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### ABOUT KAREN

Karen is the Senior Research Developer at Portico where her role is to identify current and emerging technology issues relevant to the organization, as well as discover, evaluate, develop, and implement tools to enhance preservation services. She has a background in application development and digital archives.

### ABOUT PORTICO

Portico is a not-for-profit, community-supported preservation archive that safeguards access to e-journals, e-books, and digital collections.

### LOCATION

New York, New Jersey, and Michigan (USA)

### OPF MEMBER SINCE

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### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE OPF?

OPF operates in a vital space for the digital preservation field - that is to organize and support efforts to maintain the open source tools we use in our processes. It also supports important research efforts in digital preservation technology. Members are digital preservation practitioners, and this is reflected in the kinds of events OPF organizes and the conversations that we have in meetings - they are practical and technology focused. All of this makes it an important community to help us organize and get the tough work done to move digital preservation technology and ideas forward.

### WHAT IS OPF MEMBERSHIP TO YOU?

It is an opportunity to contribute to important open source projects and to help improve the tools we use in the community. I joined OPF with a mixed technical and digital preservation background, but only limited experience with specific file formats. Since I've been a part of OPF's Product Board, it has been a great way to develop my knowledge in this area by being around a variety of experts and working with them on different tools.

### HOW DOES BEING A MEMBER HELP YOUR ORGANISATION MEET ITS GOALS?

Connecting with others doing similar work to form a supportive network is incredibly valuable for our organization. We also need to be able to depend on the tools we use. If a tool is one of OPF's products it gives us confidence that it will continue to be supported and we see it as important to play our part in contributing to that shared effort.

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