Scholars and Scholarship Committee

Purpose

The Scholars and Scholarship Committee advises the Association on its priorities and partnerships in providing enduring and barrier free access to information in the research and learning ecosystem.

Charge

The Scholars and Scholarship Committee is an Association Committee charged with advancing collective alignment of strategies, staffing, and budgets to advance open, equitable, and sustainable scholarship and collectively aligning the Association’s strategies around scholars and scholarship.

Membership

- The committee shall be chaired by an ARL director appointed by the Executive Committee.
- The committee is composed of 9 to 12 members of ARL directors.
- A Board liaison is a member of the committee.
- The Executive Director appoints a staff lead.

Terms

- The committee chair serves a three-year term: one year in each role of vice-chair, chair, and past chair.
- A committee member serves a three-year term renewable at the conclusion of years one and two.
- The Board liaison serves a one-year term.
- The staff lead serves on the committee until reassigned or leaves the Association.

Meetings

The committee meets as needed to conduct the work of its charge; it will meet at least twice annually during the two Association meetings.
Areas of Responsibility

- Provides strategic and timely guidance to the ARL membership on significant developments in this domain and on ARL’s collaborations with partner organizations in Canada, the US, and globally.
- Defines and advocates for the critical role of the research library in the practices of scholarly research in all its stages and forms.
- Makes policy recommendations to the Executive Director and Board of Directors.
- Collaborates with the staff lead to develop annual priorities and advises the staff lead in implementation of the committee's work.
- Makes requests to the Executive Director for any additional funding needed during the fiscal year.

Decision-Making

The committee makes recommendations to the Executive Director and, as appropriate, to the Board.

Code of Conduct

The committee adheres to the ARL Code of Conduct in all of its deliberations and activities.

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