

ALPS Annual Report: 2014-2015

By Roën Janyk

The ALPS Executive for 2014-2015

- Chair: Roën Janyk (OC)
- Chair-Elect: Vacant
- Continuing Education Director, 2nd Year: Ania De (SFU)
- Continuing Education Director, 1st Year: Andre Iwanchuk (SFU)
- Recording Secretary: Caitlin Bakker (UNBC)
- SLAIS student representatives: Blake Hawkins

“Getting Hired in Higher Education” Event

ALP assisted with planning the annual, “Getting Hired in Higher Education” event at the UBC iSchool on November 4, 2014. This event allowed students to engage with current professionals on a number of topics related to the library profession.

ALPS December meeting

On December 5, 2014 at the SFU Harbour Centre, ALPS held a series of lightning talks on the theme of “Re-evaluate, reimagine, and reinvigorate: responding to and creating change in academic librarianship”. This annual meeting brought together 8 speakers from 5 different institutions. A recording of the talks can be found online:

“The New Framework for Information Literacy”

On May 1, 2015, ALS co-hosted a one day workshop with Capilano University focusing on the new Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education. Through presentations, small-group work, and individual planning and reflection, the workshop provided opportunities to collaborate with colleagues and to discover new ways of teaching information literacy. The opening keynote speaker was *Cameron Hoffman (VIU)*, who provided an insightful perspective on the Framework. Lightning talk speakers included *Colleen Bell (UFV)*, *Leanna Jantzi (Capilano)*, *Kathryn Neeley (Quest)*, *Debbie Schachter (Douglas)*, *Megan Smiley (UBC iSchool)*, and *Alli Sullivan (Langara)*. The event was very successful with full registration. Special thanks to *Jocelyn Hallman* of Capilano University for assisting with organizing the event.

ALPS Pub Night

On May 1, 2015 ALS hosted a pub night social in North Vancouver BC. Members who attended the information literacy event earlier in the day continued the conversation over dinner, along with other ALS members. Thank you to everyone who attended and to *Ania Demarz and Andra Iwanchuk* for organizing the event.

Representation on BCLA Committees

Andre Iwanchuk represented ALPS on the BCLA Continuing Education Committee.

Roën Janyk participated in BCLA board meetings and communicated information back to the ALS Executive.

ALPS Award for Outstanding Service

Established in 2002, the Academic Librarians (ALP) Award for Outstanding Service is presented to an academic public service librarian, or team of same, whose outstanding service has made a real difference to students, faculty, or colleagues in British Columbia.

The 2015 ALPS Award was presented to *Mark Bodner* of Simon Fraser University at the BCLA AGM on May 23, 2015.



Many thanks to the 2015 ALPS Award Committee: Adam Farrell (Chair, Ascenda), Roën Janyk (OC), Megan Sorenson (SFU), Amber Saundry (UBC), Jenna Thomson (SFU), and Mary-Anne MacDougall (UFV).

ALPS Document Management

Caitlin Bakker, the Recording Secretary, kept minutes during meetings of the executive. Roën Janyk contributed ALPS's quarterly submissions to the *BCLA Browser*.

Get involved with ALPS

Want to get involved with ALPS? New members are always welcome! To learn more, check out: The ALPS website: https://bclaconnect.ca/?page_id=808

And don't forget to join the BCLA ALPS email list (<http://www.bclibraries.ca/listservs/bcla/>) for all of the latest news and discussion about events and issues of interest to academic librarians in public service.

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