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Mr. Fabio Onesi  
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Re: the Pan Canadian Documentary Heritage Network Forum

Dear Mr. Onesi,

I wish to update you regarding the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA)'s withdrawal from Library and Archives Canada's Pan Canadian Documentary Heritage Network (PCDHN) Forum.

To the best of our knowledge, Library and Archives Canada has not addressed our concerns, expressed in our May 31, 2012 letter, about LAC's responsibility to the archival community. We continue to feel that PCDHN is not a useful or appropriate mechanism for LAC to fulfill its legislated obligations.

Moreover, the ACA continues to have the following specific concerns with the Forum:

1. There is no public list of participants.
2. There is no listed criteria as to who is invited to participate and why.
3. The agenda seems to be tightly controlled with no call from participants for input.
4. There is a lack of transparency with regards to the purpose of the Forum and its concrete outcomes.

Until the ACA sees positive changes in these areas, it will continue to decline to participate in PCDHN initiatives.

Best Regards.

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ACA President