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TO: Ms. Claire Morris, President, AUCC
FROM: Timothy Mark, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Summary of the 2006 Fall General Meeting of CARL
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Summary of the Fall General Meeting held Thursday, November 9, 2006, 1:00 p.m., Waddington Room, Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Present:	Cynthia	Archer	York
	Sylvie	Belzile	Sherbrooke
	Lynn	Copeland	Simon Fraser—Director
	Jean-Pierre	Coté	Montréal
	Silvie	Delorme	Laval
	Bernard	Dumouchel	CISTI
	Gwendolyn	Ebbett	Windsor
	Richard	Ellis	Memorial
	Joyce	Garnett	Western Ontario
	* Jocelyn	Godolphin	Concordia
	Margaret	Haines	Carleton
	Mark	Haslett	Waterloo
	Thomas	Hickerson	Calgary
	Carol	Hixson	Regina
	Ernie	Ingles	Alberta
	William	Maes	Dalhousie—Treasurer
	* Jenny	Mendelsohn	Toronto
	* Ingrid	Parent	Library and Archives Canada
	Carolynne	Presser	Manitoba
	Michael	Ridley	Guelph—Director
	Janine	Schmidt	McGill
	Marnie	Swanson	Victoria
	John	Teskey	New Brunswick—President
	Jeffrey	Trzeciak	McMaster
	* Peter	Ward	British Columbia
	Leslie	Weir	Ottawa—Vice-president
	Paul	Wiens	Queen's
	Vicki	Williamson	Saskatchewan
	Timothy	Mark	Executive Director
	Katherine	McColgan	AlouetteCanada Project Coordinator
	** Geoffrey	Su	Research and Program Officer
Guest:	** Alan	MacDonald	
Regrets:	Lucie	Gardner	Québec à Montréal
	Catherine	Quinlan	British Columbia
	William	Young	Library of Parliament

* Interim Director or delegate

** For part of the meeting

1. Executive Director's report (T. Mark)

T. Mark gave an overview of his written report, highlighting the following:

- A joint meeting between CARL and the Canadian Council of Information Science (Deans of the Canadian Library Schools) was held on June 20 in Toronto to explore opportunities for cooperation between Canada's faculties of library and information science, and research libraries.
- The development of the draft model policy *Fair Dealing Policy on Access to University Library Information Resources* in association with AUCC
- Mr. W. Maes appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance on October 24 in Halifax. CARL's presentation focused on the need to raise the indirect costs of research reimbursement to 40%, zero-rating the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on scholarly materials in electronic form, and support of e-learning.
- CARL has provided active support to the campaign led by the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives to continue the printing of Canadian topographical maps and to reverse the decision by Natural Resources Canada to close the Canada Map Office.
- The CARL Institutional Repositories Project Working Group met on June 6th in Quebec City in conjunction with the *9th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations*.
- CARL hosted a LibQUAL+™ workshop on June 14 in Ottawa in preparation for the 2007 Canadian LibQUAL initiative. A successful Access 2006 preconference (*CARL Institutional Repositories: the Next Generation*) was held on October 10th in Ottawa.

2. Committee meeting highlights

2.1 Copyright Committee (M. Haslett)

Mr. Haslett reported on recent copyright developments in the United States. There is a "definite chill" in the U.S. on expansive interpretation of the U.S. Copyright Act fair use provisions, with e-reserves in particular targeted by publishers. Cornell University has recently released a joint statement with the American Association of Publishers on intellectual property, especially relating to e-reserves (<http://www.copyright.cornell.edu/>). There are different perspectives and practices regarding e-reserves (in both the U.S. and Canada).

CARL has just been informed (November 4th) that copyright legislation had unexpectedly been introduced into the Australian Parliament. Proposed changes included severe narrowing of the scope of fair dealing, and limited existing exceptions. Recognizing the international dimensions and implications of copyright legislation, the Copyright Committee has recommended that CARL write in support of the Council of Australian University Libraries (CAUL) efforts to fight the legislation, if appropriate.

Mr. Haslett also noted the September 25 manifesto by the British Library on the dangers of Technological Protection Measures to innovation, research and the preservation of a country's digital heritage (<http://www.bl.uk/news/2006/pressrelease20060925.html>).

The Minister of Canadian Heritage, Ms. Bev Oda is evidently keen to introduce a Bill into the House of Commons as soon as possible. This could be in December or early next spring. However there is no provision for legislation in the present parliamentary agenda. The first priority of the government appears to be the implementation of the WIPO Treaties. CARL and others must fight to ensure that

user rights are not “locked down” by Technological Protection Measures or Digital Rights Management tools to the detriment of the research and education and consumer communities.

Mr. Haslett welcomed the opportunity to report to the membership on *Fair Dealing on Access to University Library Information Resources*.

2.2 Committee on Effectiveness Measures and Statistics (S. Belzile)

Over 50 libraries (and almost all CARL members) have registered for the 2007 LibQUAL+™ initiative. Mr. Sam Kalb (Queen’s University) coordinator of this major initiative, reports that planning is on schedule. A workshop is planned for June 2007 in Ottawa.

2.3 Government Policies and Legislation Committee (GPLC) (W. Maes)

W. Maes advised that the government has indicated that it will continue to support CA*net 4. CA*net 4 is a world leader in terms of national research networks. If funding were discontinued university research could be jeopardized as well as library initiatives such as AlouetteCanada. The GPLC Committee will continue to monitor this matter.

The Committee is concerned about privacy issues relating to the holdings of Canadian personal data subject to inspection under provisions of the U.S. Patriot Act. The immediate context was media reporting about Canadian data held by Refworks in the U.S. Mr. Maes noted that this is primarily an issue of provincial jurisdiction. British Columbia, and Newfoundland and Labrador have proposed legislation to deal with this situation. Nova Scotia has recently passed The Personal Information International Disclosure Protection Act.

Bill C-74, the Modernization of Investigative Techniques Act (MITA) introduced on November 15, 2005, died on the Order Paper with the dissolution of the 38th Parliament. It is not clear when the government will introduce new “lawful access” legislation to provide law enforcement and national security agencies with the legal authority to intercept telecommunications and permit search and seizure of information under the Criminal Code and various Acts of Parliament. CARL has met with officials of Justice Canada and Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada to discuss proposed legislation.

The Committee will undertake an issues and options paper to investigate privacy and related issues in terms of the ‘exposure’ of and risks to research libraries. This was recommended as a theme for the 2006 Annual General Meeting programme.

G. Ebbett advised that a meeting of the Depository Services Program (DSP) Library Advisory Committee was held on August 30–31. Ms. Ebbett and Ms. Amanda Wakaruk (Librarian, Coordinating Group, York University) represent CARL on the Committee. CARL undertook a number of responsibilities including the preparation of a position paper on the perceived value of the DSP and assistance to resolve non-persistent URLs. CARL will verify the status of the National Research Council of Canada Press agreement to provide open access to Canadians to its journals; and also the status of the agreement with Natural Resources Canada (due for renewal in early 2007) whereby the DSP makes digital topographic data available for research and study purposes.

In discussion, I. Parent discussed the proposed new Legal Deposit regulations, which will apply to electronic publications She referred Directors to the September 2, 2006 issue of the Canada Gazette <http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2006/20060902/html/regle4-e.html>. The regulations will come into effect January 1, 2007. Access to legal deposit e-publications will be subject to the agreement of individual publishers. Ms. Parent reiterated the commitment of Library and Archives Canada to long-term digital preservation of its holdings.

Mr. Maes reported that Natural Resources Canada had reversed its decision to discontinue the printing of topographic maps and to close the Canada Map Office (October 11). CARL has written to the Minister (Hon. Gary Lunn) applauding the decision but pointing out that the underlying issue remained to be addressed—namely that Canada’s topographic mapping is out of date: many maps have not been updated for 30–40 years. In the current climate of concern about climate change, national security, national sovereignty and the environment it is important to have current topographic materials on which to base research and analysis.

Mr. Maes appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance on October 24, 2006 in Halifax. His presentation focused on the need for raising the reimbursement on the indirect costs of research (ICR) from 25% to 40%, zero-rating the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on scholarly e-materials, and promoting e-learning (as announced by the Minister of Finance in the May 2, 2006 budget). He was happy to report that the Committee addressed a number of questions to him, especially on the indirect costs of research.

2.4 Committee on Scholarly Communication (SCOM) (C. Presser)

G. Ebbett, Heather Joseph (Executive Director, SPARC), Kathleen Shearer and C. Presser had met with program officers of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) on May 16 to make suggestions for the CIHR *Draft Policy on Access to Research Outputs*. The draft policy calls for publications resulting from CIHR-funded research to be made freely accessible through open access journals, or disciplinary/institutional repositories within six months of publication. CARL is preparing a response, which will be shared with the membership. Responses are due by November 24, 2006.

The Committee is developing a dataset management plan. A draft survey, designed at the University of Manitoba, will help determine where research libraries are in storing researcher-generated data. Following completion of the survey, a call will be issued for interested participants to work on developing a policy. The scope of the survey has been broadened to identify data management activities beyond institutional repositories. CARL will also distribute the survey via the CARL Institutional Repository and the Canadian Association of Public Data Users listservs.

Ms. Heather Joseph (Executive Director, SPARC) gave the Committee an overview of SPARC activities, many of which have focused on advocacy within the higher-education community to enhance awareness of scholarly communication issues. Ms. Joseph distributed copies of the SPARC *Author Rights* brochure, introducing the SPARC *Author Addendum* (a legal form that enables authors of journal articles to modify publishers’ copyright transfer agreements and allows authors to retain key rights to their articles). The brochure is available in print and on the SPARC website (<http://www.arl.org/sparc/author>). The Committee is arranging to adapt *Author Rights* for the Canadian context and translate it into French, with the financial assistance of SPARC.

The Committee is keen to see implementation of the recommendations of the National Consultation on Access to Scientific Research Data (NCASRD) and will support measures to design and implement a national scientific data archive. The Committee also recommends that CARL hire a full-time program officer to focus on scholarly communication issues.

2.4.1 E-Learning Working Group (L. Copeland)

Ms. Copeland reported that the E-Learning Working Group had met on November 7.

Development of the e-learning website continues, under the direction of Corinne Laverty (Queen’s University). It has been developed as a wiki. <http://library.queensu.ca/wiki/elearning/>. Thanks are extended to P. Wiens and Dr. Laverty for their support of this project.

Ms. Copeland addressed the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) Steering Committee on June 13. STLHE has now established a Librarians' Interest Group and librarians are engaged in the organization as a whole. The Working Group did not envisage a role for CARL within STLHE.

The CARL e-learning pamphlet will be re-designed to be suitable for local 'branding.' All figures quoted will be updated.

Ms. Copeland reported that *Libraries and E-Learning: Final Report of the CARL E-Learning Working Group* (November 2005) has been well received, including internationally.

In discussion some members felt that CARL should define its role as to establish a national presence in e-learning leadership and advocacy at an advanced level.

2.5.1.1 Canadian Council on E-Learning's E-Learning Working Group Report

Ms. Copeland advised that the Canadian Council on Learning (CCL) Working Group (on which she represents CARL) is drafting *Strategic Engagement: A Way Ahead, Draft Report by the CCL E-Learning Working Group*. Librarians are identified as partners in and providing support to e-learning. The SCOM Committee recommends the CARL Board consider endorsement of the *Report*, once completed.

3. Other strategic developments

3.1 AlouetteCanada (E. Ingles)

E. Ingles spoke on behalf of the AlouetteCanada Steering Committee Chair, C. Moore, who sent her regrets at being unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Ingles stated that much had been accomplished since the inception of the initiative at the 2005 CARL Fall Annual General Meeting and referred members to the website at www.alouettecanada.ca.

Much of the credit is due to the AlouetteCanada Committees and their respective Chairs:

- Steering Committee; C. Moore
- Assessment and Outcomes; L. Copeland
- Communications and Marketing; M. Swanson
- Funding Strategy; J. Teskey
- Technical Committee; Ingrid Parent
- Charter Projects; J. Teskey

Mr. Ingles noted in particular the fine work of the Technical Committee under the direction of I. Parent.

CARL recognizes with appreciation the membership contributions (amounting to \$234,000) to cover the operational costs of the AlouetteCanada project until September 2007. The Business Plan is under revision.

3.2 Canadian Research Knowledge Network (L. Weir)

Ms. Weir stated that she was a member of the team that represented the CRKN proposal *Digital Content Infrastructure for the Human and Social Sciences* before an international panel on November 4 in Toronto. The total project value is \$48 million. The amount of CFI funding applied for is \$19 million. CRKN has worked closely with the Synergies team to ensure that both CRKN and Synergies applications are complementary.

3.3 Synergies Project (G. Ebbett)

G. Ebbett advised that the Synergies application to CFI was for \$4.5 million for a total budget of \$11 million: the international panel considered the Synergies proposal on the same day they considered the CRKN proposal.

The goal of Synergies is to bring Canadian social sciences and humanities journals online, and to manage them in an online environment for the benefit of Canadian and the global community.

4. New business

4.1 CARL Library Education Working Group (V. Williamson)

Dr. Williamson advised that the Working Group had its origins in the June 20, 2006 meeting between representatives of CARL and the members of the Canadian Council for Information Science (CCIS), i.e. the Deans of the Canadian faculties of library and information science.

The mandate of the Group is to initiate dialogue and relationship-building between CARL and others interested in the education of librarians, such as CCIS and CLA; and the development of a research agenda. The Group's members are E. Ingles, M. Swanson, J. Trzeciak, L. Weir and V. Williamson (Chair). The Working Group will submit its final report and recommendations to the Board at the 2008 AGM. All CARL Directors are welcome to attend meetings and participate in the Group's work. The next meeting is planned for Seattle, at the time of the Association for Library & Information Science Education (ALISE) meetings (January 15–18, 2007). [Ed. note: the meeting has been confirmed for January 20, 2007, in Seattle.]

4.2 Other new business

5.1.1 Update on issues arising from *The Future of Human Resources in Canadian Libraries*

E. Ingles noted that the above study had been published in June 2005. A follow-up study *Training Gaps Analysis for Librarians and Library Technicians* will be published shortly. Mr. Ingles will distribute copies to all CARL Directors.

A call for responses to the study has been distributed. This will form the basis of a series of essays to be entitled *The Future is Now: Responses to the 8Rs Canadian Library Human Resource Study*. It will be published by the Canadian Library Association.

A Canadian Library Human Resources Summit will be held in conjunction with the 2008 OLA Super Conference (January 31–February 2, 2008, Toronto). It is hoped that CARL will be a partner in this event.

5.1.2 E-Lert Weekly News Bulletin Service

The Chair advised that the Board had decided at its November 7 meeting to make the E-lert / Cyberavis freely available in the New Year. It will be posted on the CARL website.

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