

BC ELN PROVINCIAL DIGITAL LIBRARY TASK GROUP NOTES

In Attendance:

Tim Atkinson, Vancouver Island University, (Chair)
Lisa Goddard, University of Victoria
Penny Haggarty, Thompson Rivers University
Shirley Lew, Vancouver Community College
Todd Mundle, Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Mark Jordan, Simon Fraser University
James Rout, Emily Carr University of Art + Design

BC ELN Staff:
Anita Cocchia
Sunni Nishimura

Regrets:

Allan Bell, University of British Columbia

Friday, January 22, 2016

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Via teleconference

1. Statement of purpose

T. Atkinson and A. Cocchia provided context for the formation of the group and the Provincial Digital Library.

- Initial impetus was at a Council of Post-secondary Library Directors meeting in May 2015.
- At the July 10, 2015 meeting of the BC ELN Steering Committee, committee members expressed the need for a BC ELN group to discuss what the post-secondary sector could bring to the proposed Provincial Digital Library.
- This Task Group was struck for that purpose, with membership composed of individuals from a variety of sizes and types of partner libraries who had the interest, time, and willingness to bring something to the PDL concept.
- Since July 2015, progress has been made on the PDL concept: a cross-sector meeting was held on November 4, 2015 with attendees from public, post-secondary and K-12 libraries, museum, and archives. A report on outcomes from the November 4 meeting will be released shortly, along with an invitation for others to sit on the PDL Planning Committee.
- Another cross-sector meeting with a broader audience is planned for May 10th, to coincide with the BC Library Conference.
- All parties involved in the PDL, including both the Ministry of Advanced Education and the Ministry of Education, are very interested in seeing the K-12 sector at the table. While there is no single organisation that can represent the K-12 sector, a variety of organisations have expressed their intent to attend PDL meetings, including the BC School Superintendents Association, the Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium (ERAC), and the BC Teacher-Librarians Association.

- On the post-secondary side, the Arca Advisory Committee has struck an Arca Discovery Layer Task Group to recommend a solution that will search across Arca repositories as well as other BC post-secondary repositories. This is envisioned by government as a foundational piece of the PDL, and the Arca Discovery Layer Task Group is very thoughtful about how the work they do might impact the PDL.

A. Cocchia outlined the membership overlap between the different groups in order to illuminate the lines of communication:

- J. Rout sits in both the BC ELN PDL Task Group and the Arca Advisory Committee, which receives regular updates from the Discovery Layer Task Group.
- A. Cocchia (BC ELN), C. Daniels (KPU) and D. Schachter (CPSLD) sit on the cross-sector PDL Planning Committee representing the post-secondary sector. D. Schachter is also Chair of the Arca Advisory Committee. C. Daniels is the Chair of the Discovery Layer Task Group.

A question was raised about whether D. Schachter, as Chair of the Arca Advisory Committee, should sit on the BC ELN PDL Task Group as well. The group agreed that this would help to facilitate effective communication across groups.

ACTION: T. Atkinson will invite D. Schachter to sit on the BC ELN PDL Task Group in her role as Chair of the Arca Advisory Committee.

Provided with that context, the group proceeded to discuss a statement of purpose for the BC ELN PDL Task Group. The group felt that until there is more progress from the provincial group, post-secondary action would be premature. It was agreed that the task group would serve as a Resource Group for those sitting on the provincial Planning Committee, providing input as needed from the post-secondary perspective.

ACTION: The BC ELN PDL Task Group will be renamed the BC ELN PDL Resource Group, and will be called upon to provide a post-secondary perspective as needed by members of the provincial PDL Planning Committee.

2. Next meeting

Meetings will be set up as needed.