

ALS December Business Meeting

1. **Call to order (Adam Farrell)** at 1:05pm.
2. **Additions to agenda (Adam Farrell)**
None
3. **Approval of agenda**
- Adam motion to approve; 2nd by Jenna
4. **WILU 2016 Proposals (Shawna Parlongo)**
 - UBC Library hosting WILU conference - workshop for information literacy
 - currently soliciting for program proposals - blind review of submissions
 - theme: intersections between our profession and other professions, the community, etc.
 - extended deadline for proposals Dec 14th
 - proposals for lightning talks, poster presentation, pre-conference workshops, standard sessions
5. **LTAS seeking chair**
 - looking for a chair, contact Annette de Faveri
6. **ALS Survey results & discussion**
 - Walked through the results & discussion document provided at meeting: Does scope & mandate need to be changed? - Today's discussion no voting no decision, just an open forum; any decision will be put forward as a motion at the conference
 - Discussion:
 - o in Victoria librarians group, controversy about who the group served, librarians' group only, and the group disbanded — it's a cautionary tale
 - o libraries are supposed to be inclusive, library technicians have a lot of similarities in terms of issues to our profession, come and have discussions about instruction and reference, increased education about what library techs can do
 - o interest in a working group, they would be tasked with this group to make the recommendation to see what agreements we can come toward, translate from working group - a series of questions that can be posed to the working group that can be voted on by the membership
 - o working group to provide a pathway for folks to express their opinion; provide a safe way to provide feedback
 - o working group - to establish a working group - at least 10 who have expressed interest - the call will go out for those who are interested to express interest in being involved in this

- in terms of communication, it would be great if the group could perhaps make their minutes publicly available - so we know the steps that went towards the recommendation - it's hard to make an informed decision on an emotional issue without an understanding of the steps made to get to the recommendation
- recommend that the history of ALS be made available - history behind name changes, mandates, timeline, a better archive of the history

7. A call will be put out for members to join the working group

8. Outstanding contribution award committee

- each year at BCLA, a person or group of people are nominated for outstanding contribution to academic librarianship; committee reviews applications, evaluating nominations, vote on recipient to be awarded at BCLA conference
- Adam will put out a call out, or anyone that is interested can contact him directly

9. Future events

Ideas for themes:

- relationships between librarians and non-librarian staff
- Collaborating with faculty partners (and co-creating assignments)
- ACRL framework and partnerships with faculty
- did it work, did it not? last year's workshop revisited
- open education, not giving students "disposable" assignments
- showing tiny tools (e.g. Prezi) that can be used in teaching or instruction
- principles for great design, which you could apply to whatever tool you were using
- EAL/ESL population - how to change the language that's being used, using more images, removing jargon, etc.
- a poster session format? one-pager, what you did, what the outcomes were
- a mixed-format session? everybody brings a presentation (poster, screen capture, presentation) and we share best practices

10. Roundtable discussion

11. Adjournment at 2:37pm.