

Spring Meeting, March 16-17, 2009
The Pacific Suite, Delta Ocean Pointe Resort
Victoria, B.C.

MINUTES

PRESENT: K. Adams (Manitoba), N. Black (Northern B.C.), L. Burridge (Brandon), L. Copeland (Simon Fraser), R. Croft (Royal Roads), L. Dietrick (Winnipeg), B. Foley (Vancouver Island), C. Hixson (Regina), E. Ingles (Alberta), K. Isaac (Fraser Valley) – Chair, T. Janewski (King’s), J. Kirchner (British Columbia for P. Ward), N. Levesque (Thompson Rivers), M. McConnell (Calgary for T. Hickerson), D. Mirau (Concordia), A. Nussbaumer (Lethbridge), S. Schafer (Athabasca), A. Slade (COPPUL) – Secretary, M. Swanson (Victoria), V. Williamson (Saskatchewan) – Thursday only.

REGRETS: T. Goshulak (Trinity Western), T. Hickerson (Calgary), P. Ward (British Columbia), V. Williamson (Saskatchewan) – Friday only.

GUEST: Susan Gibbons (University of Rochester) – Monday AM, March 16

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 16. N. Black (Northern B.C.), L. Dietrick (Winnipeg), J. Kirchner (British Columbia) and M. McConnell (Calgary) were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Approved by consensus.

3. Approval of the Minutes of September 11-12, 2008

Approved by consensus.

4. Incorporation and Financial Matters

4.1. COPPUL budget 2008/09 update

A. Slade provided an update on the 2008/09 budget.

4.2. Operating expenses

Received for information. No changes were reported.

4.3. COPPUL budget 2009/10

A. Slade reviewed some of the differences between the 2008/09 budget and the proposed 2009/10 budget.

MOTION: That the 2009/10 budget be approved as submitted.

MOVED: K. Adams

SECONDED: M. Swanson

CARRIED (L. Copeland abstained)

5. Business Arising

5.1. ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication

C. Hixson reported that CARL does not intend to pursue the suggestion of bringing the ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication to Canada. It was agreed that COPPUL would not pursue this initiative either and that members be encouraged to take advantage of other opportunities for professional development in this area.

5.2. COPPUL intern project

K. Adams and M. Swanson presented a discussion paper proposing an internship program for COPPUL. General support was expressed for the concept and it was agreed that the proposal should be developed further with details on how it would work in practice and the structure needed to link the component parts together.

ACTION: K. Adams and M. Swanson to further develop the proposal for a COPPUL internship program, including a structure to bind it together, and bring it back to the fall meeting.

ACTION: K. Adams and M. Swanson to obtain the feedback from the Capacity Building Task Group in preparing the internship proposal.

5.3. Working in a COPPUL library and mentoring

Discussion deferred due to time restraints.

5.4. National Summit on Library Human Resources outcomes

V. Williamson summarized the five themes that emerged from the National Summit on Library Human Resources held in Ottawa in October. They were: (1) a national internship program, (2) a national leadership development program, (3) continuing and distance education opportunities for librarians, (4) marketing the profession and a national recruitment centre, and (5) a competency-based approach to Canadian professional development.

Some discussion took place on whether there is a regional role in staff development.

5.5. Research methodology program for staff

V. Williamson provided information on the research methodology workshop held at University of Saskatchewan in September. It was agreed to explore the

possibility of bringing the workshop to two provinces, B.C. and Manitoba, and making it available to librarians in nearby COPPUL libraries. Local institutions would serve as host sites.

ACTION: A. Slade to contact the presenters of the research methodology workshop – Dr. Nancy Busch and Dr. Joan Giesecke at University of Nebraska Lincoln – to determine their willingness to present two workshops for COPPUL members, and obtain details on what would be required to bring the workshops to western Canada.

ACTION: A representative from B.C. to confirm whether UBC or SFU would be willing to host one of the research methodology workshops.

ACTION: K. Adams to confirm that University of Manitoba would be willing to host one of the research methodology workshops.

5.6. Graduate services

M. Swanson reported that the task group investigating a graduate services program had postponed developing its proposal until after the members had heard Susan Gibbons' presentation at the spring meeting.

M. Swanson then introduced S. Gibbons, University of Rochester, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of a study of graduate students at her university. The slides from the presentation are available in the "Directors Only" section of the COPPUL website.

ACTION: M. Swanson, L. Copeland and N. Levesque to continue to work on the proposal for a graduate services program and bring the results to the fall 2009 meeting.

5.7. Digital curation and preservation

C. Hixson presented the results of a survey of digital curation and preservation projects in western Canada. It was suggested that the survey be repeated at periodic intervals.

Discussion focused on how COPPUL could support and collaborate with digitization initiatives underway at the national level. CARL's metadata harvester project was suggested as an example. L. Copeland volunteered information on Canadiana.org and indicated that COPPUL could become a member.

It was recommended that a task group, comprised of both directors and library staff, be established to identify points of convergence with national initiatives, establish a list of best practices and propose ways of moving forward, in conjunction with CARL and Canadiana.org, to obtain some tangible results.

ACTION: C. Hixson and S. Schafer to draft terms of reference and suggested membership for a task group on digital curation and preservation and send the document to the list for discussion.

5.8. Resource discovery and WorldCat Groups

D. Mirau reviewed the OCLC WorldCat Groups offer that took place in November and December. The offer was not successful at the time due to a

number of factors. He asked if there is interest in proceeding with another offer now that many of the COPPUL members have upgraded to unlimited access for either WorldCat or the FirstSearch Base package. None of the members indicated they would be willing to go ahead under the current economic circumstances.

D. Mirau, together with K. Hunt (Manitoba), will continue to monitor resource discovery developments and bring new information to the meetings as appropriate. It was proposed that there be an update or round-table on next generation software at the fall meeting.

Thanks were expressed to D. Mirau for his work and leadership in the area of resource discovery.

ACTION: K. Adams to ask K. Hunt to work with D. Mirau as a two-person task group to continue monitoring resource discovery software developments

ACTION: D. Mirau, in consultation with K. Hunt, to provide an update on next generation resource discovery software at the fall meeting.

6. New Business

6.1. COPPUL Outstanding Librarian Award nomination

The discussion regarding the award was conducted in-camera.

MOTION: That the 2009 outstanding librarian award be given to Denise Koufogiannakis, University of Alberta.

MOVED: L. Copeland

SECONDED: L. Burrige

CARRIED

ACTION: K. Isaac to call Denise Koufogiannakis to congratulate her on winning the 2009 Outstanding Librarian award.

ACTION: A. Slade to prepare a press release about the award winner and send it to the Directors list for distribution to library staff.

ACTION: A. Slade to have a plaque and cheque made for presentation to the award winner.

MOTION: That Denise Koufogiannakis be invited to the COPPUL dinner in Kelowna/Penticton in September to receive the plaque and cheque.

MOVED: L. Copeland

SECONDED: E. Ingles

CARRIED

ACTION: E. Ingles to discuss travel to Kelowna/Penticton with D. Koufogiannakis.

6.2. Membership application from Kwantlen Polytechnic University

MOTION: That Kwantlen Polytechnic University be accepted as a full member of COPPUL, effective April 1, 2009.

MOVED: B. Foley

SECONDED: M. Swanson

CARRIED

ACTION: A. Slade to inform Kwantlen Polytechnic University that its application for full membership has been approved.

ACTION: A. Slade to add Kwantlen Polytechnic University to the website and various lists.

ACTION: K. Isaac to act as mentor for C. MacDonald, Kwantlen University Librarian, as per the Guidelines for Orienting New COPPUL Directors.

In the context of this agenda item, it was agreed to review the criteria for full membership in COPPUL. It was noted that the By-Laws may need to be changed.

MOTION: That applications for full membership be frozen until the criteria have been revised.

MOVED: C. Hixson

SECONDED: V. Williamson

DEFEATED

ACTION: The Executive Committee to propose revisions to the criteria for full membership and recommend whether the By-Laws need to be changed.

7. Reports and Updates

7.1. Print Disposition Task Group report

C. Hixson presented the report from the Print Disposition Task Group. The report included the results of a survey of COPPUL members and three recommendations.

It was agreed to focus on the first recommendation that concerned preserving last copies of print equivalent journals. During the discussion, it was recommended that the emphasis be on non-Canadian titles. E. Ingles volunteered to explore the possibility of the BARD (the University of Alberta storage facility) serving a role for COPPUL in preserving the last copies of print journals in the region.

It was also agreed to follow up on the report's third recommendation and ask the current task group to continue work in this area. C. Hixson and K. Adams agreed to join the task group so it is comprised of a mixture of directors and library staff. C. Hixson and K. Adams will draft terms of reference for the task group and send the document to the list for discussion.

The second recommendation concerning preservation of electronic journals will be considered at the fall meeting. It was suggested that this item be added to the mandate of the LOCKSS Task Group.

Thanks were expressed to the Print Disposition Task Group for conducting the survey.

ACTION: E. Ingles to investigate whether the BARD can assume a role for COPPUL and report back at the fall meeting.

ACTION: C. Hixson and K. Adams to draft terms of reference for the Print Disposition Task Group and send the document to the list for discussion.

ACTION: The Print Disposition Task Group's recommendation regarding the preservation of electronic journals to be discussed at the fall meeting.

ACTION: A. Slade to ask the Print Disposition Task Group members if they would be willing to continue serving on the task group together with two directors.

7.2. Capacity Building Task Group report

A. Nussbaumer and M. McConnell provided an update on the work of the Capacity Building Task Group. The results of the career development survey conducted in November were discussed. The areas ranked the highest for career development opportunities were: (1) research), (2) management, and (3) leadership.

It was emphasized that the group would like to find ways to give library staff some management experience early in their careers. It was agreed the group would focus on developing a proposal for providing services and support to librarians on study leave who are visiting other member libraries. Development and testing of the Capacity Builders Web Database will also continue.

In the general discussion, collaborative leadership (e.g. project management) and mentoring arrangements between member libraries were identified as other areas that could be pursued by the Capacity Building Task Group.

ACTION: The Capacity Building Task Group to develop a proposal for providing services and support to librarians on study leave who are visiting other member libraries, and report back at the fall meeting.

7.3. E-books Task Group report

D. Mirau presented the interim report of the Collections Committee E-books Task Group. The results of a survey of COPPUL members conducted in November were discussed. D. Mirau indicated that the next steps for the group are to analyze the survey findings in more depth and to draft a document that would provide an acquisitions model and criteria for evaluating e-book offers. The results will be presented at the fall meeting.

ACTION: The E-books Task Group to prepare a document on evaluating e-book offers and present the results at the fall meeting.

7.4. LOCKSS Implementation Task Group report

The report from the LOCKSS Implementation Task Group was received for information. A. Slade pointed out that the participating libraries will need to decide in the fall about continued funding for the project. It is unlikely that COPPUL will be able to subsidize future LOCKSS membership fees.

7.5. ACCOLEDS report

The report from the ACCOLEDS Committee was received for information. It was pointed out that CARL should be informed about ACCOLEDS' Table-to-Data project so it is aware of the data management work occurring in COPPUL.

7.6. reSearcher report

The report on reSearcher developments was received for information.

7.7. CARL update

C. Hixson summarized some of the recent CARL activities and projects, including participation in the National Summit on Library Human Resources, budget developments, the relationship with Canadiana.org, revision of the membership criteria, advocacy efforts, release of brochures, membership opportunities, and the association strategic planning process.

A separate discussion took place about the forthcoming conference call between CARL and the regional consortia. The purpose of the call is to look for ways CARL and the regional consortia can cooperate or work together. Suggestions offered included: help with advocacy efforts, sharing of information and minutes in a timely manner, collaboration on digitization projects, and sharing strategic plans.

7.8. CRKN update

K. Isaac outlined recent CRKN developments, mentioning that round one of the DCI licensing negotiations is completed, there are still some loose ends in round two, concurrency issues still need to be resolved for some of the larger libraries, a decision has been made to unbundle the core STM licenses at the end of 2009, and the infrastructure for the new CRKN office is still in progress. It was pointed out that CRKN has been asked to explore SCOAP3 (Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics) but no commitment or endorsement has been made.

8. Round Table on Reference Services

Deferred due to time restraints.

9. Actions and Activities

9.1. Review of the Actions document

A. Slade reviewed the summary of completed actions to date. There were no pending actions from previous meetings.

9.2. Report of the Executive Director

The report was received for information.

9.3. Review of the Strategic Plan

The accomplishments to date in COPPUL's strategic plan were reviewed briefly. It was agreed that a more thorough review of the strategic plan should take place at the fall meeting.

ACTION: The Executive Committee to propose a structure for reviewing the strategic plan at the fall meeting.

10. Additional Business

10.1. The economy and its impact

A round table discussion was held on the impact of the economic crisis on COPPUL libraries. Each province is being affected differently. Some provinces and institutions are in better financial positions than others. Many libraries are facing either budget cuts or steady-state budgets in the foreseeable future.

It was agreed that there should be a selective update on this topic at the fall meeting to report any new developments at member institutions.

10.2. Guest speaker for the fall meeting

There were three suggestions for guest speakers for the fall meeting: (1) Mary Martin (Victoria strategic plan facilitator, 2003 and 2007) on leadership, (2) Ken Ladd (Saskatchewan) on preservation of print equivalent volumes of electronic journals, and (3) Karen Williams (University of Minnesota) on future challenges for the liaison librarian. Several members attended K. Williams' presentation at the ACRL Conference in Seattle and indicated she would be a good choice as guest speaker for the fall meeting.

ACTION: J. Kirchner to contact Karen Williams (University of Minnesota) to invite her to speak at the fall meeting.

11. Future Meetings

The fall 2009 meeting will be held September 17-18 (Thursday-Friday) in Kelowna.

The spring 2010 meeting will be held March 11 -12 (Thursday-Friday) in either Calgary or Edmonton.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM on March 16 and at 11:58 AM on March 17.