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## **Ron Walker appointed Executive Director**

Canadiana.org President Lynn Copeland announced the appointment of Ron Walker as Executive Director effective August 10, 2009. Mr. Walker has been Interim Executive Director since February, 2009. In announcing the appointment, Ms. Copeland noted "I am delighted to confirm Ron in the role of Executive Director. We look forward to continuing to work together to further the Business Plan he helped to develop and which was adopted by the Board of Directors in December 2008."

Ron Walker brings to Canadiana.org over 37 years of experience in the information technology industry with senior management experience in both government and private organizations. As an entrepreneur he founded and operated successful product and services technology companies. Mr. Walker gained experience in the documentary heritage sector working as a business consultant for Library and Archives Canada as well as Canadiana.org. He developed the funding documentation for the AMICAN Trusted Digital Preservation Infrastructure initiative. Working for the Canada Project he developed a Technical Infrastructure Whitepaper, a Digitization Scoping/Costing Model, Delivery Strategies and initial business case analysis. He delivered a business plan in 2008 that merged the former AlouetteCanada goals with Canadiana.org to deliver its new vision and mandate.

In accepting the appointment, Mr. Walker stated that the research quality digitization work, for which Canadiana.org is well-known, will continue, with the organization strongly committed to further advancement of its highly regarded *Early Canadiana Online (ECO)* collection. In addition, he said, the organization will continue to make available that same research quality digitization service to complement mass-digitization projects.

Mr. Walker said, "Canadiana is moving forward with its new mandate, promoting a broader membership, initiating an outreach program to engage Canadian citizens and private institutions, and promoting the Canada Online Project, a mass-digitization, preservation and access project."

Lynn Copeland also announced with regret that the Canadiana.org Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of Magdalene Albert effective August 7th. Ms. Albert was a valued Canadiana.org employee who served for eight years as Executive Director, first with the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions, then with Canadiana.org; and, as Director of Operations for Canadiana.org. She now leaves to seek other opportunities. Wishing Ms. Albert well, Ms. Copeland said that the current and past Directors who served with Ms. Albert fully appreciate and are grateful for her commitment to advancing the organization, her success in development of the *ECO* product, and her support for the needs of the staff.

Canadiana.org is an alliance of partners that works to strengthen its collective ability to create, present and manage Canadian on-line content. Canadiana.org acts as an over-all coordinator, facilitator and advocate for digitization initiatives, together with their preservation infrastructures and enduring access services.

Canadiana.org is pan-Canadian in outlook and governance, representing the interests of many key

partnering constituencies that include content creators, content holders (memory, education, science, government, private sector), and content end-users of cultural heritage and scientific resources.

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