



MINUTES (draft)

COPPUL Spring Meeting, 7 March 2014

University of Victoria, Mearns Centre/McPherson Library, room 210

Present: K.Adams (Manitoba), G.Beasley (Alberta), J.Bengtson (Victoria & Chair), G.Bird (COPPUL & Secretary), B.Braaksma (Brandon), R.Croft (Royal Roads), J.Duffy (MacEwan), E.Fabbro (Athabasca), E.Fairey (Simon Fraser), B.Foley (Vancouver Island), T.Goshulak (Trinity Western), T.Hickerson (Calgary), K.Isaac (Fraser Valley), T.Janewski (Kings), B.Mathenia (Thompson Rivers), D.Mirau (Concordia), T.Mundle (Kwantlen), C.Nicol (Lethbridge), I.Parent (British Columbia), W.Sgrazzutti (Regina), C.Shepstone (Mt Royal), V.Williamson (Saskatchewan).

Regrets: G.Prefontaine (Winnipeg), A.Wilson (Northern BC).

Call to order and Introductions 8:30am. J.Bengtson welcomed new members B.Braaksma and C.Nicol.

1 Report on the Future of the University of Berkeley Library

Guest: Tom Leonard, University Librarian, University of California at Berkeley

T. Leonard presented background and an update on the report, including context from the culture and governance of UC Berkeley. Members discussed the impact of the shared services model on university libraries. T.Leonard responded to questions.

2 Approval of minutes of Sept meeting.

B.Braaksma had sent regrets.

Motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: B.Foley: Seconded: C.Shepstone.

Carried

3 Board and Member Roles and Responsibilities

J.Bengtson reminded members of COPPUL's new by-laws, and the distinction in roles between COPPUL members and Board members. The new Board came into effect on October 11, 2013 with notice from Industry Canada that the Articles of Continuance and new by-laws had been received. The new Board has met twice by teleconference, and will meet again immediately following this meeting. Minutes from Board meetings are posted to the COPPUL website.

ACTION: G.Bird will send out notice when Board minutes are posted to website.

4 Strategic framework update

J.Bengtson asked for feedback on the mid-term report on the strategic framework document. Board members are looking for input in all areas, and especially those from the framework document with no activity yet listed under them.

In response to questions about a potential consortial membership in HathiTrust, G.Bird described her discussions with HathiTrust so far. Members expressed interest in COPPUL continuing to pursue this and keep them updated.

On sustaining scholarly communication, C.Shepstone indicated the Scholarly Communication Working Group would appreciate guidance from directors about initiatives that would be useful. G.Bird will follow up with C.Shepstone to develop a mechanism for this input.

On research data, it was noted that the national impetus led by CARL has now reached a productive point, including an active working group with COPPUL representation. The Digital Infrastructure Summit held in Ottawa in January, coordinated by the Leadership Council on Digital Infrastructure, included participation by many COPPUL libraries, and many from outside libraries (university IT, etc.). COPPUL can assist in keeping members up to date on the issue.

On employee engagement and change management, it was noted that the “directors plus one” meetings are helping to address this. As an input into the next strategic plan, COPPUL will need to find a way to measure the impact of these workshops. On change management, V.Williamson mentioned that resources from coachingourselves.com have been useful at USask, and asked if there might be interest at other COPPUL institutions. It was noted that employee engagement also encompasses engagement of staff internally within member libraries, and that if COPPUL could find ways to support this for members, it may prove useful.

On transitioning the library workforce from the print to electronic environment, some members indicated their workforce has successfully made this transition, while others stated it was an ongoing challenge. Support from COPPUL may prove useful, and might be as simple as providing a venue to hear strategies from places that have successfully transitioned. V.Williamson offered to help collect data on the COPPUL workforce as a first step.

On learning outcomes, it was noted that the 2012 ACRL workshop on standards was useful but very US oriented. There has been work on this in Ontario, and there may be existing work underway at member libraries. COPPUL could consider a workshop on this for members with a Canadian focus.

ACTION: G.Bird will follow up with C.Shepstone about potential Scholarly Communication Working Group activity for the “supporting sustainable models of scholarly communication” item.
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ACTION: G.Bird will follow up with V.Williamson to collect data about the COPPUL workforce and plan activity for the “employee engagement” and “transitioning the library workforce” items.

5 Financial report 2013/14

G.Bird presented the financial report with forecast to March 31, 2014. The over-budget amount in the Miscellaneous line was for one-time legal fees associated with the new by-laws and continuance under the new Not For Profit Corporations Act. This line will be restored to usual budgeted amount in next year’s budget.

6 Budget 2014/15

J.Bengtson presented a draft budget proposed by the Board for member input and responded to questions.

Motion: The members recommend that revenue and expenditures from the COPPUL Shared Print Archive Network be incorporated into the COPPUL budget, beginning with the 2014/15 fiscal year.

Moved: V.Williamson; Seconded: T.Mundle

Carried

7 COPPUL Award

I.Parent summarized the nomination of L.Crema for her work on the SPAN project.

Motion: to present the 2014 COPPUL Outstanding Contribution Award to L.Crema.

Moved: I.Parent; Seconded: K.Adams

Carried

ACTION: COPPUL will inform L.Crema. G.Bird will prepare a press release suitable for distribution. The award will be formally presented at a future COPPUL dinner.

8 Shared Print Archiving and COPPUL SPAN

Guests: Rick Lugg, Sustainable Collections Services; Leonora Crema, UBC Library and Chair of SPAN Management Committee

R.Lugg presented the rationale for, and examples of, data-driven deselection projects taking place in other regional shared print initiatives. He noted the changing value of local print collections, trends contributing to shared print activity, and the kinds of data that are used to inform local decisions. Slides will be made available on the COPPUL website. Members discussed the advantages of a group response to these trends, rather than each library moving independently. Members discussed questions from the SPAN Management Committee that had been distributed, including priorities for Phase 3. Some members requested additional time to consult within their libraries before responding.

ACTION: G.Bird will re-send SPAN discussion questions to directors by email with a short turnaround time for response.

9 Digital Preservation Working Group

Members discussed the meeting proposal, noting that the DPWG has been consistently productive and that this meeting would help to move their work forward. Goals for the day include policy development and establishing a model for a hosted PLN option to allow smaller libraries to participate in the PLN without setting up their own LOCKSS server. Travel expenses for attending individuals would be covered by their institutions. Members would like a report after the meeting.

Motion: to endorse the proposal for an in-person meeting of the Digital Preservation Working Group in Spring 2014.

Moved: B.Foley; Seconded: B.Braaksma.

Carried.

10 Evaluation and debrief of March 6 Research Roles Workshop

J.Bengtson led a debrief of the March 6 Directors Plus One workshop on Research Roles for Librarians. While there was much discussion of CARL's involvement in this area, in particular by offering the Librarians' Research Institute, any solution coming from COPPUL must also address the needs of smaller, non-CARL libraries. COPPUL could check with CARL about options for delivery of the LRI in the west and with space available for participation from all interested COPPUL libraries. COPPUL could also help to spread word of librarians' research via the website and other existing communication vehicles. Feedback about the workshop was generally positive, with some participants noting that small table discussions would have been useful. C.Nicol, V.Williamson, B.Braaksma volunteered to work with G.Bird on a list of appropriate action items for COPPUL.

ACTION: G.Bird will consult with V. Williamson, C.Nicol, B.Braaksma about action items from workshop on librarians' research.

ACTION: G.Bird will check with CARL about development plans for Librarians' Research Institute.

11 Reports

a) Scholarly Communication Working Group

C.Shepstone reported that Open Access Week events at UBC and Athabasca were webcast with funds from COPPUL. The Scholarly Communication Working Group is trying to get communities of practice going in areas of interest. In its "think tank" role, the group also looked at the Tri-Council policy on Open Access, the consultation on Big Data, and a membership approach from PeerJ. Directors expressed thanks to the group for their work.

b) ACCOLEDS

Received with thanks.

c) ROI Task Group

Received with thanks.

d) CARL

G.Beasley provided an update from CARL. The spring meeting will be held May 13-15. A research data management working group has been established by CARL, with Brian Owen (SFU) and Chuck Humphrey (UAlberta) representing COPPUL. CARL has organized a study tour to Brazil for library directors in early April. CARL has issued statements about the closure of DFO libraries, and the Trans-Pacific Partnership. These are available on the CARL website.

e) CRKN

C.Shepstone reported that new Board chair Elizabeth Cannon (UCalgary) has begun her term. Work on the Integrated Digital Scholarship Ecosystem Project (IDSE) is now underway with Mike Ridley working as a consultant. CRKN was also represented at the recent Digital Infrastructure Summit meeting in Ottawa. The Banding Task Group has begun to develop a banding structure for CRKN licenses, taking the recommendations of the Cost Sharing Advisory Group into account. CRKN responded to the consultation on the Tri-Councils' draft Open Access policy, and to the consultation on Big Data. CRKN has recently distributed sample usage statistics reports and is seeking feedback from members. T.Mundle reported on activity of the Content Strategy Committee, noting that a review of the CRKN model license is underway. L.Petrachenko (UVic) has been re-appointed for a second term as a COPPUL representative to the CSC.

f) ARL

T.Hickerson provided an update from ARL. As part of the Transforming Special Collections in the Digital Age Working Group, ARL and the Society of American Archivists have cooperated to offer weeklong workshops on digital archiving at various North American locations—an upcoming one will be at UAlberta. ARL is undertaking a Strategic Thinking and Design process, looking ahead to 2033 and asking "what will research libraries look like?" The output of these design studios will be presented to ARL members at an upcoming meeting.

g) Executive Director

Received with thanks.

h) Action items

G.Bird presented the update on action items from previous meetings. In response to questions about the item on

availability of Institutional Repositories to all researchers in western Canada, G.Bird reported on discussions with CARL and the COPPUL's Scholarly Communication Working Group. Further coordination is needed in this area.

i) COPPUL submission to the Royal Society Expert Panel

Received with thanks.

12 Future meetings

The Fall meeting will take place at MacEwan University (Edmonton), September 18-19, 2014.

September 18 will be a Directors Plus One workshop on Indigenous Initiatives at COPPUL libraries, possibly including a cultural awareness training component. The Annual General Meeting and fall members meeting will be September 19.

The Spring 2015 meeting will be held in Vancouver, coinciding with UBC's 100th Anniversary celebrations.

Adjourned: 2:35pm

Thanks to the University of Victoria for hosting COPPUL