

COPPUL Scholarly Communications Working Group

<http://www.coppul.ca/scholarlycommunications>

Report for the Fall 2017 COPPUL Directors Meeting

Background

The COPPUL Scholarly Communications Working Group (SCWG) was endorsed as a standing committee of COPPUL in March 2012, and has been fully operating since September 2012.

Current members

- Robyn Hall, MacEwan University (AB, Chair, 2017/05 – 2019/06)
- Elaine Fabbro, Athabasca University (AB, Director representative, 2018/06)
- Patty Gallilee, Simon Fraser University (BC, 2015/01 – 2019/06)
- Kathy Gaynor, Thompson Rivers University (BC, 2015/12 – 2018/06)
- Carmen Kazakoff – Lane, Brandon University (MB 2016/10 – 2018/06)

Activities Since the Last Report

Membership Updates

Robert Tiessen (University of Calgary) remained interim chair until April 2017 when Robyn Hall (MacEwan University) took over, beginning a two-year term. Thank you to Robert for his service. Patty Gallilee (SFU) renewed her term, while two working group vacancies are in the process of being filled very shortly.

2017-2018 Work Plan

The SCWG met remotely twice since the group's last report to COPPUL Directors in March 2017. These meetings were focused on determining future directions for the working group including a work plan for 2017-2018. After review by the COPPUL Board, the following initiatives have been approved to get underway in September:

1. *Regional Training Day*

There are currently very few regional or national conference/workshop opportunities directly related to scholarly communications. At the same time, work relevant to scholarly communications is increasingly becoming integrated into a wide variety of academic library services. As such, the SCWG will host an annual one-day scholarly communications regional training day. The event will aim to bring members of COPPUL institutions together to engage with topics and issues of broad importance and practical value among academic library staff with the intentions of creating and fostering local communities of practice and increasing awareness of scholarly communications issues and developments. In order to cover event

expenses, COPPUL will discontinue its sponsorship of Open Access Week speaker events at COPPUL institutions. Members of the SCWG have agreed that an in-person event will bring a higher return on investment and will speak more directly to the group's statement of purpose as originally intended in its Terms of Reference: "to coordinate COPPUL activities and events related to scholarly communications, and to facilitate the formation of a community of practice for librarians engaged in scholarly communications roles at COPPUL libraries."

The inaugural Regional Training Day will take place in either late May or early June at MacEwan University. Details to follow later in the fall term.

2. Best Practices Reports

Members agreed to produce 1-2 brief "best practices" research reports on topics relevant to scholarly communications and COPPUL member libraries that they will share on the SCWG website (<https://coppulscwg.wordpress.com>), and with COPPUL Directors. Topics will be decided upon in September, with reports completed by June 30, 2018.

3. Blog

The working group is in the process of adding a blog to the SCWG website. Members will take turns posting content to the blog about news and events of interest to COPPUL members relevant to scholarly communications. The blog will be used as the group's main communication tool in place of the SCWG listserv, which has been inactive for quite some time and will be discontinued shortly. Information on how to subscribe to the blog and receive email notifications about new posts will be sent out to members in mid-September.

Study of copyright practices in Canadian institutional repositories - update

Patty Gallilee, Rob Thiessen, and Robyn Hall have concluded a content analysis of copyright practices evident in Canadian institutional repository websites. They are currently in the process of analyzing this data and drafting a journal article that will relate these findings in combination with findings collected in 2016 from a survey on copyright management sent to IR managers across the country. They are also exploring 2018 conference presentation opportunities.

Terms of Reference - update

In addition to reviewing and updating information about the SCWG on the COPPUL website (<http://www.coppul.ca/scholarlycommunications>), the group also reviewed and updated its Terms of Reference (<http://tinyurl.com/scwgtor>). Moving forward members will ordinarily serve two-year terms, once renewable. The group will no longer require representation from each COPPUL member province, however, achieving regional diversity will remain a priority when recruiting and deciding upon new members whenever possible.

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