

Academic Librarians Section AGM 2015 Notes

May 22nd, 2015

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel Richmond, BC

Approval of minutes: The December 2014 meeting minutes were not available for approval. Minutes will be circulated and approval has been deferred.

Executive Reports:

- a. Chair: (Verbal report)
- b. Continuing Education Coordinators: This past year the Continuing Education coordinators organized the December lighting talks on the theme of : "Re-evaluate, reimagine, and reinvigorate: responding to and creating change in academic librarianship" that brought together 8 speakers from 5 different institutions. Earlier this month ALS co-hosted an all day workshop with Capilano University on the *Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education*. An ALS Spring Social was also held following the workshop and closing out the academic year.
- c. ischool student representative: not present.

2015/2016 Executive: The following incoming executive has been approved.

- Continuing education Coordinator (year 1): Kevin Stranack
- Recording Secretaries: Elyse Neufeld & Jenna Thomson
- Chair-elect: Adam Farrell
- Roen Janyk will stay on as Chair for another year and Andre Iwanchuk will continue on into the second year of his role as Continuing Education Coordinator.

New business:

- ALS resolution: members discussed whether the resolution to change the section's acronym from ALS to BCAL should go forward at the BCLA AGM.
- Procedural concerns were expressed regarding whether the executive was following the Section's constitution. These concerns were both in regards to the process taken with putting forward the resolution regarding the acronym change and with the procedures of the ALS AGM itself.

Next steps:

- In light of the larger concern recently raised on the ALPS listserv regarding the scope and mandate of the group, the decision was made to retract the resolution regarding the acronym change, until a time that these broader concerns were more fully explored.
- In order to facilitate a deeper exploration of the question as to whether the Section's name and mandate should refer to academic librarians or academic libraries, it was agreed that current

members and those interested in revisiting the scope and mandate of the section should be consulted.

- Possible next steps included: a reengagement of all members to ensure that those interested can participate in the discussion, a survey of current members regarding their thoughts on broadening the scope of ALS, a working group to revisit scope and mandate of the section.
- Regardless of the outcome of the re-evaluation of ALS' scope, the committee expressed a desire to collaborate with LTAS going forward.