

Call for Volunteers – Archival Appraisal Working Group

Dear Colleagues,

This is a call for participation from interested individuals who would like to join CCA's new Archival Appraisal Working Group, a national initiative to study institutional approaches to archival appraisal of private acquisitions and their subsequent impact on monetary appraisal and donor relations.

Technological changes are having a significant impact on archival processes, and institutions are faced with practical considerations that will ensure credibility and sustainability. CCA has been following these developments, and CCA committees have already advanced consultations on certain core archival processes including the revision of the Rules for Archival Description (RAD) standard, as well as the definition of an accession standard. Concurrently, institutions have been encountering new issues related to donations and expectations for the monetary appraisal of digital records. Upon initial reflection, it appears that these issues may be symptomatic of larger questions that involve selection where donations are comprised of very large volumes of records. Integrated approaches to addressing these questions may also be pertinent to audio-visual records and other media types. They may, in fact, lead to fundamental considerations of respect de fonds in the context of archival appraisal.

The terms of reference are available at: http://www.archivescanada.ca/CWG_AAWG

In selecting members for the Working Group, the CCA Board will aim for a broad national representation and experience with archival appraisal. To this end, please include a short summary of your experience, the name of your institution/current employer and how you might contribute to this initiative.

Anyone that submits an expression of interest will have the option of being included as corresponding or associate member of the Working Group and will be eligible to receive communication and provide comments/suggestions throughout the term of the work.

If you are interested, please forward the requested information to CCA Board member, Theresa Rowat at trowat@sympatico.ca by August 17, 2016.

Sincerely,

Lara Wilson, Chair
CCA Board of Directors