

## National Heritage Digitization Strategy Steering Committee

### Minutes

Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 11a.m. – 12 p.m. Eastern Time

Chair: Paul Takala

#### Present

David Alexander, Royal BC Museum  
Clare Appavoo, Canadian Research Knowledge Network  
Guy Berthiaume, Library and Archives Canada  
Ern Bieman, Canadian Heritage Information Network  
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  
Allison Lennox, Toronto Public Library  
Katherine McColgan, Canadian Federation of Library Associations  
Andrea Mills, Internet Archive  
Lisa Miniaci, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec  
Kathryn Rose, Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Paul Takala, Hamilton Public Library  
Carole Urbain, Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des techniques de la documentation  
Heather Wood, The Writers' Union of Canada

#### Regrets

Jonathan Bengtson, Canadian Association of Research Libraries  
Sarah Dupont, University of British Columbia Library  
Gilles Lesage, La Société historique de Saint-Boniface  
Loryl MacDonald, University of Toronto Libraries  
Michael Moosberger, Dalhousie University  
Kathryn Ruddock, University of Calgary

#### Secretariat

Caitlin Horrall, Library and Archives Canada  
Kat Timms, Library and Archives Canada

## **1. AGENDA AND MINUTES** (Chair)

The Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda; there were none.

The Chair then asked if there were any corrections or questions regarding the May minutes; there were none. E. Bieman provided a motion to approve, and G. Berthiaume seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

## **2. INTRODUCTION** (Chair)

The Chair welcomed H. Wood of The Writers' Union of Canada to the committee. She replaces H. Menzies who stepped down.

H. Wood introduced herself, noting that she serves as Second Vice-Chair of the National Council of The Writers' Union of Canada. She writes fiction for young adults and adults and is interested in protecting writers' rights for their creative content and in protecting Canadian heritage.

## **3. EVENTS** (C. Urbain, C. Appavoo, Secretariat)

### *L'association des archivistes du Québec (AAQ)*

C. Urbain, P. Durand, and the Corporate Secretary gave a presentation on NHDS at the annual conference of l'AAQ on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Audience questions concerned the importance of standards, the NHDS discovery tool, preserving digital content, and NHDS funded projects. The NHDS presentation was paired with a presentation by a representative of the UNESCO Memory of the World programme. C. Urbain noted the complements between the two programs.

### *CRKN*

C. Appavoo spoke about a CRKN event being planned for October 16-18, 2019. October 18 will be devoted to preservation and access and CRKN has set aside some time for an NHDS session. She invited input from Steering Committee members.

### *ACTION*

Steering Committee members to share ideas for CRKN-NHDS event with Secretariat.

### *Proposals*

The Corporate Secretary mentioned that she and P. Durand submitted a proposal for the *Canadian Museums Association (CMA)* conference in April, 2020 in Montréal. If the proposal is accepted, they will develop it further and they welcome input by NHDS steering committee members.

The Corporate Secretary mentioned two proposals submitted for the *Ontario Library Association (OLA)* Super Conference in 2020, in Toronto: one concerning RightsStatements.org, and the other an update on the NHDS to the community.

## **4. CONTROLLED DIGITAL LENDING** (A. Mills, Chair)

A. Mills gave an overview of the Internet Archive's work in Controlled Digital Lending (CDL), explaining that it is a method for loaning digitized surrogates of library print holdings to patrons at a one-to-one ratio. It is not a substitute for e-book lending, but rather a way of making publications currently unavailable in digital form available digitally. CDL is used by Internet Archive and other organizations. She mentioned a microsite (<https://controldigitalending.org/>) with more information. Several organizations are exploring how CDL could fit within the Canadian legal context. She mentioned a Canadian CDL working group, of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA) what is piloting CDL projects and sharing information.

A. Mills then mentioned that the University of Alberta has piloted CDL for its Wiedrick Collection (<https://archive.org/details/uabertawiedrick-ol>). Also, the Hamilton Public Library (HPL) recently joined the Open Libraries programme of Internet Archive (<http://openlibraries.online/>).

The Chair said he was getting a legal opinion on CDL and K. McColgan mentioned that CFLA's working group was developing CDL guidelines for libraries.

## **5. COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSION (Chair)**

The Chair referred to a draft communications plan dating from August 2018. He said that while the NHDS has been sharing information, it has not been the strategic and coordinated approach suggested by the draft plan. He asked for ideas from members to improve communications.

One member asked for the plan to be recirculated.

K. McColgan offered to help, given her prior experience with advocacy on behalf of the CFLA.

The Chair mentioned the value of NHDS communicating more with community-driven initiatives and other members agreed. One member asked to know how the NHDS was funded. G. Berthiaume said LAC supports the NHDS by funding two staff and providing limited operational funding.

### *ACTION*

Corporate Secretary to circulate draft 2018 communications plan to members for comment.

## **6. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS (Various)**

E. Bieman mentioned that CHIN is working on a sister database to Artefacts in Canada called "Makers in Canada". He suggested that their semantic web analyst could present on the project to the committee, and several members confirmed their interest in this.

### *ACTION*

Secretariat to work with E. Bieman to add "Makers in Canada" project to upcoming agenda.

## **7. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND FURTHER BUSINESS (Secretariat)**

The Corporate Secretary invited members to review the list of action items and send questions to her.

She will schedule more committee meetings for the fall. No upcoming meetings are currently scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. ET.