

National Heritage Digitization Strategy Steering Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Chair: Martha Whitehead

Present

Guy Berthiaume, Library and Archives Canada
Ern Bieman, Canadian Heritage Information Network
Maureen Clapperton, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec
Paul Durand, Canadian Museum of History
Loren Fantin, OurDigitalWorld Organization
Émilie Fortin, Bibliothèque de l'Université Laval
Geoffrey Harder, University of Alberta
Christopher Hives, University of British Columbia Archives
Faye Lemay, Library and Archives Canada
Gilles Lesage, Société historique de Saint-Boniface
Loryl MacDonald, University of Toronto Libraries
Heather Menzies, The Writers' Union of Canada
Michael Moosberger, Dalhousie University
Andrea Mills, Internet Archive
Kathryn Rose, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Rebecca Ross, Canadian Research Knowledge Network (for Clare Appavoo)
Pam Ryan, Toronto Public Library
Kathryn Ruddock, University of Calgary
Paul Takala, Hamilton Public Library
Carole Urbain, Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation (ASTED)
Martha Whitehead, Queen's University

Regrets

David Alexander, Royal BC Museum
Clare Appavoo, Canadian Research Knowledge Network
Jonathan Bengtson, Canadiana
Sarah Dupont, University of British Columbia Library
Katherine McColgan, Canadian Federation of Library Associations

Secretariat

Caitlin Horrall, Library and Archives Canada

1.0 AGENDA AND MINUTES (Chair)

The Chair presented the agenda and asked for any additions. She noted that the item on Pragmatic Audio Preservation with Aboriginal Peoples was deferred to a future meeting. There were no other additions, so the agenda was approved as amended.

The Chair then presented the minutes of the October 2018 meeting and asked for any comments. There were none, so the minutes were adopted as presented.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS (Chair)

The Chair noted that several new members were joining the committee and asked them to introduce themselves. L. Fantin, E. Fortin, C. Hives, P. Takala and K. Rose introduced themselves accordingly. P. Ryan said there would be a new representative from Toronto Public Library arriving soon.

The Chair noted D. Alexander, K. McColgan and S. Dupont were also new members but were unable to attend this meeting.

3.0 ELECTION OF CHAIR (All)

The secretariat said she had received several emails nominating M. Whitehead as new Chair. G. Berthiaume made a formal nomination. The nomination was left open for discussion before a motion was made and carried.

Moved by G. Berthiaume. Seconded by E. Bieman

That Martha Whitehead be appointed Chair of the Steering Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES: DIGITAL PRESERVATION AT LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

(F. Lemay)

Faye Lemay, Manager of Digital Preservation at LAC made a presentation on that organization's Digital Preservation program. She talked about challenges at LAC, including scale, the digital curation life cycle and operational challenges; developing a strategy to meet those challenges; the end-state vision; and other opportunities. Members asked questions around the selection of the new digital preservation system, the amount of born-digital material vs digitized, and whether or not the new system would also provide access.

5.0 FROM "DISCOVERY TOOL" TO "METADATA SUPPORT FOR DISCOVERY" (Chair)

The secretariat made a presentation on metadata and discovery, that she had developed with input from the technical working group co-chairs, as a follow-up to the SC meeting in October. The

ensuing discussion focused on the importance of standards and protocols and working incrementally. One member talked about the need for a public interface, leveraging resources that already exist and considering the needs of casual searchers and educators. The secretariat said she would arrange a call interested members to discuss further.

ACTION

- Secretariat to arrange a call with the technical working group and other committee members to update the presentation.

6.0 FOLLOW UP FROM JOINT WORKSHOP AND @RISK NORTH 2 (Chair)

The Chair noted there have been several conversations recently about different national initiatives and how they relate to the NHDS, specifically Portage and Canadiana. She said there will be ongoing discussion in the new year to ensure the initiatives are distinct. There was some discussion on the importance of defining roles and activities to ensure the NHDS is providing a niche service and to prevent duplication.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST CALL AND FURTHER BUSINESS (Chair)

The chair mentioned she had received some thoughtful comments from the Multicultural History Society of Ontario and said she would be following up with them and exploring how they could become more involved in the NHDS.

One member asked about how organizations can be ambassadors for the strategy. The chair said there was a communications plan and invited her to join the communications working group.

The meeting ended at 2:00 PM Eastern.