



# ArchivesSpace

a community served by †Lyrasis

## **Introducing the ArchivesSpace Consortium Provider Affiliation**

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# Today's agenda

- Introductions and background
- The Consortium Provider Affiliation
  - Why we are introducing this program now
- Its benefits to
  - You
  - Your members
  - ArchivesSpace's sustainability
- Questions and discussion





# ArchivesSpace is...



- An archives information management software application:
  - Supports many functions in archives and special collections
  - Created by archivists and supported by diverse repositories
  - Fills a need with few proprietary vendor solutions.



# ArchivesSpace also is...

- **A community:**
  - Working together to create an application reflecting our values
  - Supporting each other in carrying out our individual missions for the collective good
  - Lyrasis as its organizational home provides services and infrastructure to amplify community contributions.
- **An opportunity:**
  - To bring people from different sizes and types of institutions together to solve common problems and address wider challenges





# And ArchivesSpace also is...



- **Community supported, open source software:**
  - Free to download and use (and provide services for) but has membership and community-led governance for sustainability.
  - Members and affiliated organizations get benefits that help them use it and have the greatest say in its future.
  - What's accomplished through membership and organizational affiliations benefits everyone with an interest in ArchivesSpace.



# Consortium Provider affiliation

- For consortia that:
  - Are legally or unofficially recognized membership organizations that bring together different types of organizations to collaborate around archives, library, or other information functions and initiatives
  - Provide services related to ArchivesSpace to their own members, often at a low cost or on a cost recovery basis
  - Want to support and have a greater say in the future of ArchivesSpace, while getting access to resources that will help them provide those services
- The Registered Service Provider affiliation is still available for any organization that provides ArchivesSpace services that include hosting. The Affiliates affiliation (which has fewer benefits) is still available for any technical or membership organization that does not provide hosting.



# Why we are introducing this now

- **Consortium affiliation is something that has been considered multiple times before**
  - All of our policies work to balance the needs of the different parties involved to ensure health and sustainability for the ArchivesSpace ecosystem
  - If something has a significant negative financial impact on ArchivesSpace without another kind of significant benefit, it will negatively impact the larger ArchivesSpace ecosystem in the long run.
- **The number of consortia providing or considering providing ArchivesSpace services has reached a critical mass in recent years**
  - This provides an opportunity to work together in ways that may not have been possible when there were only a few doing so
- **Governance Board has considered the issue again and we are putting forth this program as a result**
  - The Board recognized that closer relationships between ArchivesSpace and consortia staff would be beneficial to both the consortia and the program
  - They also reaffirmed that a model where consortial membership replaces individual institutional membership would not be sustainable for the future of ArchivesSpace





# Consortium Provider Benefits

- Access to the ArchivesSpace Help Center user manual and video tutorials for up to two staff members of the consortium\*
- Eligibility for up to two staff to subscribe to the ArchivesSpace Users Group listserv, which includes early notification of releases, events, and major initiatives\*
- Eligibility for up to two staff to attend ArchivesSpace member-only events\*
- Eligibility to participate in regular meetings with ArchivesSpace program staff and other consortia participating in the program for technical advice and discussion
- Eligibility to be considered for a class seat on the ArchivesSpace Technical Advisory Council (TAC)
- Permission to use the ArchivesSpace Consortium Provider logo on your website and in promotional materials
- Listing on the ArchivesSpace website

\*access for unlimited staff members at the Consortium Provider Plus level

- **All benefits are for staff employed by the consortia, not their members**





# Terms and Fees

- Runs July 1 – June 30, corresponding with the ArchivesSpace membership term; renewable annually
- \$5,000/year for most; \$7,500/year for those who want more benefits as a Consortium Provider Plus
- These fees can be discounted depending on the number of ArchivesSpace member institutions your consortium serves:

<b>ArchivesSpace member institutions served</b>	<b>discount on annual fee</b>
0-2	0%
3-5	10%
6-8	20%
More than 8	30%





# Benefits to you as a provider

- Direct access to info about new development, initiatives, community conversations and events
- Direct access to user manual and videos in Help Center, which you can adapt if you wish for use with your members
- Direct access to the program team for questions about functionality and deployment
- Possibility of Technical Advisory Council representation
- Ability to more easily participate in conversations with other providers, including possibilities to collaborate on shared concerns around development, deployment, or training
- Clearer connection with the ArchivesSpace program and community, which could help reduce confusion among your members and in the community overall



# Benefits to your members

- Their provider has a direct line to the program and governance and can represent its concerns, whether they choose membership for themselves or not
- Their provider has an easier way to remain knowledgeable about changes in the application and activities
- The relationship between their provider and ArchivesSpace becomes clearer, which may make it easier for them to advocate internally for resources they may need to be successful in their use of the ArchivesSpace application, which may include ArchivesSpace membership



# Benefits to ArchivesSpace's sustainability

- As long as you/your members use ArchivesSpace, its sustainability is important to you
- ArchivesSpace can only grow and continue if organizations who use it and benefit from their use of it contribute to it
- Committing to a specific archival information management application is a substantial investment of staff time and resources – ensuring that application sticks around and evolves as institutions' needs change protects that investment, for your consortium and its members
- Consortia moving in the same direction as us gives ArchivesSpace necessary resources to become a better application, responsive to a wider swath of needs



# Why your members should still become members if they can

- They will get direct access to all of the benefits of membership
- They will be directly contributing to the protection of their investment
- Like with membership overall, what is accomplished through their membership will help others in the consortium, regardless of what they decide for themselves



# Thank you!

- Consortium Provider web page:  
<https://archivesspace.org/service-providers/consortium-provider>
- For more questions or to enroll, contact us at [ArchivesSpaceHome@lyrasis.org](mailto:ArchivesSpaceHome@lyrasis.org) (reaches both Christine and Jessica) or individually [christine.dibella@lyrasis.org](mailto:christine.dibella@lyrasis.org) or [jessica.crouch@lyrasis.org](mailto:jessica.crouch@lyrasis.org)

