

COPPUL Scholarly Communications Working Group

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About

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 - 2021/06)
- Elaine Fabbro, Athabasca University (AB, Director representative, 2015/10 - 2020/06)
- Sonya Betz, University of Alberta (AB, 2017/09 - 2021/06)
- Leonora Crema, University of British Columbia (BC, 2018/07 - 2020/06)
- Devina Dandar, Royal Roads University (BC, 2017/09 - 2021/06)
- Carmen Kazakoff – Lane, Brandon University (MB 2016/10 - 2020/06)
- Kate Langrell, University of Saskatchewan (SK 2019/06-2021/06)
- Christina Winter, University of Regina (SK 2019/06-2021/06)

Activities Since the Last Report

Member Updates

In July, the SCWG warmly welcomed new member Kate Langrell from the University of Saskatchewan and returning member Christina Winter from the University of Regina, while Sonya Betz, Devina Dandar, and Chair Robyn Hall each agreed to a second and final two-year term renewal. Patty Gallilee completed her second term in June; the group thanks her for her many valuable contributions in recent years. We also wish to thank outgoing COPPUL Executive Director Kristina McDavid for her ongoing support of the group and its activities and look forward to working with Vivian Stieda moving forward.

Regional Training Day

The SCWG hosted its second Scholarly Communications Regional Training Day on Friday, April 26 at the University of Regina preceded by an informal meetup on Thursday, April 25. 30 librarians and library staff attended from institutions across all four COPPUL member provinces. The post-event survey received 15 responses, which were overwhelmingly positive, with participants appreciating learning about a variety of scholarly communications topics and issues relevant to their work and opportunities to interact with other attendees. Many thanks to the University of Regina for being such wonderful hosts!

The event program and presentation materials are available at <https://coppulscwg.ca/skill-share>.

Issue Briefs

This year SCWG members completed two new *issue briefs* on:

- [Research Metrics](#)
- [Open Access Mandates in Canada](#)

SCWG Website

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

2019-2020 Work Plan

The SCWG is planning to continue to meet remotely on a monthly basis from September 2019 to June 2020. Meetings will be focused on completing the following initiatives:

1. Western Canada Scholarly Communications Skill Share Event

The group has decided to rename the Regional Training Day event to be a *Skill Share* to more clearly capture its purposes to provide opportunities for members to network and share their knowledge and experience. The group has also decided to form a program committee to assist with planning future events, which will include one member from the host institution, one member from the SCWG, and one optional external member.

A spring 2020 event will be held at Royal Roads University. A date will be announced later in the fall term. Again, the SCWG would like to extend an invitation to non-COPPUL members to attend after an initial registration period for our membership. Registration will be capped at approximately 50 attendees. Please do let any member of the SCWG know of any topics you would like included in the program.

2. Issue Briefs

SCWG members are planning to collaboratively work on up to two new issue briefs on timely scholarly communications topics. Directors are strongly encouraged to send suggestions of topics for future briefs to the SCWG Chair (hallr27@macewan.ca) at any time. The group will be selecting topics to focus on for 2019-2020 in mid-October.

3. Website/Blog

Plans are underway to revamp the blog and find ways to ensure content is posted on a regular basis that highlights local initiatives and activities as much as possible.

4. Review & Planning

The group will be taking a close look at COPPUL's new strategic directions as well as its own terms of reference to ensure that its activities closely align with COPPUL's goals and overall membership needs.

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