



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ADVOCACY TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mandate

The Advocacy Committee is a standing committee of CAPAL with a mandate to advocate for the rights, professional autonomy and interests of academic librarians pertaining to academic librarianship and related causes; to research and develop informed opinions which may be used in communications with members and the public; and to work with the standing committees, CAPAL's Board of Directors and external organizations in the promotion and advancement of issues and causes.

Objectives

The committee shall:

- Develop strategies and initiatives to advance and promote issues of professional interest to academic librarians;
- Develop and review position statements articulating the rights and responsibilities of academic librarians;
- Respond to arising issues as requested by the Board of Directors.
- Establish ad-hoc working groups as necessary to conduct the work of the committee.

Members and Composition

Membership in the committee includes eight to ten CAPAL/ACBAP 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. Chair or individual members can be removed by a resolution of the Board of Directors

Meetings and Quorum

The Committee shall meet every six weeks and during the annual CAPAL/ACBAP 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/ACBAP members upon request. The Chair will report on the Committee's activities to the CAPAL/ACBAP Board, at the annual general meeting as requested by the Board, and at other times as appropriate.

Approved by the CAPAL/ACBAP Board: 2015 October 16 (as amended)