# 2017 Fedora Leadership Group Election - Nominations

The table of Fedora Leadership Group Nominees below will be used for the upcoming election. After nominations are verified with the nominee they will be added to this page along with the nominee’s personal statement.

## Bronze Members

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<td>Joanna DiPasquale</td>
<td>Vassar College Libraries</td>
<td>Head of Digital Scholarship and Technology Services</td>
<td>I have worked with Fedora since 2011, when I encouraged my institution, Vassar College Libraries, to adopt it as our repository platform. We have used Fedora in conjunction with Islandora as our object delivery system, and I have been the lead developer, application manager (with help from Discovery Garden), project manager, and more to ensure that objects are created, stored, and delivered to researchers in the Vassar community and beyond. As the Head of Digital Scholarship and Technology Services at Vassar, a small liberal arts college (LAC), I know well that the ability to leverage the flexibility and extensibility of Fedora is paramount, as we work to ingest a variety of types of content generated from our ever-growing digital library and digital scholarship programs. However, it is also important that managing, growing, and taking advantage of new features of Fedora is possible for smaller organizations like mine. I work with many LAC partners through the Islandora Collaboration Group, and we feel keenly when system facets like migration paths, content modeling, or workflow procedures meet our more limited resources. I believe that I can effectively represent these interests in balance within the larger picture of making Fedora the most effective and durable repository system possible for libraries and other cultural heritage organizations. I would be honored to serve as part of the Fedora Leadership Group.</td>
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<td>Chris Awe</td>
<td>University of Hull</td>
<td>Head of Information Services</td>
<td>As a long-term adopter of Fedora (since 2005), and lead advocate for its use in the UK, I have championed the benefits of Fedora as a digital repository platform and supported those exploring its use for a variety of different purposes. I believe in the repository platform being considered as infrastructure rather than application, and seek to refresh how repositories are viewed institutionally to better establish them in this way. Fedora offers the only platform that enables this. I am also a founder member of the Hydra Project in 2008 and recognize the important link between Fedora and the services making use of it to exploit its capabilities as a key element of the future of Fedora. In continuing with a role on the Leadership Group I would look to better understand the specific needs of silver level supporters and represent these as part of the broad Fedora community of users.</td>
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<td>Stefano Cossu</td>
<td>Art Institute of Chicago</td>
<td>Director of Application Services, Collections</td>
<td>Stefano has been leading the LAKE project, a museum-focused DAMS based on Fedora, since 2014. The AIC has been an early Fedora 4 adopter (since early alpha) and has since then consistently contributed to the improvement of Fedora with use cases, testing and participation to technical and strategic discussion within the Fedora community, as well as with public presentations at museum tech conferences and inter-museum dialogue. This is part of an effort to expand the adoption of Fedora-based systems in the museum sector and to extend the software's capability to handle a broader range of cultural heritage contents. Stefano has started the Midwest Fedora User Group in 2015 and is coordinating its yearly meetings. He is currently serving as a Steering group member and was nominated for the SG chair position in the 2016 elections.</td>
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<td>Andy Weidner</td>
<td>University of Houston Libraries</td>
<td>Metadata Services Coordinator</td>
<td>In my role as project manager for the Bayou City DAMS project, I am leading a multi-year, cross-departmental effort to implement a Fedora/Hydra repository for the University of Houston Libraries based on Hydra-in-a-Box (Hyku). As an active and founding member of the relatively new South Central States Fedora Users Group, I am excited about contributing to the Fedora community and championing its use in our region. If elected, I will work to represent the interests of new and potential Fedora adopters.</td>
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<td>Aaron Choate</td>
<td>University of Texas Libraries</td>
<td>Director of Digital Strategies</td>
<td>I have been involved in digital library / archives development in various ways for over 15 years. I have worked across many aspects of our operations; from development, to service provision, project management, and team leadership, and now as a director concentrating on our library’s digital strategies. I am interested in working to ensure that Fedora continues to perform as a core for a wide array of digital asset systems, supporting a strong ecosystem of complimentary interfaces and services.</td>
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<td>Sayeed Choudhury</td>
<td>Johns Hopkins University</td>
<td>Associate Dean for Research Data Management</td>
<td>I have been an advocate for Fedora since its inception, most notably through a Mellon Foundation funded analysis of repositories that highlighted Fedora’s utility for supporting more complex use cases. The data management program I have led at Johns Hopkins has used Fedora as one of its key components. Most recently, through an IMLS grant, Johns Hopkins is leading the development of a set of extensions (“API-X”) that will further enhance Fedora’s utility as both institutional repository and data archive. For example, we are developing an API-X extension that would build IFIF support for Fedora repositories. From the beginning of our data management program at Johns Hopkins, I have planned our efforts around Fedora as a key, flexible component of an evolving infrastructure. I have served on several advisory boards including DuraSpace, NISO, ICPSR, DLF, NDSA and ESIP so I would bring experience regarding strategic and administrative aspects as well. Finally, I have established connections with potential international partners for the Fedora community. I welcome the opportunity to contribute but, perhaps as importantly, learn more directly from the Fedora community.</td>
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I am the Director of Library Technology and Digital Strategies at Emory University in Atlanta. I lead a diverse cross-functional team at the university on a multi-year effort to implement a Fedora/Hydra based repository. Ultimately, we seek to preserve content for all of the libraries, archives, and museums on campus. I have been involved in digital repositories and digital preservation in various roles throughout my career -- in project, product, and service management, operations and infrastructure management, and through my work with DPN. Fedora’s extensible architecture and support for linked data make it a key component of digital repositories and digital libraries. Therefore, I believe it is up to us, the cultural heritage institutions that support Fedora, to ensure its long-term stewardship and continued success well into the future.

Tom Murphy
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I am the Associate University Librarian for Research and Development at Arizona State University. We have been a supporter of Fedora for many years and look forward to building our new Repository using Fedora. I have worked on the Library’s digital initiatives, as an individual, at team and then department level, and now at the Division Level. We have created our Repository to support the University’s commitment to excellence, access and impact and I am anxious to make sure that the Fedora community is around and supported for many years to come.

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