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### **Joint ACMLA CAPDU Consultative and Negotiating Committee**

#### **Preamble**

Academic researchers frequently encounter barriers to accessing spatial and numeric data created by federal and provincial governments. These barriers include legal and bureaucratic impediments to finding and identifying such data sources, excessive fees to use these data, and overly restrictive licenses controlling the use of the data.

Consequently, the amount of research that could be based on publicly-funded data is unnecessarily limited. Furthermore, these resources are not incorporated within the curricula available to students, constraining the development of highly qualified personnel in Canada. Unlike the U.K., other European nations and the U.S., Canada has developed no data repositories, comprehensive archives nor portals for these valuable data resources

#### **Purpose and Terms of Reference**

There shall be a Consultative and Negotiating Committee that shall be a joint committee of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives and the Canadian Association of Public Data Users. The Committee shall:

- A. Actively participate in negotiating academic access to required numeric and geo-referenced data resources.
- B. Provide a forum to discuss issues and matters of mutual concern for the two Associations respecting access to publicly-funded data especially of a restricted or proprietary nature.
- C. Develop an electronic inventory of existing data custodians and access agreements already allowing facilitated access to publicly-funded federal and provincial numeric and spatial data resources for the academic community.
- D. Examine existing constraints on data access for purposes of academic research and learning including governmental and commercial custodianship, as well as copyright limitations and privacy legislation impediments.
- E. Develop for ACMLA/CAPDU advocacy positions on data sharing and dissemination with special attention to publicly-funded data for academic research and scholarship

## **Membership**

The Joint ACMLA CAPDU Consultative and Negotiating Committee will be co-chaired by Presidents of the two Associations. Additional membership shall be at least two members in good standing of each of the Associations. Further professional and expert members can be appointed upon recommendation and approval of the above Co-chairs and Members of the Committee.

## **Reporting**

The Joint ACMLA CAPDU Consultative and Negotiating Committee shall report to the governance and members of the two associations through the Co-chairs.