



Spring Meeting, March 22-23, 2012
Legacy Suite, Hotel Alma
Calgary, Alberta

MINUTES

PRESENT: K.Adams (Manitoba), G.Ashoughian (Northern B.C.), J.Bengtson (Victoria), G.Bird (COPPUL & Secretary), C.Eckman (Simon Fraser), B.Foley (Vancouver Island), K.Gaynor (Thompson Rivers), T.Goshulak (Trinity Western), T.Hickerson (Calgary), C.Hurst (Brandon), K.Isaac (Fraser Valley), T.Janewski (King's), D.Mirau (Concordia), T.Mundle (Kwantlen for C.MacDonald), A.Nussbaumer (Lethbridge), I.Parent (British Columbia), S.Schafer (Athabasca) – Chair, C.Shepstone (Mount Royal), W.Sgrazzutti (Regina), V.Williamson (Saskatchewan).

REGRETS: R.Croft (Royal Roads), J.Duffy (Winnipeg), M.Romaniuk (Alberta).

GUESTS: Kit Wilson (Alberta)—Thursday afternoon; Jeremy Buhler (UBC), Lynn Copeland (eBound Canada), Alison Sivak (Alberta) – all Friday AM only .

1 Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 12:45pm on March 22. New members and proxy holders were welcomed to the meeting.

The chair mentioned that agenda item 12 would be deleted, as Dyna Vink was unable to attend. The agenda was approved by consensus.

2 Approval of the Minutes of September 22-23, 2011

No changes. Approved by consensus.

3 Financial Update

Received for information. G.Bird presented the current status YTD and financial commitments projected to year-end for 2011/12, and answered questions.

4 2012/13 Budget

G.Bird presented the proposed budget for 2012/13. The figure used for membership revenue has been provisionally set at the same level as last year, pending CAUBO finalization of their most recent statistical report. Once the final report becomes available, G.Bird will contact any members whose fees have changed based on the total operating expenditures of their university.

Changes from the previous year include no office rent (with thanks to Simon Fraser), and reSearcher expenditures down by half, based on the implementation of the new hybrid funding model. A surplus of \$27,000 is projected.

MOTION: That the 2012/13 COPPUL budget be approved as presented.

MOVED: K. Isaac

SECONDED: A. Nussbaumer

CARRIED

5 Affiliate Memberships

5.1 Application from Ambrose University

The Chair reminded directors that according to COPPUL procedures, new affiliate members must be unanimously approved. C.Shepstone spoke in favour of the application, indicating she was familiar with the institution, library, and library director.

MOTION: That Ambrose University be approved as an affiliate member of COPPUL starting April 1, 2012.

MOVED: A.Nussbaumer

SECONDED: C.Shepstone

CARRIED (unanimous)

ACTION: G. Bird to send welcome letter to Ambrose University, obtain a signed affiliate agreement from them, and invoice them for affiliate membership fees as of April 1.

5.2 Withdrawal from Banff Centre

Received for information. The Chair indicated COPPUL had received a letter from Banff Centre expressing their desire to withdraw their affiliate membership. They are experiencing budget pressures, and since they are not currently participating in any COPPUL licenses, they are not getting any benefit from their membership.

6 Reports

6.1 Private LOCKSS Network report

Received for information.

6.2 Digital Curation and Preservation Working Group

Received for information. The preservation workshop planned by this group for April 20 in Calgary currently has 23 registrants from 14 libraries, with room for more participants.

A joint recommendation from the PLN and Digital Curation & Preservation Working Groups was discussed, suggesting that a small task group be formed to consider merging the two groups and recommending membership and a new chair. The spirit of the recommendation was accepted with the suggestion to minimize process and proceed with setting up the new joint committee.

MOTION: That the outgoing Chairs of the PLN and Digital Curation Working groups work with the Executive Director to recommend membership and a Chair for the new working group that will result from merging these two groups.

MOVED: B.Sgrazutti

SECONDED: A.Nussbaumer

CARRIED

ACTION: G.Bird to work with A.Waller and M.Westell to establish a merged working group and identify a new Chair, and circulate this information to Directors by email by the end of May for approval by electronic ballot.

6.3 Scholarly Communication Task Group

C.Shepstone reviewed the activities of the task group since the fall meeting, including webcasting of two events during Open Access Week. She brought forward recommendations from the task group about possible activities for the group and responded to questions. The Terms of Reference brought forward by the Task Group for the September 2011 meeting were also considered, but were agreed to be outdated now.

In the discussion, specific interest was expressed in the following areas:

- not recreating efforts that have been successfully undertaken elsewhere, and from which member libraries could benefit directly (e.g. SPARC membership, continuing education)
- forming a community of practice
- acting as a think tank for COPPUL on emerging issues in scholarly communication and that are specific to our jurisdiction, such as the eBound Canada e-book proposal.

It was agreed that members of the Scholarly Communication Task Group be thanked for the work they have put in on this issue on behalf of COPPUL to date, and be asked to continue as a Working Group.

ACTION: G.Bird to work with the Scholarly Communication Working Group to select a small number of actions to move ahead on over the coming year based on the Directors' discussion, and to develop terms of reference for an ongoing Working Group for Directors to approve at the Fall 2012 meeting.

6.4 Executive Director's report

Received for information.

6.5 Correspondence

Received for information.

6.6 Actions Document

Received for information. V.Williamson noted that U.Saskatchewan contacted OCU about implementing the OCU Usage Rights database, and have proceeded with a local implementation. The database came populated with information about CRKN licenses, and USask staff have added information about COPPUL licenses. If other COPPUL libraries are interested in implementing this solution, they can contact U.Sask for these records.

7 Shared Print Archiving

G.Bird provided an update on the shared print archiving initiative. The OCLC collection analysis project was supported by 19 members, and is currently underway with reports being expected the week of March 26. The reports will be distributed to libraries, indicating degree of overlap of each collection with other COPPUL members, unique titles in COPPUL and WorldCat, and a list of widely held serials across the consortium.

An application to fund a Collection Analyst summer student was submitted to Young Canada Works, but the outcome is not available yet.

G.Bird presented a draft membership agreement and proposed budget for the COPPUL Shared Print Archives Network, and accepted suggestions for changes. A non-binding straw poll indicated 14 of the libraries present might be interested in signing on. G.Bird will circulate a revised membership agreement for interested directors to sign on in early April.

ACTION: G.Bird to revise the membership agreement for the COPPUL Shared Print Archiving Network, distribute to libraries, and ask for signatories in early April.

8 Future Meetings

The Chair noted that the University of Regina has offered to host the fall 2012 meeting. It will be held on university premises on September 20-21. A list of nearby accommodations will be provided, and B.Sgrazutti will arrange a shuttle to campus from one or two preferred hotels.

The spring 2013 meeting will be held in Vancouver. Dates will be either March 14-15 or 21-22, 2013 (to be confirmed).

8.1 Virtual meetings

G.Bird reported that B.Sgrazutti had assisted in investigating options for virtual attendance to parts of the Fall 2012 meeting from URegina for anyone who might be interested. The most workable option is use of Regina's professional videoconferencing system which is high-quality, reliable and low cost. COPPUL will cover the cost on the host end, while any costs for use of videoconferencing facilities at remote sites will be borne by the libraries using them. An informal show of hands indicated there were at least two directors who might plan to attend virtually in Sept 2012.

ACTION: G.Bird to plan for the option of virtual attendance for at least part of the Fall 2012 meeting via videoconferencing.

As a result of the strategic planning session held March 21-22, directors also discussed the need for a decision-making mechanism between in person meetings. The group discussed the use of electronic ballots, or teleconference meetings between in-person meetings for more complex matters. The Executive Committee will take this into consideration to keep moving projects forward between regular meetings

9 Blended Reference Trends

Kit Wilson (U of A) presented the results of her survey of reference practices at COPPUL libraries. Results indicate that some degree of embedded librarianship and self-serve services are in use at all 19 responding libraries. Kit also discussed changes in service at UAlberta as a case study, and reference trends from ARL libraries and the ACTL Public Service group.

10 eBound Canada

Lynn Copeland is working as a consultant to eBound Canada, a subsidiary of the Association of Canadian Publishers that has the goal of supporting members' efforts to digitize their output. She is working with both libraries and publishers to craft a made-in-Canada deal that will be attractive to all parties and result in sales of Canadian e-books into Canadian academic libraries. Publishers are concerned about ensuring protection from mass downloading, and about loss of income currently derived from course-based sales. Directors provided feedback about possible new options to explore, including purchase of chapters at low cost a-la iTunes, and resistance to a restricted use model. Directors with further feedback for Lynn were asked to get in touch with her. She is convening a small working group to pull together an offer and complete sales during the 2012/13 fiscal year.

11 Return on Investment Task Group

Chuck Eckman presented the results of the Task Group's recent survey on ROI & Assessment activity at COPPUL libraries. He introduced Alison Sivak, Assessment librarian from UAlberta, and Jeremy Buhler, Assessment librarian from UBC. They discussed LibPAS implementation at their libraries and its use in three broad areas:

- the desire for a more streamlined process of data management
- finding ways to get data already collected in the library to do "double duty"
- fostering a culture of assessment by making data more broadly accessible

Challenging questions in this area include how to align data gathered in the library with the library's strategic directions, and how to measure the library's impact on users of the library. In response to questions, directors expressed interest in having assessment librarians develop a set of metrics for COPPUL, at both the consortium level and the individual library level. There is also interest in thinking about ROI in relation to learning outcomes. Alison Sivak is interested in working on this, and directors from Vancouver Island and UCalgary indicated they might have interested librarians as well.

ACTION: ROI Task Group to carry on until next meeting, where they will report back on progress on toward developing a set of metrics for COPPUL libraries, and working on assessment of libraries in relation to learning outcomes. Note: the task group may require refreshed membership.

12 CRKN viTAL Assessment and Evaluation

This item was deleted from the agenda, as guest Dyna Vink was unable to attend.

13 Roundtables

- 1) Access Copyright
- 2) TILMA/Library procurement policies

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm on March 23rd.

Thanks to Tom Hickerson and the University of Calgary Library & Cultural Resources for hosting the meeting and showcasing the new Taylor Family Digital Library.