

National Heritage Digitization Strategy Steering Committee

Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2019, 1 p.m.–2 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)

Chair: Paul Takala

Present

Clare Appavoo, Canadian Research Knowledge Network
Ern Bieman, Canadian Heritage Information Network
Paul Durand, Canadian Museum of History
Loren Fantin, OurDigitalWorld Organization
Geoffrey Harder, University of Alberta
Christopher Hives, University of British Columbia Archives
Allison Lennox, Toronto Public Library
Katherine McColgan, Canadian Federation of Library Associations
Philippe Michon, Canadian Heritage Information Network (observer)
Andrea Mills, Internet Archive
Lisa Miniaci, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec
Michael Moosberger, Dalhousie University
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
Leslie Weir, Library and Archives Canada
Heather Wood, The Writers' Union of Canada

Regrets

David Alexander, Royal BC Museum
Jonathan Bengtson, Canadian Association of Research Libraries
Émilie Fortin, Bibliothèque de l'Université Laval
Gilles Lesage, Société historique de Saint-Boniface
Loryl MacDonald, University of Toronto Libraries
Kathryn Ruddock, University of Calgary

Secretariat

Caitlin Horrall, 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 presented the minutes of the June 2019 meeting and asked for any comments. There were none, so the minutes were adopted as presented.

Moved by C. Appavoo. Seconded by E. Bieman.

That the minutes from the June 2019 meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. CHANGES TO STEERING COMMITTEE (Chair)

The Chair announced that Sarah Dupont of the University of British Columbia (UBC) has stepped down from the committee, as she is taking on new duties as the Head of the Xwi7xwa Library at UBC. The Chair thanked her for her contribution, in particular for providing an Indigenous perspective.

The Chair also announced that Leslie Weir, the new Librarian and Archivist of Canada, would be replacing Guy Berthiaume on the committee. The Chair asked her to say a few words of introduction. L. Weir said she was thrilled to be on the call. She said digitization is a national priority, and she looks forward to working together over the coming years to advance the digitization of Canadian heritage.

3. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP UPDATE (A. Mills)

A. Mills said the Technical Working Group had met during summer. Members are working on a RightsStatements consultation report, and they are planning a call with OurDigitalWorld to get a demonstration of their discovery mechanism.

A. Mills also said that planning for the metadata survey and summit were progressing quickly. She said the group needs direction on whether to proceed with the survey despite not having secured financing for the summit. She asked whether the working group should pursue Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council funding, or if any of the members would be able to help fund the summit. Several members said they might be able to provide funding. The Chair suggested members send their financial interest to the Secretariat, and the working group draft a "Save the Date" message to the community. The Secretary said she would check the availability of 395 Wellington Street in Ottawa as a possible venue.

ACTIONS

- Secretariat to confirm the availability of 395 Wellington Street for the spring metadata summit.
- Technical Working Group to draft a "Save the date" message for the metadata summit by the October teleconference.
- All members to send their potential organizational contributions for the summit to the Secretariat by September 26.

4. ARTISTS IN CANADA PROJECT (P. Michon)

P. Michon, a Semantic Web Analyst with the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN), was invited to discuss Artists in Canada, a union list that identifies the location of documentation on Canadian artists. The project is a joint initiative of CHIN and the National Gallery of Canada.

5. DIGITAL PRESERVATION WORKING GROUP UPDATE (L. Miniaci)

L. Miniaci said the Canadian Association of Research Libraries' Digital Preservation Working Group is identifying action items in their next work plan. She said they have three areas of focus: identifying technologies, launching a digital preservation readiness survey, and providing policy advice.

6. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS (Chair)

The Secretary said that the Council on Library and Information Resources second-round proposal had been submitted; that she was working with the Canadian Research Knowledge Network to plan for the October 18 joint event; and that the Trusted Digital Repository (TDR) document was ready to be posted to the website and would be recirculated.

ACTIONS

Secretariat to re-send the TDR document.

All members to review the TDR document and send comments to the Secretariat by October 1.

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

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

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21 at 3 p.m. ET.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. ET.