

# WPLC Committee Updates

October 2023

## **Selector Committee Update**

As we near the end of the calendar year, there may be vacancies for the WPLC Selectors for your system. The project managers will send out an email by November 20th to system directors, notifying you of any openings and instructions on appointing replacements to the consortium selection committee.

## **Historical and Local Digital Collections Committee Update**

The Historical and Local Digital Collections committee has resumed meeting on a biannual basis in the spring and fall. The committee currently has five members and welcomes anyone with an interest in local historical collections to join. The committee will be meeting next in November 2023. Agenda and details will be posted [here](#).

The committee's most recent meeting in March 2023 prompted the following activities:

- The committee is recentering their work while the historical newspaper digitization project remains on indefinite pause.
  - Project managers and the committee will continue to monitor any new developments in the landscape that might prompt resuming this work.
  - It is important to note that as of early October 2023 the final batch of digitized newspapers is not yet available in the Wisconsin Newspaper Archive. Work is in progress.
  - The [Historical Newspapers in Wisconsin webpage](#) has been refreshed to help libraries and other cultural organizations consider and understand options for local content digitization.
- The creation of a committee Basecamp page to help organize discussions and work on committee activities in between meetings.
- The formation of a consultation support working group that is exploring ways the WPLC can help libraries in the early stages of a digitization project. The working group is connecting with Recollection Wisconsin project managers to discuss potential collaboration in this effort.