



STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mandate

The Research and Scholarship Committee is a standing committee of CAPAL/ACBES, with a mandate to support, advance and promote the diverse research, scholarship and creative activities of Canadian professional academic librarians, and the right of all such librarians to engage in these activities, which are essential contributions to the advancement of knowledge and society.

Objectives

The committee shall:

- identify, develop and deliver constructive means to support academic librarians in advancing their research, scholarly and creative professional pursuits to the highest level
- support and promote academic freedom as fundamental to these pursuits (see: [CAPAL Statement on Academic Freedom](#))
- advocate for having Open Access as the default for disseminating scholarly output by academic librarians
- facilitate communication and connections within the Canadian academic librarian research community at individual and institutional levels
- consult and collaborate with the CAPAL/ACBES Board of Directors, standing committees and members, as well as with appropriate external individuals and organizations, in meeting Committee objectives.

Members and Composition

Membership in the committee includes up to ten CAPAL/ACBES members, one of whom shall serve as Chair. The Chair is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors by virtue of the position.

The Chair is recruited by the Nominating Committee and appointed by the Board of Directors for a two-year term. Committee members are recruited by the Chair with support from the Nominating Committee. Members can serve two consecutive terms. The Chair or individual members can be removed by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Meetings and Quorum

The Committee shall meet every month and during the annual CAPAL/ACBES conference. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair or any two committee members. A majority of those present and voting shall constitute quorum. Informal meeting minutes will be kept and be made available to CAPAL/ACBES members upon request. The Chair will report on the Committee's activities to the CAPAL/ACBES Board, at the annual general meeting as requested by the Board, and at other times as appropriate.

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