

BC ELN STEERING COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

In Attendance:

Tim Atkinson, Vancouver Island University,
(Chair)

Allan Bell, University of British Columbia
(Alternate)

Jonathan Bengtson, University of Victoria

Gwen Bird, Simon Fraser University

Natalie Gick, *Simon Fraser University Officer*

Dawna Turcotte, Northern Lights College, *Rural Colleges* (Alternate)

Kim Isaac, University of the Fraser Valley,
Regional Universities (Alternate)

James Rout, Emily Carr University of Art +
Design, *Small Universities*

Ross Tyner, Okanagan College, *Urban Colleges*
(Vice Chair)

Venessa Wallsten, Quest University Canada,
Associate Members

Ministry of Advanced Education:

Martin Young
Rheannon Harriman

BC ELN Staff:

Anita Cocchia
Leah Hopton
Sunni Nishimura
Brandon Weigel (Recorder)

Guest:

Debbie Schachter, Douglas College, BC IR
Network Advisory Committee Chair

Regrets:

Mary Anne Guenther, North Island College, *Rural Colleges*

Todd Mundle, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, *Regional Universities*

Ingrid Parent, University of British Columbia

Friday, May 29, 2015

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

1. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda items were reordered to simplify the participation of D. Schachter, BC IR Network Chair. No additional items were added.

2. Institutional Repository Update

D. Schachter, Chair of the BC IR Advisory Committee, provided an update on the institutional repository project. After a lengthy review process involving the Procurement Office at SFU, the contract with discoverygarden was signed April 22.

Seven libraries responded to a call-out to join the BC IR Network as early adopters:

- College of the Rockies
- Douglas College
- Emily Carr University of Art + Design
- Justice Institute of BC
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of the Fraser Valley

- University of Northern British Columbia

ASDT funding will subsidize costs for the early adopters.

The Implementation Working Group was formed with a mixed membership of early adopters and sites with existing IRs. Meetings begin June 3rd and will continue through the summer. Their work will be guided by a Needs Assessment survey filled out by early adopters to identify priorities for the initial implementation.

The Admin Centre holds monthly meetings with ASDT and AVED representatives for project updates. ASDT and AVED are impressed with the project's progress. 2015/16 funding, targeted at development of a discovery layer, is still anticipated but has not been confirmed yet.

The Advisory Committee has selected a new name for the BC IR Network: Arca. Arca is the Latin word for chest or box containing treasures, but also communicates the idea of an arch or bridge, as well as an ark or vessel. While individual institutions may opt to select their own names for their individual IRs, Arca will brand the project and central discovery layer.

The Steering Committee thanked the BC IR Network Advisory Committee for their work and collaboration. D. Schachter thanked the staff of BC ELN for their work coordinating the project and negotiating with the vendors. R. Harriman also expressed AVED's appreciation for BC ELN's work and the project's progress.

3. Expenditure Plan 2015 – 2016

T. Atkinson noted that the BC ELN funding letter was received on April 3, 2015, and thanked the Ministry for recognizing BC ELN's outstanding work.

A. Cocchia then presented an overview of the 2015/2016 Expenditure Plan included in the agenda package. As in the previous year, expenditures are organized by service area. New expenditures for 2015/16 include the OutLook OnLine migration and Admin Centre, the BC ELN and e-HLbc billing system update, BC ELN strategic planning, and the BC ELN website migration. There were no questions.

MOTION: That the Steering Committee approve the 2015-16 Expenditure Plan as presented.

Moved: A. Bell

Seconded: J. Rout

Motion carried.

4. Predatory Journal Correspondence – Update

R. Tyner updated the Committee on conversations with vendors regarding predatory journals in their databases. Letters to EBSCO, Gale Cengage, and ProQuest were issued in March; these and the responses are in the agenda package. All three vendors acknowledged the importance of the have policies in place to address it.

The BC ELN Office will continue to correspond with vendors about this matter and will report back to the Steering Committee if further action or input is required.

5. Ministry Update

R. Harriman shared a summary of Ministry's Core Review initiatives. AVED has been working with the Ministry of Education to define the main components, Shared Services and the Provincial Digital Library.

For AVED, Shared Services means building on the collaborative nature of the library sector to increase coordination and enhance programs and services, by encouraging libraries to work across sector borders. They plan to organize regional cross-sector meetings to discuss potential projects.

They are particularly interested in digitization. The Ministry of Education has initiated a research project to identify digitization initiatives across BC, and to determine how they might connect with the Provincial Digital Library.

M. Young reminded the Committee that a letter will be sent to BC ELN about AVED's taxpayer accountability principles. He noted that much of BC ELN's work already meets the accountability requirements.

A. Cocchia noted that the letter was received, and can be viewed as an opportunity to emphasize the benefits that BC ELN brings to the sector. The July 10 Steering Committee meeting will include additional discussion with AVED and Libraries Branch about the Provincial Digital Library and Shared Services.

M. Young added that the BCcampus Open Textbooks summit, emphasizing the importance of librarians to the Open Education Resources movement, is archived on the BCcampus website.

QUESTION: Will AVED share its report on the environmental scan of digitization projects through BC ELN or CPSLD, or provide opportunities for libraries to contribute information about their digitization initiatives?

ANSWER: The report is a public ongoing document, intended as a starting point before collecting further information. AVED would be happy to share it and move it further along.

6. New Business

None.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be in person on July 10th at Granville Island. Details will be shared shortly.

The Committee thanked BC ELN staff for the huge amount of work and coordination they do each year, and the significant value they bring to libraries.