



Conference Planning Committee (CPC) Terms of Reference

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Purpose:

Reporting to the CRKN Board of Directors, the Conference Planning Committee (CPC) will provide recommendations in developing, planning, and implementing thematic programming aspects of the annual CRKN conference. The CPC will ensure that the programming of the CRKN conference represents the interests and needs of CRKN members and stakeholders and champions diverse participation and representation. The CPC is also responsible for reviewing the CRKN conference Code of Conduct to ensure it meets current standards, and along with representatives from the CRKN Board and staff, acts as the CRKN conference Code of Conduct committee.

Terms of Reference:

The CPC is established by and reports to the CRKN Board of Directors pursuant to section 12 of the Corporation's By-laws. Additionally, the CPC will provide updates to the Content Strategy Committee and Preservation and Access Committee as needed.

The CPC is responsible for:

- developing and refining a conference theme which is in line with the CRKN mission and mandate;
- soliciting a call for proposals for the program;
- reviewing and making recommendations to the Board for conference panelists and speakers based on the call for proposals;
- developing a conference program which is in line with the theme;
- working with CRKN staff to determine invited speakers and keynotes;
- reviewing and updating the CRKN conference Code of Conduct; and
- implementing the CRKN conference Code of Conduct reporting process.

The Conference Planning Committee is not responsible for logistical or event planning tasks such as the selection of the venue, conference/workshop registration, or planning social events associated with the conference (such as the opening reception).

Membership:

- One (1) Librarian or equivalent appointed representing the Board of Directors, Content Strategy Committee, or Preservation and Access Committee to act as Chair
- One (1) Librarian or equivalent appointed representing the Board of Directors, Content Strategy Committee, or Preservation and Access Committee to act as Vice Chair
- One (1) member appointed to represent the GLAM community
- Up to three (3) members who collectively represent the academic library community with experience in conference planning and programming, including representation from the hosting city member institution(s)
- CRKN Senior Director, Strategy and Engagement
- CRKN Executive Assistant (Event Planner)

A CRKN staff member shall be appointed by the Executive Director to provide support to the CPC. In consultation with the Chair, other CRKN staff may be called upon to participate in meetings as resource personnel.

Meetings:

Meetings will be held, using web-meeting facilities, as the Chair requires.

Meetings may be held at any time provided written notice has been given to each committee member at least seven days, exclusive of the day on which notice is given, before the meeting is to take place. Notice of meetings may be waived by unanimous written consent of the CPC members.

Quorum for meetings is a majority of (non-CRKN staff) CPC members.

Additional deliberations may be conducted via email between meetings as required.

In order to maintain the balance of representation and to ensure continuity and effectiveness of the CPC, substitution of representatives at meetings is not permitted.

Lines of Accountability and Communication:

The CPC is primarily accountable to the Board of Directors and will also make reports to standing committees as necessary.

The Chair of the CPC reports on the group's activities to the Board and submits written recommendations for their consideration as required.

The CPC will take a consultative approach to its work, engaging members and stakeholders as appropriate.

Financial and Administrative Policies:

Service on the CPC is non-remunerative.

Travel and meeting expenses for CPC members will be reimbursed according to the policies and procedures of CRKN. Members of the CPC will comply with Board-approved conflict of interest guidelines and procedures.

Timeframe:

The CPC will function for a fixed duration annually, beginning in February and ending in November, following the CRKN conference.