

BCALS Executive Meeting
July 17, 2018 9:00 am (via teleconference)

Present: Alli Sullivan, Adena Brons, Ioana Liuta, Kate Shuttleworth, Chloe Riley, Adair Harper, Michelle Ng

Regrets: Peggy Lunn

Agenda:

- 1. Call to Order at 9:03am**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda (Alli)**
 - a. No amendments or corrections
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting (Alli)**
 - a. No amendments or corrections
- 4. Follow up on Action Items**
 - a. Email to BC Libraries Co-op re: ALPS LINK (Alli)
 - Background: Scott Leslie from BC Libraries Co-op reached out to BCALS about migrating ALPS LINK content into the [Library Toolshed](#). We discussed this issue in detail at our last meeting. Due to concerns about age of the material, doubt of provenance, and concerns about maintenance, we did not recommend adding this content to the Toolshed; however, we would be happy to explore opportunities to act as advocates for academic libraries' use of the Toolshed.
 - Alli sent our response to Scott on July 4, 2018. Scott thanked us for our response, and expressed interest in working with us on strategies to promote use of the Library Toolshed.
 - We will revisit to this topic again.
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. No old business to discuss
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Dissemination of meeting minutes (Chloe)
 - Our practice has been to distribute our minutes by [posting them on our website](#). However, we could be more proactive, visible, and connected to our members if we distributed our minutes regularly through our listserv. This could also lead to opportunities to solicit members' feedback.

- The exec was in favour of changing our practice. After meeting minutes have been approved by the executive, the Recording Secretary will distribute the minutes to the BCALS listserv.
- Alli noted that she is working on securing permission to be able to update our website with the recent minutes.
 - **Update:** Alli is now able to edit the site, and has posted all of our recent minutes.

7. Continuing Education (Peggy/Kate/Ioana)

a. December event (Kate)

- Peggy, Kate and Alli recently met to discuss this year's planning.
- The Continuing Education Coordinators plan to move ahead with the idea for a half-day event. This would be held on a Friday at the end of November / early December, with the December meeting to be held in the afternoon.
 - In order to expand our reach outside of the Lower Mainland, we are exploring the idea of holding the event somewhere such as UFV (which can still be accessible for Lower Mainland folks).
- Issue for discussion: How many exec members could likely attend in person? Ideas for remote attendance?
 - Discussion about strategies for in-person attendance.
 - BCLA is only able to support teleconference options (no streaming).
 - We discussed reaching out to identify interest and build relationships with folks at UFV around the idea of hosting this event there. Several exec members have possible connections to UFV, and they will reach out.
- Discussion of the original topic idea: chairing, co-chairing, or running a meeting or committee. The December meeting is an opportunity to have a discussion that is of interest to a broad range of academic library staff; there was concern that this topic would be too narrow. Building on conversations the Education Coordinators have already had, we discussed how to broaden the topic, such as exploring how we practice and engage with committee work more generally.
 - Can we connect a practical discussion with other issues in our discipline (such as decolonization)?
 - Opportunities to explore the topic of committees as a tool for practicing critical librarianship, as well as interrogating the structure of committees within our institutions.
 - Explore the idea of leadership from the middle.

b. Pub socials (Kate)

- Continuing Education Coordinators will step back from organizing pub nights (except for those immediately after events). They are happy to assist if other executive members would like to take this on.
 - Alli and Adena expressed willingness to take on the role of social coordinators. Adair is also willing to help planning.
 - They would like to plan a back-to-school social in September.
- c. Keeping it ReAL (Ioana)
 - Save the date for Keeping it ReAL on Oct 26, 2018, 9am-5pm at UVic. The current topic (possibly to be changed) is “In the Weeds” (research in progress or in middle stages).
 - Ali Moore recently sent out a Save the Date email that included a survey requesting feedback on possible methodology workshops. The link to the survey was buried in the middle of the email, so some members missed it.
 - Michelle volunteered to forward the survey to SLAIS students.
 - In 2019, Keeping it ReAL will be hosted at SFU Library.
- d. ACRL Framework event (Alli)
 - Several years ago, Alli attended an event hosted at Capilano about the then-new ACRL Framework for Information Literacy. The organizers recently reached out to the participants to gauge interest in hosting a follow-up event this year on how we are implementing the Framework. This would tentatively be held in the fall.
 - We have not been approached to help organize this, but Alli wondered if it is something we are interested in collaborating on.
 - Exec members agreed that this is an event that is relevant and interesting for BCALS. However, the Education Coordinators would likely not have the capacity to help organize if it is held in the fall (as Keeping it ReAL and the December event will take up their time). However, we would be more likely to be able to support it in the spring.
 - Alli will reach out to express BCALS’ interest in participating if the event is held in the spring.

8. Closing Remarks

- a. Alli thanked the exec for all their work on assessing ALPS Link and the early stages of event planning.
- b. Please keep Alli in the loop if you are unable to attend the August meeting, as we can cancel if members of the exec are unavailable.

9. Meeting Adjournment at 9:47am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 21 @ 9:00 AM by Teleconference

