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[1] It is my pleasure once again to report on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Program Development and Management.

[2] The role of the committee remains unchanged – responsibility for the medium to long term project activity of the Conference. The committee continues to meet by teleconference on a monthly basis. My particular thanks to Clark Dalton, who prepares the agenda and minutes for those meetings.

[3] Membership of the committee consists of persons with experience or past leadership roles in the Conference, with broad regional representation. This mix of experience and knowledge allows for reliable and informed decisions on project selection, leadership and management. I want to thank the members for their participation and for their work and inquiries between our regularly planned meetings. Membership list is attached as an appendix.

[4] We continue with discussion of the four major headings established at our face-to-face meeting in June 2013. We have identified a variety of strategies to address project leadership and have introduced this issue as one of our project selection criteria. Appropriate definition of the project not only attracts volunteer involvement but also benefits project management and deliverables. For communications purposes, critical stages and messaging will even out some of the stops and starts we may have experienced in the past, and also allow us to direct attention to a project throughout its life cycle.

[5] The work of Manon Dostie and Nolan Steed in developing a project calendar has been particularly important. To describe the output as a calendar sells the work very short. The timeline or calendar actually connects and rationalizes the work of the Advisory Committee, the sections, and individual project milestones. The Conference owes a debt of gratitude for their creative and detailed thinking.

[6] The committee has become more comfortable with the project selection criteria, both to accept and to reject project proposals. None of these decisions is easy, but the degree of consensus and collegiality is remarkable. We anticipate work in the areas of Digital Assets, and Elder Financial Abuse.

[7] The committee has also reviewed potential joint or cooperative programs with the Uniform Law Commission in the United States. This year, we conclude our work on Substitute Decision-Making Documents and Recognition of Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Orders. Last year we completed work on Asset Preservation Orders. This year we expect to learn much from the ULC project on Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets.

[8] In January we held a joint planning meeting to review joint activity and projects between the two organizations. The one and a half days were particularly productive and positive. I want to thank in particular, John Sebert and Clark Dalton for their preparatory work in advance of that meeting. The level of discussion and exchange at these meetings is indicative of the level of

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cooperation and trust between the two organizations. It is very rewarding to see and experience the degree of sharing of planning and research, and of strategic thinking and decision-making.

[9] As always, we hope that our work has benefited the Conference and we thank you for the opportunity to contribute.

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