

Committee: **London Public Library Board**

Organization/Sector represented: **member of the public**

Name: **Samuel Trosow**

Occupation: **Associate Professor, University of Western Ontario (Faculty of Law and Faculty of Information & Media Studies (FIMS))**

Work experience: • **University of Western Ontario, (July 2001-present; for list of courses see <https://samtrosow.wordpress.com/teaching/>, for publications see**

<https://samtrosow.wordpress.com/selected-publications/>) • University of California at Berkeley, School of Law; Associate Librarian; (October 1995 – June 2001) • San Jose State University, School of Library and Information Science; Adjunct Professor, (1995-1997) • Alameda County Law Library; Oakland, CA Reference work at County Public Law Library. (1993-1995) • Golden Gate University School of Law; SF, CA Adjunct Professor (1993-1995) • Committee of Bar Examiners, State Bar of California; Apprentice Reader/Reader (1992-1994), • Berkeley Community Law Center; Staff Attorney/Clinical Instructor (1991-1992) • Law Offices of Samuel Trosow; Los Angeles, CA 1978-80; Berkeley, CA 1982-91 (admitted to State Bar of California 1978; U.S. Supreme Court Bar, 1986)

Education: • **Ph.D., UCLA, Department of Information Studies, Library & Information Science, 2002. • MLIS, San Jose State University, School of Library and Information Science, 1994. • LL.M (Tax) Golden Gate University School of Law, 1993. • MPA, California State University, Hayward; Public Administration, 1988. • Juris Doctor; Southwestern University School of Law, 1978. • BA, Pennsylvania State University; Political Science & History, 1974.**

Skills: **I have a very broad set of skills, abilities and specialized knowledge that I will bring to the LPL Board. My specialized subject expertise in the areas of law and policy relevant to a public library board includes copyright, privacy, intellectual freedom, broadband policy and library governance issues. I also have substantial experience working within organizations in various leadership positions including the UWO Board of Governor, the University Senate and the many others organizations as indicated below. I have a strong interest and expertise in the policy aspects of information technology issues.**

Interest reason: **As a former librarian and current professor in FIMS and Law I will bring a strong commitment and solid understanding of intellectual freedom and library governance issues to the Board. I will act as an effective bridge between the campus community and the public library system, and I will be a strong and knowledgeable advocate for public library service in the broader political environment.**

Contributions: **I will bring an exceptionally broad set of expertise and experience to the Board. In terms of substantive expertise, I point to my work in the areas of copyright, privacy, intellectual freedom, broadband policy and library governance issues. These are primarily evidenced by the courses I have taught over the years, and by my publications. My elective course Legal Issues for Information Professionals is particularly relevant to the types of issues that could arise on the LPL Board and in the management of a public library system, In terms of governance experience issues, I would point to my current work on the UWO Board of Governors and University Senate along with the broad set of organizational activities indicated below. Significantly, I have a good sense of the current economic, technological, political and social challenges facing public library systems.**

Past contributions: • **I currently serve as an elected Member of the Board of Governors of the University of Western Ontario (elected by faculty for a 4 year term, July 2019- June 2023). I am currently a member of the Board's Property and Finance Committee and a Board representative to the McIntosh Gallery Committee. • I am now completing 4 years of service (2 two year terms) as a member of the University Senate representing the Faculty of Law. My Senate Committee work has included the Senate Committee on University Planning (SCUP) and the Senate Sub-Committee on Program Review-Graduate (SUPR-G). • I am currently a member of the Graduate Education Council and a member of the faculty councils in Law and FIMS. I have served on numerous internal faculty committees over the years including Promotion and Tenure, Annual Performance Evaluation, Workload, Space Planning, and Program Committees. • I currently serve as a member of the UWO Provosts' Task Force on Open Access and Scholarly Communication. • I served as a member of the UWO Provosts' Ad-Hoc Committee on Freedom of Expression, which was responsible for drafting the campus freedom of expression policy that was mandated by the Province in**

2018. On this committee I participated in small group sessions and public participation meetings where different viewpoints on freedom of expression were articulated, and I helped draft the final policy. • I served as the Chairperson of the London Housing Advisory Committee (2006-2010). • I have held numerous positions and served on numerous committees in the University of Western Ontario Faculty Association (UWOFA) including the Grievance Committee, Policy and Governance Committee, Contract Committee, Governing Board member, Executive Committee member and Secretary. • I served as a member of the Librarians Committee of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT). • I served as a Network Investigator, Theme Leader and Research Committee member in the Graphics, Animation and New Media, Networks of Centers of Excellence (GRAND NCE). • I have acted as the Principal Investigator on various grant projects. • I served on numerous committees in professional library associations over the years including the Copyright Committee and the Intellectual Freedom of the Canadian Library Association.

Interpersonal: Through my experience serving on various committees and bodies, I better appreciate the great value in listening to and understanding the views of others, as many viewpoints are needed to further an organization's goals. This understanding was especially important for me when I worked on the UWO Freedom of Expression policy, during numerous deliberations in the University Senate, and more recently as a new member of the UWO Board of Governors.

Interview interest: **Yes**