



FNIG Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2012
UBC IKB Trail Room

Attendance:

Allison Trumble
Lisa Nathan
Ashley VanDijk
Helen Halbert
Shyla Seller
Alissa Cherry
Sheena Garder
Beth Davies (BCLA liason)
Sarah Dupont (Coordinator/Chair)

1. Listserv Discussion

Is there interest amongst group members in creating something along the lines of a listserv to provide mutual support and guidance in our professional endeavors? Example provided of recent reference question concerning Coast Salish Children's literature. Would this be a useful mechanism for supporting each other, a safe space for discussions? Concern voiced over the potential for an inequitable amount of work regarding responding to these questions would be placed on the more experienced members of the group. Concern voiced about balancing work responsibilities (answering reference questions in a set period of time) and possible demands of the listserv.

Decision: Sarah will look into creating a listserv for FNIG which can be used for questions. The expectation is to keep it separate from professional expectations of responding in a set period of time. If someone has a question and posts it, if someone has time/expertise they will try to respond. There is already a volunteer to moderate listserv (Jane Frankish, not at this meeting).

2. Communications Subgroup

There is an expressed need for a dedicated communications group. They would look into creating a blog and other means of communicating the work of FNIG to the wider community. Names mentioned: Jane Frankish, Victoria Killington, Ashley VanDijk, Helen Halbert.

3. Budget for Gene Joseph Scholarship

Kim Lawson and Alissa Cherry and Beth Davies discussed a bit of history regarding the Gene Joseph Scholarship Fund. It is to support aboriginal students attending the iSchool@ UBC. There is a bit of confusion over the current state of the fund (handled by UBC Development Office). Some suggest that BCLA recently deposited \$10,000 into the fund. Lisa Nathan is going to look into determining the current state of the fund (Lisa) and how the fund is allocated (Lisa and Nancy Hannum, not at this meeting). There is interest in further investigations of whether or not the fund should continue to be handled by UBC. Ideas shared for other possibilities. Are there penalties for taking money out - is it possible? A desire expressed to ask the FNIG Treasurer



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(Rachel Yaroshuk) to check with the Vancouver Foundation to see if there is possible for them to serve as the infrastructure for our scholarship funding. Beth will check to see if money has already gone to UBC from BCLA (Confirmed Sept. 19th).

4. Budget for Developing Community Library Training Program (CLTP)

FNIG will commit \$9,000 to developing the CLTP program. A discussion around who might administer the course. BC Libraries and Literacy program originally commissioned it (with individuals from FNIG creating the content). The goal of the program is to support people in communities without formal training. Langara took it on and updated it. Ashley VanDyke is going to contact people to try and get a copy of the modules (Nancy Hannum has continued to support the program).

Conversation moved to other possibilities of running the program. Might it be offered to community members for a nominal fee and to non-community members as a possible revenue generator? Alissa Cherry mentioned the UBCIC online course on Land Claims Research (easily put online using Drupal). It is offered free to members of First Nations community. Perhaps an area for student involvement?

Decision: Need a sub committee to look into developing the CLTP. Perhaps Sandy Bradley would be able to advise on the financial side of things?

5. Xwi7xwa Book Bags

Announcement - Xwi7xwa has FNIG book bags (with art work donated by Kim Lawson's father). Alissa willing to take more for sale at UBCIC. Sarah to coordinate getting some transferred to Alissa.

6. Student Subgroup for FNIG

Discussion of whether there is interest in creating a student sub group of FNIG. No decision made.

7. Overall Budget

\$25,000 not committed. Sarah Dupont is going to make sure that this is correct (confirmed Sept 19). Additional \$20,000 earmarked for development of a Library Technician program scholarship, but no work has been to develop this as of yet (confirmed amount Sept 19).

8. Discussion of the Objectives of FNIG

Ideas:



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- a) Supporting First Nations communities in capacity building related to information management and services
- b) Educating - information professionals within and working with aboriginal communities.

- c) Getting more people across the province involved
- d) Discussion of whether lines are more blurred now between 1 and 2 then in the past two decades. What do communities need?

9. Articulation of Three Big Projects

- a) Communications strategies/Recruitment/Marketing
- b) Scholarships - Strong interest in developing a Lib Tech Scholarship, but first need to straighten our current Gene Joseph Scholarship situation.

- c) Knowledge Dissemination – Course development

10. UBCIC Resource Centre Announcement

Allissa Cherry announced massive Natural Resources & Environmental Resources private library donation. In essence, doubling the size of the library. Enormous undertaking. Also revising Brian Deer classification - starting with the N's – to create good subject heading authority records - developing into Evergreen. She expressed the need for a lot of help starting in the early spring. Reclassing the entire library - bar coding – etc.

Project descriptions will go out - ideas welcome around funding/communication/research.

11. Next Meeting

Ashley VanDijk has offered to host the next meeting at the Sto:lo Resource Centre in Chilliwack. The response from the attendees was enthusiastic and discussion around coordinating carpools for a Saturday meeting was started. Sarah Dupont is to work with Ashley on setting the date and time (two dates were proposed: Saturday, Oct 27 and Saturday, Nov 3). A meeting poll will be sent out with the minutes.

Comment [LN1]: Sarah Can you fill in here? What was decided for the two possible dates?

Meeting Adjourn. Next Meeting TBA.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Lisa Nathan