

LTAS EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

14 April 2013, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Meeting rm: http://vyew.com/room#/404075/LTAS_Meeting

Attendees: Tamarack Hockin , Chris Findlay, Vaunda Dumont, Sandra Cole, , Ashley Van Dijk , Taya Lawton, Stephen Karr, Tracy Bergey, Dan Vitaly, Anita Thompson, Anne Smith, Heather Duff, Phil Menger, Bradley Gordon,

Regrets: Mandi Schwarz, Jeffrey Libby, Shanna Meunier, Liza Capdecoume, Renee Zolinski-Ward, Shannon LeBlanc

Housekeeping

Welcome to Anne Smith, new LTAS Member at Large from Victoria.

Coordinator updates

LTAS Chair (Tamarack Hockin)

- Missed last BCLA board meeting at the end of February. Was at Langara Associations Panel speaking with first year LIT students.
- Annual reports coming due at the end of the month will start drafting something to send to the executive.
- No real progress on the other updates from the last meeting.
- Conference website is up at BCLA, and maybe at some point they will be updating to their new regular website.

LTAS Chapters

Fraser Valley (Ashley Van Dijk)

- Update on the LTAS FV Chapter meeting; touched briefly on BCLA Conference, had a round table discussion with everyone and their professional status, new ideas. Ashley will be posting to a blog. Suggestions regarding the possibility of a Summer Social.

Prince George - (Vaunda Dumont)

- Last meeting was an open discussion, updating each other on what each were doing. Next meeting planned for April 25th.

Vancouver – (Sandra Cole)

- Chapter met last month and will be meeting again in June. Two more people came out; overall, Vancouver is doing okay.

Social Media

Stephen Karr

- Social Media meeting held January 18th, attending were Tamarack, Heather, Phil, and Stephen; the focus was on developing a social media strategy. "What do we want to achieve? What else is out there? What are other groups doing?"

- Happy with Facebook, and Twitter, and are seeing some action there. LinkedIn seems to be less popular.
- Update for Website: BCLA is doing a redesign and all of the sections and interest groups are collaborating although Stephen hasn't heard anything further.

Heather Duff

- Heather is asking for people to share on the blog, she is continuing to shake the bushes for blog posts as comments have dropped off.

Phil Menger (Publications Liaison)

- A blind woman wrote in a long letter regarding access, Phil wrote her back with encouragement to write something for the blog.

YAACS (Chris Findlay)

- May 3 professional development opportunity, Multi-Cultural Rhyme Time.
- May 11, YAAC AGM @ 4:45.

UFV (Bradley Gordon)

- Doing some writing on the blog.
- There was a Constitutional vote at UFV for LITSA.
- LITSA sending information out about BCLA Conference to their students.
- Bradley gave the department the questionnaire on 'assistants'.

Langara (Taya Lawton)

- No updates from Langara

Old business

Workplan update – *Tracy/Tamarack*

- Has been copied based on previous format and is up and running for anyone who wants to share.

Assistants update – *Vaunda/Ashley*

- After much discussion on this subject, it was decided by the majority that this was not a pressing issue and that it should be shelved. Anita suggested that we set it aside until we find out further regarding accreditation for library techs. All agreed.

Fundraising/Scholarships – *Sandra*

- The update here is that nothing can be done until after the conference and Annette can focus on it; needs an objective, how to set it up, how it fits in BCLA?
- A suggestion to raise money was brought up; charging for workshops? Or maybe raising money through our socials.
- Sandra felt we should be telling the schools that LTAS will not be funding the money.

- Sandra will be asking Annette to confirm the following:
 - Is BCLA definitely *not* funding scholarships?
 - Do the schools know that BCLA is stopping the funding?
 - Were there *any* 2013 scholarships offered to: Langara/UFV/Slais?
- Taya confirmed that 2013 scholarships have been pulled at Langara.

Professional Development update - *Tamarack*

- Two sessions were submitted for Conference but were not chosen as the topic was covered.
- Spoke to Sheila about the possibility of hosting other sessions, perhaps in the fall, or in conjunction with UFV's LIBT reunion.
- LTAS partnered with UFV Alumni Association to host 3rd annual speed mentoring.
- Chapters are using their individual meetings as mini Pro-D's with skill shares; asking questions; problem solving.

New business

BC Library Conference (table/event opt.)

- LTAS has a table reserved and we need volunteers to man it; Tracy, Anita, Ashley and Phil have stepped forward.
- Attending the conference: Chris, Ashley, Bradley, Taya, Anita, Sandra, Tracy and Tamarack.
- If anyone is interested in a 'Breakfast meet up' on Friday, we are meeting at 8:00 at Harolds.
- Anita mentioned that you can use your Air Miles to book a room at the conference hotel.

Beyond Hope Conference

- Vaunda will be attending.

CLA Conference

- Sandra is being paid to attend, it is being held at the end of May.

BCLA AGM, Resolutions & Annual Report

- Our Resolutions have already been submitted to Annette; the Annual Report will be submitted by the 30th of this month.

LTAS AGM 2013

- AGM being held on October 18th at 7 pm.

The Commons (<http://commons.bclibraries.ca/>)

- This is a large forum created to serve BC Libraries and put together by the BC Libraries Co-operative. An excellent resource, Tamarack encourages all to take a look at it and we can share our thoughts and discuss it at the next meeting.

- April 23rd there is a Commons Orientation Webinar being offered, 2 – 3 pm.

Next LTAS Executive meeting being held July 28, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.