Committee: London Public Library Board

Organization/Sector represented: NA

Name: **Hugh Bennett**

Occupation: Computer and technology consultant, analyst and systems integrator. Work experience: President, Forget Me Not Information Systems Inc. (25+ years): market and technology analysis, manufacturer, channel and end-user consulting, education, system integration, support and sales focusing on information storage, archiving, retrieval and related systems. Computer and technology industries (32+ years): Commercial, industrial, institutional and consumer technologies and markets. Publishing industry (26+ years): International publisher, editor and author. Current position: Publisher and Editor, "Hugh's News." Past positions include: Contributing Editor and Columnist, "EMediaLive, the Digital Studio Resource," "EventDV," "EMedia the Digital Studio Magazine," "TapeDisc Business," "EMedia Magazine," "EMedia Professional," "CD-ROM Professional;" Associate Editor, "NewMedia Canada," "Canadian CD-ROM News" (Canadian Library Association CD-ROM Interest Group Newsletter), others. Additional work published in "Canadian Children's Literature," "Quill and Quire," "Presentations," "Computer Retail Week," others.

Education: Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), The Graduate School of Library and Information Science, The University of Western Ontario. Honors Bachelor of Arts English and Philosophy (BA Hon), King's College, The University of Western Ontario.

Skills: Professional, entrepreneurial, formal Library and Information Science education. Extensive expertise and experience in commercial computer and consumer technologies, as well as content publishing, public relations, media, marketing and business. Dedicated, curious, quick study, accustomed to dealing with matters in a proactive, practical, analytic, thoughtful, honest and decisive manner, as well as communicating clearly and concisely.

Interest reason: To support and enhance the unique position and evolving role the London Public Library plays in the stability, quality, health and growth of our community. Impressed and encouraged by the Library's success through the hard work and dedication of its staff, volunteers, friends and advocates.

Contributions: Fiscal responsibility, accountability transparency and competency. Accustomed to both big picture and detailed thinking, contribute a different, informed, well varied and disciplined perspective and facility to the Library Board. Past contributions: Past Chairman of the Canadian Advisory Committee for the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) JTC1/SC23 subcommittee charged with development and review of international information interchange and storage standards. Past contributor to the Optical Storage Technology Association (OSTA) participating in collaborative technical standards development, opportunity and product analysis, as well as manufacturer, channel and end-user education and market promotion.

Interpersonal: A long history of global client engagement and involvement with cooperative international standards bodies, trade associations, interest groups and conferences, as well as collaborative content creation, editing, oversight and publishing.

Interview interest: No