

COPPUL Scholarly Communications Working Group

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

Report for the March 2018 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)
- Sonya Betz, University of Alberta (AB, 2017/09-2019/06)
- Devina Dandar, Royal Roads University (BC, 2017/09-2019/06)
- 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

The SCWG welcomed Devina Dandar and Sonya Betz to the working group in early fall of 2018 to begin two-year terms.

2017-2018 Work Plan

The SCWG met remotely each month (five times total) since the group's last report to COPPUL Directors in September 2017. These meetings have been focused on a 2017-2018 work plan previously approved by the COPPUL Board that includes the following initiatives

1. *Scholarly Communications Regional Training Day*

The SCWG is planning its first Scholarly Communications Regional Training Day at MacEwan University in Edmonton on Friday, May 18. The day will feature several talks, panels, and activities, and will be preceded by an informal meetup at the University of Alberta on the afternoon of May 17. Affiliate members and all others interested in attending will be able to register starting Thursday, March 1, 2018, if space is available. The event will be limited to 50 participants. Registration closes Friday, May 4, 2018 — or when all spots are filled. To-date, 42 people have registered for the event, and 20 people have registered for the meet-up on May 17. For more information, visit: coppulscwg.wordpress.com/training-day

2. *Best Practices Reports*

Members are collaboratively working on two brief “best practices” reports that they will share on the SCWG website (coppulscwg.wordpress.com), and with COPPUL Directors following a June 30 deadline. The topics of these reports are on:

- Evaluating Open Access and Avoiding Predatory Publishers
- Library Funding Support for Open Access Journals

If there is a topic relevant to scholarly communications that you would like the working group to focus on for next year, please send suggestions to Robyn (hallr27@macewan.ca) by early May.

3. *Blog*

In the Fall of 2017, the SCWG initiated a blog to share news and events of interest to COPPUL members that are relevant to scholarly communications and the group’s activities. Each month, members have been taking turns posting content.

COPPUL members are encouraged to sign up for email updates from the blog at <https://coppulscwg.wordpress.com> >> *Follow Blog*.

Please also note that the SCWG has decided to cease use of the group's listserv (coppul-scholcom@sfu.ca).

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