

CAUL-CBUA Committee Updates

prepared for the

Board of Directors Fall 2015 Meeting

11.1. Digital Preservation & Stewardship Committee

Members: Lou Duggan (SMU); Suzanne van den Hoogen (StFX); Mark Leggott, Chair (UPEI); Jamie MacKenzie (UNB); David Mawhinney (MtA); Erik Moore (UNB); Michael Nason (UNB); Maggie-Jean Neilson (ACA).

The Digital Preservation & Stewardship Committee continues to guide the Research Data Working Group, the Government Documents Working Group, the Digitization and Preservation Best Practices Working Group, and the WWI Working Group.

11.2. Collaborative Research & Innovation Grant Committee

Members: Creighton Barrett (DAL); Marthe Brideau, Chair (UdeM); Jennifer Richard (ACA).

The grant has been promoted through several channels various times in the past two months. No submissions have been received.

11.3. Collections Committee

Members: Melissa Belvadi (UPEI); Susan Cameron (StFX); Debbie Costelo (NSCC); Dianne Keeping (MUN); Heather MacFadyen (DAL); Nathalie Parent (UdeM); Kathryn Reddy (CAUL/CBUA); Jennifer Richard, Chair (ACA); Peter Webster (SMU).

The full committee met by teleconference three times between June 2015 and September 2015. This committee oversees the Last Copy Project, a separate report has been submitted by the chair (Melissa Belvadi) of that group describing its work thus far.

During the meetings the committee focused on the following:

- Advising and assisting the CAUL-CBUA Manager on renewals and subscription decisions, particular products discussed were Proquest Central, Philosopher's Index, Eureka.ca, Project Muse and Academic Search and Business Source products from EBSCO.
- An ERMS Working Group formed and met once during July. Discussions were focused on acquisitions, licensing and accounting, it was determined by the group that pursuit of a consortial ERMS was not ideal at the present time. Other options will be discussed in the future.
- Discussed how the DPSC Government Document Group would interact with the Last Copy Project.
- Began an investigation of improvements to the website regarding renewals, licensing information and statistics. This work overlaps with that of the Communications Committee.
- Began a discussion regarding sharing usage statistics between institutions.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Richard, Chair

11.4. Communications Committee

Members: Mark Leggott, Chair (MtA); Pamela Maher (UStA); Jennifer Richard (ACA); Kathryn Reddy (CAUL/CBUA); Kathryn Rose (MUN).

The Communications Committee is seeking new membership. The group is focusing on adding new features to the website, in order to facilitate communication of product renewals and convey upcoming events. The committee is also working on a formal communications strategy to present at the 2016 Strategic Planning Day. The group recommends that CAUL/CBUA committees agree to employ one survey tool, and is in the process of investigating potential tools.

11.5. Copyright Committee

Members: Jeannie Bail (MUN); Simon Bonnell (SMU); Josh Dickison (UNB); Simon Lloyd (UPEI); Erin Patterson (ACA); Denyse Rodrigues, Chair (MSVU); Andrea Stewart (NSCC); Ann Smith (ACA).

The Copyright Committee had a change in its membership. Jason Macdonald, formerly of Dalhousie University resigned from his position. Simon Bonnell from Saint Mary's University was welcomed to the committee. Erin Paterson has returned from sabbatical and has rejoined the committee. Denyse Rodrigues from Mount Saint Vincent University will chair the committee.

The Copyright Committee will be hosting the ABC Copyright Conference in Halifax in May 2016. The conference theme is: The Fog's Lifting: Looking Towards 2020 Copyright. This will be the committee's main focus for the coming year. A steering committee has been struck and planning subcommittees and leads have been appointed. A call for volunteers was posted to the APLA listserv. The conference will be held on May 26 and 27, 2016, just ahead of the APLA conference, which is also being held in Halifax. The planning subcommittees are actively working on securing a venue and establishing a website.

The copyright literacy training videos project has been put on hold while the Committee is focused on planning the ABC Copyright Conference. It was hoped that we could use the OCUL copyright literacy videos and scripts as a foundation for this project. The OCUL group has not decided on the type of licensing or cost they wish to use with their videos. Meaghan Shannon, a collaborator on the original videos has offered to keep us posted on OCUL's decision when it is made. Ms. Shannon has also generously offered to share best practices should we create our own copyright literacy videos.

11.6. Document Delivery Group

Projects:

- Completion of the transition to ISO messaging with all VDX and Relais-using libraries in Canada.
- 2014.3 upgrades. The process of identifying and implementing upgrades to the Relais production software across the consortium is ongoing and is hoped to be finished by the end of October to early November.

Patron Web Forms:

- New patron web forms that are hosted by RI's web portal service have been provided to all sites for implementation. This allows each site more flexibility in creating the kind of forms that their users see.

On the Horizon

- Discussions with Relais International regarding the possible implementation of Relais at the College of the North Atlantic and Holland College.
- Proposal to move to the Relais Hosted Service (i.e. the current set up at UNB Saint John). RI seems to be quite keen to make this transition soon but issues regarding the ability of sites to cope with the increased amount of local technical support that this change would undoubtedly require is a very big consideration here.

FY 2014-15 at a glance

- 52 204 Borrowing requests submitted
- 83 086 Lending requests received

11.7. Last Copy Steering Committee

Representation: Acadia University, Atlantic School of Theology, Cape Breton University, Dalhousie University, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Mount Allison University, Mount Saint Vincent University, NSCAD University, Saint Mary's University, St. Francis Xavier University, Universite de Moncton, Universite Sainte-Anne, University of King's College, University of New Brunswick, University of PEI.

The Last Copy Steering Committee held its first official meeting on September 10, 2015.

The objective of this committee is to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Last Copy Program, which aims to provide an organized framework for regional preservation of print bound journals and government document serials in order to allow some members to safely discard their own copies.

At that meeting, Melissa Belvadi was the sole nominee and elected chair.

This meeting primarily served to acquaint the new committee members with the work that the Working Group had done thus far and to review the documents, including guidelines and data input form.

The committee now has an email list for its communications, lastcopy@caul-cbua.ca

The committee agreed to hold its meetings via teleconference/online, with a possible face-to-face meeting at the APLA annual conference.

The committee has since been communicating via the mailing list and adding new records to the Program spreadsheet.

The next two meetings are planned for November and January, with further meetings to be scheduled after that.

Submitted by Melissa Belvadi (UPEI), Chair

11.8. Scholarly Communications Committee

Members: Lise Brin, Chair (StFX); Geoff Brown (DAL); Dawn Hooper (UPEI); Ann Smith (ACA); Michael Nason (UNB); Victoria Volkanova (UdeM).

Since resuming its work in September, the Scholarly Communications Committee has been working with the CAUL/CBUA Directors to strategize open textbook "next steps" within the Atlantic region. The Committee is now developing a Digital Scholarship Toolbox using the site gitbook.com in order to collect general information, resources, links and guidelines related to digital scholarship, which could be easily used and adapted by CAUL institutions. The first version of this toolbox will likely be released during Open Access Week 2015. The Committee is also working with Kathryn Reddy, CAUL/CBUA Manager, to ensure coordinated promotion of individual CAUL/CBUA institutions' Open Access Week initiatives. Finally, the Committee has been exploring new communications methods (such as the team messaging tool Slack) for sharing ideas and news, and have been keeping each other up to date on various related committees' activities.
