Report to CAUL-CBUA Board of Directors

from CRKN Atlantic Libraries' Representative

This report summarizes developments since my last report in June 2015 and covers two teleconference meetings.

The CRKN Executive Director met with various stakeholders (e.g. CFI, SSHRC, NSERC, LAC) and provided feedback indicating that the stakeholders are supportive of the work of CRKN. SSHRC and NSERC, in particular, are interested in Open Access (OA) and how OA can be leveraged to advance Tri-Council OA policy to facilitate greater collaboration.

Kim Silk, the Special Projects Officer for the Integrated Digital Scholarship Ecosystem (IDSE), has been working on a web-based IDSE map that will be searchable and sortable by project category, geography and institution.

Expect to see the work of the IMTG (Institutional Mobilization Task Group) reflected in a summary report, FAQ, and overview of impact factors and altmetrics, to be shared at the upcoming AGM.

The Banding Task Group is creatively seeking solutions when applying the agreed upon grouping of institutions to pricing rates to find solutions to disproportionate costs resulting from transition issues.

 CRKN is exploring possibilities for collaboration with the Centre for Research Libraries.

In January CRKN will begin the strategic plan renewal process. Continuity in the process is the important so it was agreed that my replacement on the Board should be in place prior to the start of the discussions. A call for nominations for an Atlantic University Librarian representative will be made immediately after the CAUL fall meeting with an anticipated appointment by mid-November. That will allow for several weeks to transition to our new representative.

This report is likely my last as your representative on the CRKN Board. I have greatly enjoyed serving in this capacity and am pleased to report that CRKN is well run and is conscientiously fulfilling its mandate and responsibilities to its members.

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