

# Governing Scholars Trust

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### Governing Council

The Scholars Trust Governing Council has responsibility for developing the overall strategy for Scholars Trust and ensures it has resources needed to achieve those goals. The Governing Council is responsible for considering new Scholars Trust partners, identifying long-term support needs of the organization, determining the equitable distribution of costs and staff resources among the participating consortia, and setting policy, priorities, and annual activities/initiatives. The Governing Council meets as necessary, but at least once per year.

- Each consortium has one library representative for every 10 libraries represented in Scholars Trust, drawn from the top leadership position in each participating library (dean/director/University Librarian). If a consortium has fewer than 10 libraries, it will have one representative.
- The Executive Director of each participating consortium is a non-voting member of the Governing Council.
- The chairperson of the Scholars Trust Steering Committee (see below) is a non-voting member of the Governing Council and serves as the liaison between the groups.

### Members:

Stephen Connaghan, (WRLC, Catholic University of America)  
Tom McNally (ASERL, University of South Carolina)  
Lars Meyer (Steering Committee Liaison, Emory University)  
Judy Russell (FLARE, U-Florida)  
Doug Way (ASERL, U-Kentucky)  
John Burger (ASERL, Program Director)  
Mark Jacobs (WRLC, Program Director)  
Ben Walker (FLARE, Program Director)

### Steering Committee

The Scholars Trust Steering Committee manages and oversees the initiatives, activities and operations of Scholars Trust. The Steering Committee is empowered to create and charge any committees or task forces they deem necessary to accomplish the initiatives set by the Scholars Trust Governing Council, and regularly reports progress on initiatives and activities to the Governing Council.

- Each participating consortium has three representatives on the Steering Committee, two representatives from the participating libraries and one consortium staff person.
- Steering Committee members are responsible for ensuring regular communication with the librarians who manage the operational needs of participating programs via program listservs and other electronic forms of communication.
- The Steering Committee chairperson is elected from one of the participating libraries and is not included as a representative of any consortium.

- Each consortial delegation has one vote. Each consortium's delegation will need to come to consensus before casting their vote. Any tie votes will be broken by the Steering Committee chairperson.
- The Steering Committee will also conduct two town hall-style meetings each year to explain the progress on current initiatives and operations and elicit further feedback from all participating libraries.

**Members:**

Lisa Fish (FLARE, U-Miami)

Jay Forrest (ASERL, Georgia Tech)

Millie Jackson (ASERL, U-Alabama)

Ryan Johnson (WRLC, Georgetown University)

Lars Meyer (Emory University), Chair

Dolsy Smith (WRLC, George Washington University)

Cheryle Cole-Bennett (ASERL, Program Staff)

Aaron Krebeck, (WRLC, Program Staff)

Ben Walker, (FLARE, U-Florida, Program Staff)