
**Annual General Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2011 12:00 pm,
Langford Room, Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, BC**

Minutes Prepared By: Meghan
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Attendance at Meeting *(add rows as necessary)*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department./Division</i>	<i>E-mail</i>	<i>Present/Regrets</i>
Sarah Donald	Outgoing Chair, Incoming Past Chair	sdonald@westvanlibrary.ca	present
Susan Redmond	Past Chair	sredmond@fvrl.bc.ca	present
Darby Love	Incoming Chair	darbyl@ymail.com	present
Kate Lowe	Incoming Member-at-Large, Outgoing Co-Secretary	kate.lowe@vpl.ca	regrets
Meghan Radomske	Co-Secretary	meghanradomske@gmail.com	present
Chris Conroy	Continuing Education Coordinator (Lower Mainland)	chrisconroy@shaw.ca	present
Tracy Kendrick	Outgoing Continuing Education Coordinator (Vancouver Island)	tkendrick@gvpl.ca	present
Noreen Ma	Red Cedar Liaison	nma75@shaw.ca	regrets
Ellen Wu	Co-SLAIS Liaison, Incoming Membership Secretary	mellenycwu@gmail.com	regrets
Sara Hathaway	Outgoing Co-SLAIS Liaison/Incoming Vice- Chair	hathawse@gmail.com	present
Francesca de Freitas	Website Administrator	francescaalexandra@gmail.com	regrets
Rachel Balko	Incoming SLAIS Liaison	rbalko@interchange.ubc.ca	regrets
Pamela Fairfield	Outgoing Membership Secretary/ YAACING Co Editor	prfairfield@yahoo.ca	regrets
Mary Locke	BCTLA/BCTF Representative	mlocke@telus.net	regrets
Phillippa Brown	Outgoing Vancouver Island Representative	pbrown@gvpl.ca	regrets

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April Ens	Website Administrator/ YAACING Co-Editor	April.ens@vpl.ca	present
Jennifer Windecker	Incoming Vancouver Island Representative	jwindecker@virl.bc.ca	present
Anna Doyle			present
Randi Robin			present
Amy Ashmore			present
Sharon Freeman			present
Jennifer Rowan			present
Els Kushner			present

Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

Meeting called to order	12:10pm
Approval of Agenda	Our AGM was quite informal and did not have a written agenda. Sarah Donald verbalized the agenda as including a Chair's Report, a Summer Reading Club (SRC) update, and an announcement of new executives in addition to any new business. It was approved at 12:10pm.
Agenda item 1	
Agenda item 2 Chair's Update	Sarah gave an update on what YAACS has been up to this year. Chris has been planning Continuing Education workshops including Rhyme Time in the Lower Mainland. She is starting to work with the BCLA Continuing Education Group to start webinars. She is also planning a Signing workshop for the fall. She voiced the concerns that YAACS had last year regarding the threat of being removed from the Board. Darby Love will be working closely with Chris Kevlahan this year to ensure YAACS is vocal about children's and teen services.
Agenda item 3 Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.
Agenda item 4 Announcement of New Executives	Susan Redmond announced the new executives: Chair: Darby Love Vice-Chair: Sara Hathaway Past Chair: Sarah Donald Secretary: Meghan Radomske YAACING Editors: Aprils Ens and Pamela Fairfield Continuing Education Coordinator—Lower Mainland: Chris Conroy Continuing Education Coordinator—Vancouver Island: POSITION VACANT BCTLA/BCTF Representative: Mary Locke Red Cedar Liaison: Noreen Ma Vancouver Island Representative: Jennifer Windecker SLAIS Liaison: Rachel Balko Membership Secretary: Ellen Wu

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	Website Administrators: Francesca de Freitas and April Ens (looking for replacement)		
Action	The Continuing Education Coordinator position for Vancouver Island is vacant. We are also looking for another Website Coordinator to replace April Ens. Tell colleagues.		
Agenda item 5 Thanks	Sarah gave a gift to Susan as the Outgoing President. Sarah thanked April and Pamela for their wonderful updates and changes to <i>YAACING</i> . Susan encouraged us to print out copies of <i>YAACING</i> at our respective libraries for staff members to peruse.		
Agenda Item 6 YAACS Goals	We welcomed goals for the year and opened up the conversation to everyone in attendance. Sarah reminded everyone that if they can't attend a YAACS meeting in person, they can phone in. She asked if anyone has any workshop ideas for BCLA next year. Susan mentioned that it was a struggle to get children's programs represented at the conference. The idea that children's librarians are at the bottom rung of the profession is an ongoing misconception represented by the fact that we had only 6 children's sessions in the conference even though 25% of BCLA members belong to YAACS. Darby wants to look at restructuring and strengthening our voice in support of children's and youth services.		
Action	Brainstorm ideas for conference sessions and possible YAACS workshops/activities for the year.		
Agenda item 7 Summer Reading Club (SRC) Update	<p>Els Kushner gave an SRC update. She encouraged everyone to join the YAACS list-serv as that's how she communicates SRC updates. She also sends emails through the PLSB Children's list-serv. She works with the webmaster to keep the SRC website up-to-date.</p> <p>The theme is Savour Each Word (Darby's idea thought up at last BCLA Conference). The Reading Record looks like a CD cover with a picnic basket on the outside and features ants walking off with words. The stickers were pulled from the poster artwork. Rose Cowles is the illustrator this year —she stepped in at the last minute.</p> <p>The ordering process for SRC started a little later this year. The deadline is April 15, but late orders are ok. Items include bookmarks, door hangers, lunch-bags (\$7.75) and a poetry magnet kit with 59 words (\$2.75) that Els selected. She is hoping that libraries will want to order the poetry kit for programming. Posters are ready. T-shirts come in two colours: tangerine orange and oatmeal aka "Vegas Gold." The ladies sizes are girly and cut quite small. A size chart is available on the SRC website. The order form this year is online.</p> <p>Els is also coordinating teen materials for the Teen RC. They are using a revision of last year's design.</p>		
Agenda item 8 Embracing Diversity Website	Randi Robin spoke about Burnaby Public Library's Embracing Diversity project, which is the product of the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Committee. It is an online collection of videos featuring songs and rhymes		

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at Burnaby Public Library	<p>in 15 different languages. The idea is that people will learn them and share them with family and children. We are inviting people to share their languages and embrace diversity. The site also provides links to many booklists.</p> <p>Randi has delivered 1.5 hour workshops on the project (for Burnaby School District and New Westminster families, etc) where she invites people to share rhymes in other languages. The opportunity to practice as part of a group is invaluable.</p> <p>She would like people to videotape themselves performing a rhyme and send that in to include on the site. They have created a channel on Vimeo and posted a couple of sample videos with links to online sources of lyrics or included the lyrics in the descriptive field. This project has no geographic limits. Videos can be very-low production value—you just need a free Vimeo account to upload a video. Instructions for doing this are on the Embracing Diversity site.</p> <p>Posters of this project were sent to BC libraries. Randi welcomes feedback and ideas on how to help the User 2.0 portion grow.</p>		
Action	<p>Tell colleagues and patrons about the Embracing Diversity project—encourage them to get involved. Contact Randi if you are interested in her workshop.</p>		
Agenda item 9 British Columbia Teacher-Librarian Association (BCTLA) Conference	<p>Sharon Freeman invites people to attend the BCTLA Conference at Burnaby High School on October 21, 2011. The theme is ‘Reaching Out.’</p>		
Action	<p>Sharon will speak to the organizing committee about inviting librarians and send out email to YAACS.</p>		
Agenda item 10 Vancouver Island Regional Library System Update	<p>Jennifer Windecker mentioned that a number of Children’s Customer Services Librarian positions have been created in the Vancouver Island Regional Library.</p>		
Agenda item 11 YAACING	<p>April mentioned how YAACING is now accepting reviews and felt stories so spread the word.</p>		
Action	<p>YAACS members will submit reviews and felt stories for publication in YAACING and encourage others to do so.</p>		
Meeting Adjourned	<p>12:44pm</p>		