresented groups, content partners, and users.

4. **Program evaluation:** Offering feedback on meaningful evaluation methods to assess how our programs are performing. The committee helps interpret practitioner-level trends and shares insights that inform decision-making.

5. **Community of practice support:** Helping build and strengthen the statewide network of practitioners through guidance on training, peer learning, documentation, and shared standards. The committee plays a key role in making Recollection Wisconsin a supportive and welcoming space for practitioners at all levels.

6. **Advocacy:** Informing outreach strategy by recommending channels, approaches, and messages that effectively reach digital cultural heritage practitioners.

Document review

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