# ScholComm Committee Report

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The items below are from draft minutes of the November 14, 2019 ScholComm Committee meeting. The items below are subject to correction or modification. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2019.

At the meeting, the Committee reviewed the Annual Work Plan and assignments, assuring all committee members have assignments and are engaged with the work of the Committee; the Plan is updated throughout the year and is meant to document this year’s work and provide history for future work of the COmmittee.

The Committee had an active discussion of how best to provide information about Open Access initiatives to each campus library. A task force of Task force that includes Elizabeth Blackwood, Alyssa Loera, and Dana Ospina will start in January to create a web page with content that can be used or shared by all campuses (such as was created with the copyright information pages) before the end of the academic year.

Mark Bilby discussed work currently undertaken by Megan Wagner at CSUF to create some infographics using the COLD Elsevier FAQ and additional data points. These Infographics should be available in December of 2019.

Dana Ospina reported on the work of the Publishing Interest Group. The group has self-selected into interest areas and identified four sub-projects to work on this year:

* + - Journal MOUs
      * The MOU group has met and is working on boilerplate language for different scenarios for publications (such as faculty publications, student publications, and publications undertaken with external organizations).
    - OJS documentation – Kevin Cloud and Melissa Seeyle have begun work on this.
    - Alternative publishing platforms. Long-form scholarly publishing platforms (Scalar, Vega, etc.) for multimedia and other scholarship; SLO has hired someone to make online exhibits for the library (this platform would support this type of work).  Dana will reach out to SLO to get more information on this and to determine if their personnel would be interested in engaging with the work of the IG.
    - CSU-wide McNair Journal – Dana is working with Alyssa Loera on this and will have more information early in 2020.

Deliverables for all of these work groups will be included in the Annual Work Plan.

Heather Cribbs shared a report on the work of STIM.

Mention of a STIM technology survey prompted discussion of renewing the ScholComm survey on an annual basis. At the next meeting, the Committee will review the survey completed last year (lead by Andrew Weiss) to determine how to update it. Having ongoing, longitudinal data will help us track our progress on emerging trends in Scholarly Communications and how each campus has responded to them.

The Committee discussed Interest Group (IG) integrations with the ScholComm Committee, focusing on providing a pathway for formal recognition of the work that the IGs are doing to fulfill strategic interests of the COmmittee. The Publishing IG is already involved with the ScholComm committee as Dana Ospina liases between the two groups. Other identified groups that will be included in the future include

* Faculty Profiles IG (need updated infromration from this group)
* Trusted Repositories IG (Andrew Weiss is lead - on sabbatical)
* Copyright IG (for which Copyright First Responders will serve as it develops).

The Committee discussed updating the Copyright Information Pages that get shared with each campus library. Rita Premo has taken leadership of this work, with Mark Stover asking the copyright team at Northridge if they would like to be involved. Other appeals to interested parties will be made via the CSULIT and CSUCopyright listservs. This will not be a major update but will include incremental changes and smaller updates, focusing on the Copyright First Responders feedback (regarding what additional specific information would be useful to those at each campus who deal with copyright questions).

Elizabeth Blackwell is working to develop Onboarding (that’s totally a word) Information for new ScholComm members, focusing primarily on three areas:

* + Creating a repository for the surveys and data.
  + Basic org chart for the committee’s work, specifying differences between task force, interest group, and the entire committee.
  + Annotated work plan that is easily understandable for someone new to the CSU.

Once completed with the above, she will summarize and define the different areas on which this committee works, creating documentation of the processes behind the work of the Committee.

The Committee discussed the [MIT Framework for Negotiating with Publishers](http://news.mit.edu/2019/mit-announces-framework-guide-negotiations-publishers-1023) (more info at <http://news.mit.edu/2019/mit-announces-framework-guide-negotiations-publishers-1023> and <https://libraries.mit.edu/scholarly/publishing/framework/>). Some questions arose about specific sections (e.g., requiring publishers to directly deposit into repositories). The group commented that this document feels aspirational at present, and the committee members feel they need to understand the framework more fully in order to determine if we fully support it. This framework will be discussed in greater depth at the December meeting and will be presented as an informational item at the December COLD meeting. The ScholComm committee will have a recommendation once their discussions have concluded (at the December ScholComm meeting).

Mark Bilby updated the Committee on the ASCSU Green OA Resolution. ASCSU Faculty Affairs subcommittee met in November, and a Working Group is being formed, with ASCSU Chair, AVC of Research, OGC member, COLD rep, two ASCSU FA members, and two Librarians serving as members.

The Committee discussed a Shared Archive-It Subscription (discussion led by Mark Bilby) with an informational email sent to the Committee.  As COLD Exec may be discussing this soon, the ScholComm committee will consult and prepare a written proposal at a future meeting.