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# EAST Member Update

April 22, 2025, 10 am / April 23, 2025, 1 pm

Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust

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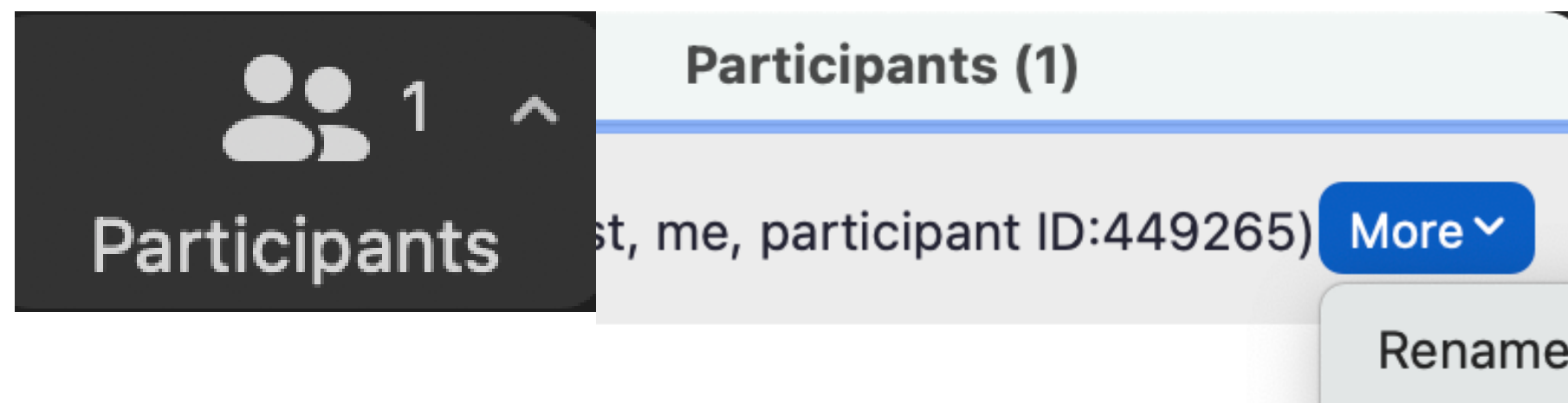
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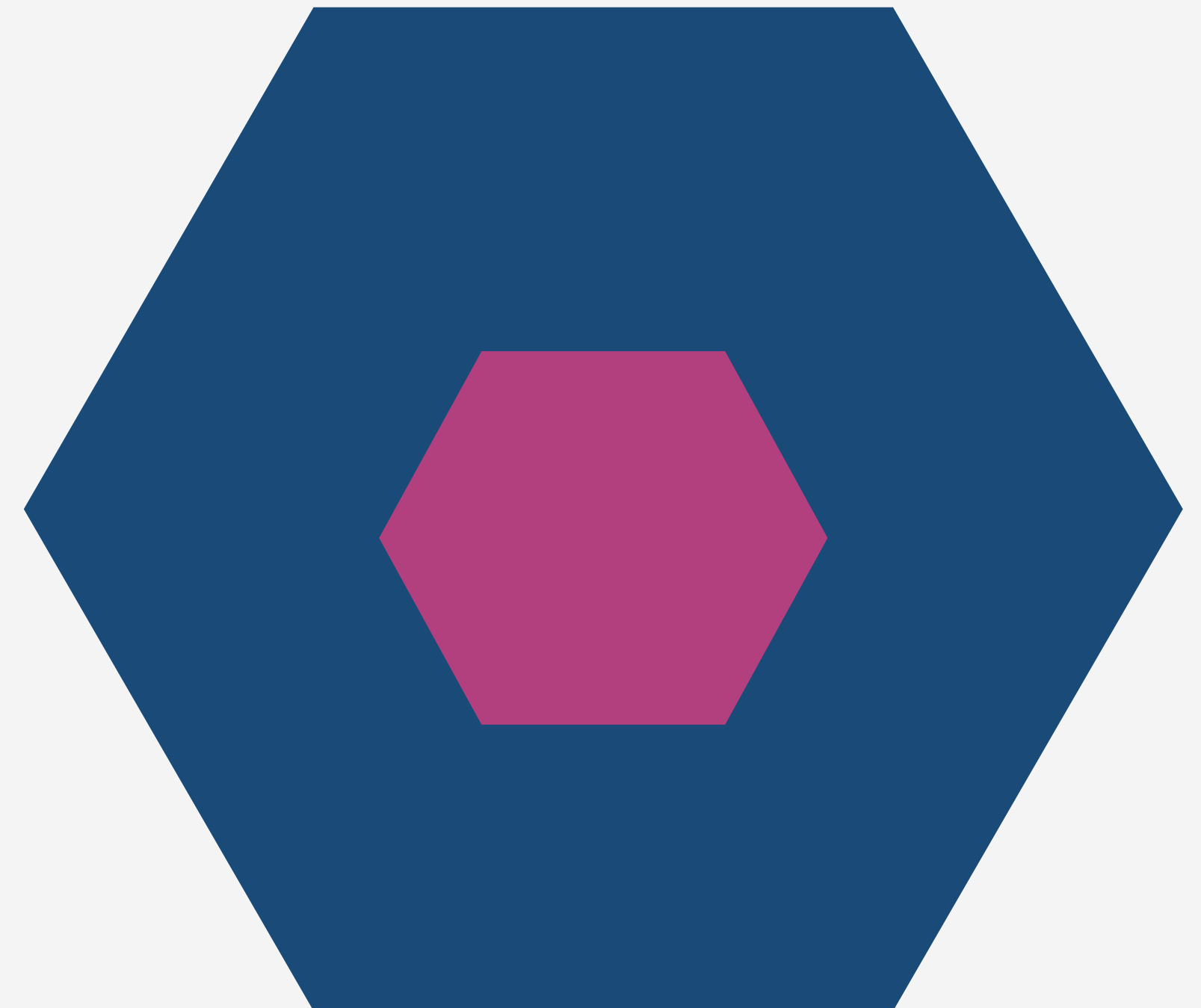
# Agenda

- Welcome
- Strategic Planning & Results of Pulse Survey
- PALNI
- Refining Retentions
- Communities of Interest and other meetings
- Ephemera Refinements
- EAST Tips
- Serials and Journals Collection Analysis
- Q&A

Water Cooler - Open Discussion



# Welcome



# EAST Strategic Planning

## Virtual Board Retreat

March 28: What has EAST achieved?

April 11: What is our vision for EAST? How can EAST increase its value to members?

May 23: How do we focus our efforts to achieve our vision?

June 16: What have we missed?

**Stick Around for  
the Water Cooler!**

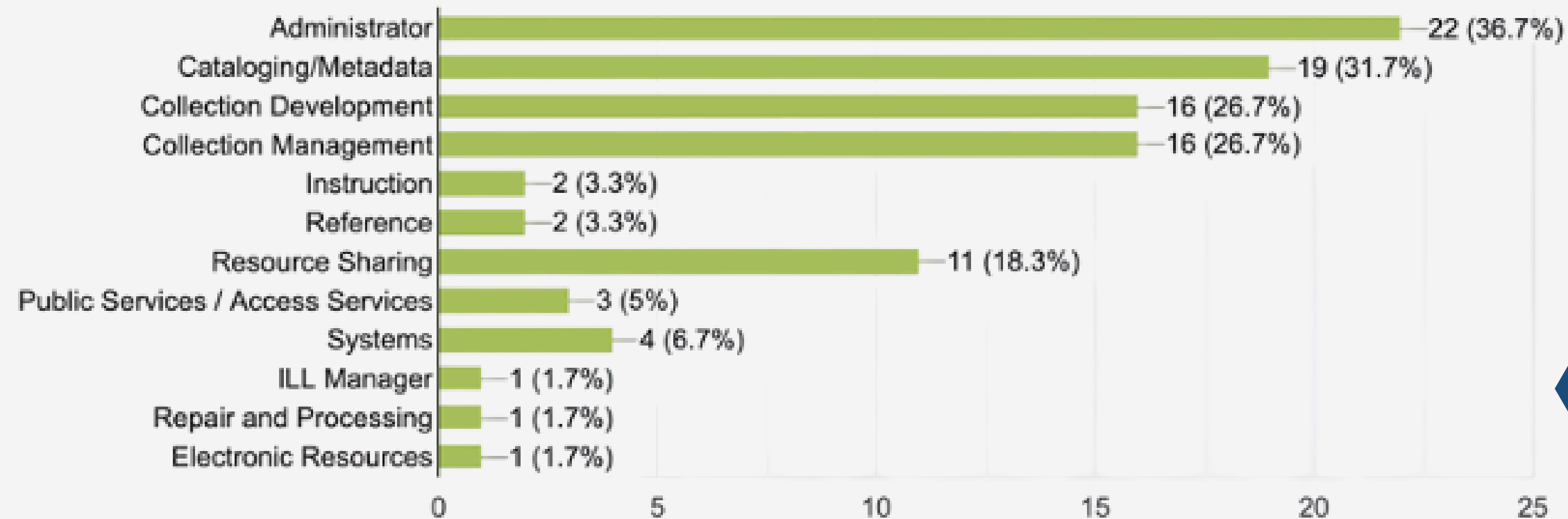


# EAST Strategic Planning

## Member Pulse Survey Results

What is your role within the library?

60 responses



# EAST Strategic Planning

## Member Pulse Survey Results

What are the benefits of EAST membership to your library?

- resource sharing
- print collection management
- scholarly preservation

*“Shared print programs like EAST have enormous strategic value when thinking about the long-term permanence of the scholarly record. Ebooks are good and users value them, but to my mind, there will never not be a place for print collections. With more demands on our budget, programs like EAST allow us to make shared decisions to ensure consistent availability of print resources in a thoughtful way.”*

**Does anything surprise you?  
Does anything really resonate?  
Drop your thoughts in the chat.**



# EAST Strategic Planning

## Member Pulse Survey Results

What are the biggest collections-related challenges your library is currently facing and/or will face in the next five years?

- space limitations
- budget cuts
- managing physical collections
- struggle to balance preserving print materials with adapting to evolving collection policies

*“The biggest challenge is the reduction of our library budget, cutting the amount we can spend on collection development.”*

*“Space is a huge issue and being a part of EAST helps us prioritize what to keep and what to deaccession.”*



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# Collection Analysis

## Presented Preliminary Results

16% Unique

35% Topping Up - EAST fewer than 5

35% EAST already has 5 copies

13% Suspect

Also looked at overlap within PALNI



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**PALNI**  
*Collaborative, Strategic, Innovative*



# Refining Retentions

Working  
Group

Equitable

Survey on Storage

# Alma and Resource Sharing Communities of Interest

**Alma: June 4, 2025, 10 am**

**Resource Sharing: July 15, 1 pm**

ExLibris  
Alma

Upcoming Events

[View recordings of previous events »](#)



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[resourcesharing.eastlibraries.org](http://resourcesharing.eastlibraries.org)

## Resource Sharing Community

Welcome to the EAST Resource Sharing Community



Discussion List



Policies Directory



Contacts & Symbols



Community Meetings



FAQ



Systems  
Documentation

# Community Strategies to Expand the Diversity and Inclusivity of the Collective Collection of Shared Print

- Funding from IMLS
- SCELIC, the lead on the planning grant, is completing an analysis of both HBCU and HSI collections based on FAST headings

**Research Results**  
**June 2, 2025 @ Noon ET**



# Other Upcoming Meetings

**EAST Onboarding - May 21, 10 a.m.**

**Print Archive Network (PAN) Annual Forum June 27, 2025**



**Upcoming Events**

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# ‘Ephemeris’ Review

Reviewed and Categorized

publishers into tiers

Reviewed for consistency

Updated ‘tips’ and including  
‘suspect’

Steve Smith, UMass Boston

Alison Armstrong, Radford College

Ed Lener, Virginia Tech

THANK  
YOU  
😊

# EAST Tips: Suspect Titles

introduction training guide

integrating edition directory examination activities law  
convention digital improve  
intermediate healthcare special information conference  
developing instruction principles start helping  
software career procedures sport stock  
advanced starting legal learn microsoft basic  
standards solving health strategic  
dictionary learning instructor strategies  
manual market dreamweaver leading handbook  
guidelines leadership improving



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# Serials and Journals

- CRL
- Timing
- Cost/Commitment

Survey Coming Soon

Drop in Q&A: May 19, 1 pm



# Thank You

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**Meetup Opportunity: PAN / ALA**



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## Q&A







librarians having a lively discussion in the library of congress reading room with a sign that this an EAST meeting - EAST being the "Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust" - [eastlibraries.org](http://eastlibraries.org)

Takeaways - bias to older with glasses, talk with their hands, and it can't spell...





**“Make the group be more age representative”**

**Why don't women don't get name badges?**

**What's up with the green blazers?**

**And the spelling is even worse**



**Watercooler**

# DRAFT Strategic Framework

## Discussion Questions

### **A. SUPPORT** member collection building and management strategies

Help members make data-informed decisions about existing collections

Help members to identify local subject strengths for proactive retention

Help members to proactively commit to retention at the time of acquisition

Secure retention commitments beyond 2031 so that members can continue to rely on the EAST collective collection

### **B. ENHANCE** the value of membership

Reduce barriers to membership

Develop policies and practices that ensure equitable, distributed holdings

Engage in outreach to institutions serving underrepresented communities

Consider ways in which EAST may need to evolve to best provide that value

### **C. ADVOCATE** on behalf of members

Work with vendors and service providers to advocate for, and facilitate the development of, tools and infrastructure

Advocate for open standards and systems interoperability

Make the case for shared print writ large (integration, activities, national network)

Provide talking points on the importance of library print collections

### **D. COLLABORATE** to improve preservation and access

Convene members and facilitate conversations

Develop partnerships to expand both digital and physical access to resources