

COPPUL Scholarly Communications Working Group

<http://www.coppul.ca/scholarlycommunications> | Report for the March 2019 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, 2015/10 - 2020/06)
- Sonya Betz, University of Alberta (AB, 2017/09 - 2019/06)
- Leonora Crema, University of British Columbia (BC, 2018/07 - 2020/06)
- Devina Dandar, Royal Roads University (BC, 2017/09 - 2019/06)
- Patty Gallilee, Simon Fraser University (BC, 2015/01 - 2019/06)
- Carmen Kazakoff – Lane, Brandon University (MB 2016/10 - 2020/06)

Activities Since the Last Report

Regional Training Day

The SCWG is planning a second annual Scholarly Communications Regional Training Day on Friday April 26 at the University of Regina preceded by an informal meetup planned for the afternoon of Thursday, April 25. Following from last year's inaugural event held at MacEwan University, the event is open to all staff working at COPPUL member institutions. Non-members will be invited to register should spaces remain following March 1. The event is capped at 50 participants.

Details including this year's program and registration form have been posted at <https://coppulscwg.ca/training-day>.

Our thanks to the University of Regina for hosting! If any institutions are interested in hosting this event in spring 2020, preferably in British Columbia or Manitoba, please get in touch with SCWG Chair Robyn Hall (hallr27@macewan.ca).

Issue Briefs

This year SCWG members are working on two *issue briefs*. One will address research metrics, while the other will look at open access mandates in Canada. Each report will feature information on what is happening locally and elsewhere, as well as recommendations and considerations. Once complete, each will be posted to the SCWG website by the end of June 2019. To view issue briefs completed last year on evaluating and funding open access journals, visit <https://coppulscwg.ca/resources>

SCWG Website

The SCWG members have continued to maintain a blog on their website (<https://coppulscwg.ca>), posting information of relevance to COPPUL members on scholarly communications topics. The website also includes copies of the group's monthly meeting minutes.

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