



Center *for* Research Libraries
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GLOBAL RESOURCES NETWORK

Center for Research Libraries NERL Program Council

I. Purpose

The NERL Program Council (PC) is a representative forum foundational to the work of NERL, with PC members advising on and directly serving on negotiation teams. Working collaboratively, PC works with the NERL Steering Committee and staff to sustain NERL's core shared purchasing decisions to develop new and innovative priorities to further support and advance NERL's pursuit of transforming the scholarly landscape.

II. Committee Selection, Size, and Length of Term

The NERL Program Council shall consist of thirty members, with one representative appointed by each of the thirty core NERL member libraries. Given the nature of the work, members should have significant domain expertise and decision-making authority in the areas of licensing, negotiations, and collection budget management. The CRL Director of Licensing and Acquisitions shall serve *ex officio* on the NERL Program Council.

The PC shall be led by a chair and a vice chair with staggered two-year terms. One vice chair will be elected by the Program Council each year, via an open call for nominations. All Program Council members are eligible for nomination. The PC chair shall also serve on the NERL Steering Committee.

In the event of a mid-term vacancy of the vice chair, the current NERL Program Council shall conduct a special election to fill the remainder of the term.

III. Reporting Procedures

The PC shall report to the NERL Steering Committee. The chair is responsible for submitting an annual report to the NERL Steering Committee and may also submit items for SC action or discussion and feedback as necessary.

IV. Duties and Responsibilities

The PC is responsible for:

- Advising and serving on negotiations teams.

- Working collaboratively to sustain NERL's core shared purchasing decisions to develop new and innovative priorities to further support and advance NERL's pursuit of transforming the scholarly landscape.
- Developing recommendations for the NERL Steering Committee to make final negotiation/contract decisions.
- Recommending to the NERL Steering Committee public statements.

The PC chair is responsible for:

- Serving as a channel of communication between the PC and the NERL Steering Committee on program priorities and activities.
- Coordinating the execution of PC programming (i.e., PC meetings and conferences) in collaboration with the Director of Licensing and Acquisitions.
- Providing mentoring structures for PC members, while helping to ensure the continued engagement of PC members.

V. Meetings

The PC shall meet regularly as needed to conduct its work, primarily via virtual meetings. The PC may hold one in-person meeting annually.

Approved by the CRL Board of Directors, July 2023.