

National Heritage Digitization Strategy Steering Committee

Minutes

Friday, January 17, 2020, 2 p.m.–3 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)

Chair: Paul Takala

Present

David Alexander, Royal BC Museum
Jonathan Bengtson, Canadian Association of Research Libraries
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
Katherine McColgan, Canadian Federation of Library Associations
Andrea Mills, Internet Archive
Michael Moosberger, Dalhousie University
Kathryn Ruddock, University of Calgary
Beth Stover, Canadian Research Knowledge Network (for Clare Appavoo)
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

Clare Appavoo, Canadian Research Knowledge Network
Christopher Hives, University of British Columbia Archives
Allison Lennox, Toronto Public Library
Loryl MacDonald, University of Toronto Libraries
Lisa Miniaci, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec
Kathryn Rose, Memorial University of Newfoundland

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 November 2019 meeting and asked for any comments. There were none, so the minutes were adopted as presented.

Moved by M. Moosberger. Seconded by H. Wood.

That the minutes from the November 2019 meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. SUMMARY OF FUNDED DIGITIZATION PROJECTS (Secretariat)

The Secretary summarized the NHDS-funded projects, detailing the types of material digitized, the type of access provided, media stories generated and comments from recipients. She also presented a financial reconciliation and said unspent funds had been used to support other digitization projects funded through LAC's Documentary Heritage Communities Program, as approved by the Steering Committee.

3. NHDS: THREE YEARS LATER (Secretariat)

The Secretary outlined some of what the NHDS had achieved since its launch in October 2016. Members discussed a way forward for the NHDS touching on: original ambitions; funding; governance and network. Members identified potential areas of focus including:

- standards;
- an inventory of what has been digitized;
- the need to leveraging existing portals, without creating a new one;
- enhanced metadata; accessing new funding sources;
- collaborating and coordination;
- digitization and content conversion;
- support for smaller organizations and underrepresented communities;
- identifying the financial need; targeted campaigns for funding; and,
- collaborating with the broader sector.

The Chair suggested continuing the conversation in an upcoming call.

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS (Chair)

The Chair asked members if there were any other items they wished to discuss. There were none.

The Secretary said she would schedule another meeting for the committee in March or April.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. ET.