

**BCLA First Nations Interest Group**  
**May 11, 2013, 12:30pm**  
**Location: Sheraton Hotel, Richmond**

**In Attendance:**

Sarah Dupont (Chair)  
Beth Davis (BCLA Liaison)  
Rachel Yaroshuk (Secretary & Treasurer)

Alexandria Everette  
Alisson Trumble  
Amber Norton  
Ashley Van Dik  
Bradley Gordon  
Charles Hogg  
Dana Drugan  
Erin Ziegenfuss  
Helen Halbert  
Linda Eps  
Jessica Woolman  
Monica Finn  
Monica Fern  
Shannon Labelle  
Sheena Gardner  
Tammarack Hockins  
Vikki Killington

**Reflections** - This year we have:

1. Refined our vision and mission statement in our new brochure.
2. Expanded the t-shirt & book bags fundraising efforts to include iPhone 4, 4S & 5 cases and magnets.
3. We attributed a letter to thanks Chester Lawson for donating our logo.
4. We updated the website.
5. Organized the TRC session at BCLA's Conference. The session generated a lot of interest.

**Looking Forward**

1. **Finance**
  - a. Nancy, Beth, Sarah, & Rachel will be meeting to discuss FNIG accounts at BCLA.

## 2. Technology

- a. Migrating to the new BCLA web interface.
- b. Incorporating a social media presence via blogs, Facebook or Twitter. While we want a social media presence we must be cautious to avoid communication fragmentation.

## 3. Membership

- a. Expanding and maintaining FNIG relationships beyond the lower mainland.
  - i. We would like to try using new technology (such as Skype, or view) to facilitate meetings.

## 4. Training & Mentorship

- a. Re-establishing the traditional *course work* FNIG has provided. Including courses like:
  - i. Summer Institutes - which attracted people province wide to teach mapping and classification (LC & Brian Deer) to improve information organization and access in communities.
- b. Establishing a library technician *scholarship*.
- c. Establishing a *mentorship*, succession planning network for FNIG.
  - i. How do we encourage enrolment in UBC?
    1. Mentoring at the high school level?
    2. Aboriginal e-mentoring program (Knowledge River)
    3. Aboriginal internship youth program.

## Announcements

4. Ashley Van Dik announces Stó:lō is hosting a conference about First Nations research. She will send us an email update.
5. On June 21 Musqueam invites us to join them for National Aboriginal Day.

## Adjournment