

OLA COPYRIGHT USERS' COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mandate:

The Copyright Users' Committee exists to support OLA members in fulfilling their role(s) as practitioners, intermediaries and/or advisors to their user communities on copyright issues and concerns. In addition, the Committee will act as a resource to the OLA Executive and offer advisory support to the OLA Copyright advisor, who is OLA's representative on the CLA Copyright Advisory Committee. Where appropriate, the Committee will act in concert with the CLA Copyright Advisory Committee to promote library interests related to copyright.

Responsibilities/Objectives:

- To actively serve the OLA community by educating and assisting members on copyright issues and concerns that they encounter in the practice of their profession.
- To act as a resource to the OLA Executive Director on copyright issues and reporting to the OLA Board;

Deliverables:

- To ensure the OLA Executive Director is informed and briefed on the Committee's recommendations and decisions in order to act as a liaison to the OLA Board;
- To review and advise on Super Conference proposals pertaining to copyright issues in order to eliminate redundancy, to ensure accuracy and objectivity and to promote a balanced selection of presentations to the membership;
- To offer, on occasion, symposiums or workshops to provide a deeper learning experience for members on copyright-related topics and issues.
- To assist members to obtain, where appropriate, legal opinions on Intellectual Property (IP) and copyright issues through OLA's partnership with Community Legal Services (CLS) at Western Law, Western University;

Composition:

This is an expert service committee designed to remain relatively small in size to allow for flexibility responsiveness and continuity.

2 ex-officio, non-voting members (1. Executive Director of OLA; 2. OLA Copyright Advisor on the CLA Copyright Advisory Committee)

OLA Copyright Advisor will select 2 members with copyright knowledge and expertise.
The Committee may invite additional members as necessary.
One member per institution only.

Resources and budget:

At least 2 face-to-face meetings annually.
Teleconference meetings as necessary.

Timelines

The OLA Executive Director will provide an annual update on behalf of the Committee to the Board.

Type of Committee:

- Standing Committee** (responsible for a specific program or function)
- Task Forces** (time-limited tasks on a specific topic)
- Action Groups** (development of a limited program or activity)

Term of Appointment:

2-year renewable term for the Chair role

With the exception of the ex-officio members, Committee membership is renewable for a 3-year term at the discretion of the Committee.

