

Scholars and Scholarship Committee

Charge

The Scholars and Scholarship Committee (SSC) is an Association Committee charged with monitoring the research environment and providing strategies and policies for member libraries to advance open, equitable, and sustainable scholarship. SSC also collectively aligns the Association's strategies around scholars and scholarship.

Membership

- The committee shall be chaired by an ARL member representative appointed by the Board of Directors.
- The committee is composed of 9 to 12 ARL member representatives and member library staff. The majority of the committee is composed of member representatives.
- A Board liaison is a member of the committee.
- The Executive Director appoints a staff lead.

Terms

- The committee chair serves a two-year term; one year in the role of vice-chair, and the second as chair. The only exception beyond two years, is if a member is elected to be vice chair in their first or second year of service.
- A committee member serves a two-year term renewable at the conclusion of year one or until a replacement is selected, unless the Board of Directors decides in exceptional circumstances that an additional renewal term is justified.
- The Board liaison serves a one-year term renewable for as long as they are a member of the Board of Directors.
- 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; at a minimum, it will meet during the two Spring and Fall 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.

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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