LIBRARY COPYRIGHT ALLIANCE INPUT ON REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS

1. What are the knowledge, skills, and abilities you believe are the most important for the Register of Copyrights?

• Strong and deep general management experience preferably gained in managing a large organization;
• Expertise in managing the assessment, acquisition, deployment and application of complex information technology systems;
• A demonstrable, longstanding commitment to engaging equitably with stakeholders with diverse views on contentious issues;
• Exceptional communications and collaboration skills; and
• A Juris Doctor degree and copyright law expertise garnered, preferably, in multiple and diverse professional environments (e.g., academia, industry, non-profit organization and/or government).

2. What should be the top three priorities for the Register of Copyrights?

• Upgrade the information technology consistent with the overall strategy and systems of the Library of Congress.
• Improve efficiency of registration and ensure transparency and access to information about copyright holders in fulfillment of its primary mission.
• Promoting a copyright perspective on policy issues that reflects the diverse range of stakeholders.

3. Are there other factors that should be considered?

A new Register must be a team player, given its position in the Library and should be willing to collaborate and work with the Library. The Register of Copyrights should also ensure that it focuses on its statutory priorities, primarily in improving its registration and search systems.