

ALS Executive Meeting

November 17, 2015 (via web conference)

Present: Roën Janyk, Adam Farrell, Elyse Neufeld, Andre Iwanchuk, and Jenna Thomson.

Regrets: Kevin Stranack, Blake Hawkins.

1. **Call to Order (Roën)** at 9:01am.
2. **Approval of Agenda (Roën)**
3. **Minutes of previous meeting (Roën)**
4. **Follow-up on action items:**
 - a. **Outdated information on old website removed (Roën)**
 - Roën reported that we cannot redirect the old website as it is not completely out of use, but that all outdated information has been removed.
 - b. **ALS survey distributed to current members (Roën)**
 - Roën reported that the ALS survey was distributed.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Survey Responses (Roën)**
 - Roën reported that the survey went out to almost 200 ALS members and got 85 responses. Survey responses were distributed to members of the executive.
 - Roën has been in contact with Megan Savage of the public librarians section as they are working on a similar scenario.
 - Results:
 - o Name: BCAL – BC Academic Librarians (or Libraries) was the first choice.
 - o 10 people indicated that they would be interested in being on a working group to revisit the section’s scope and mandate.
 - o The majority of responses were in favour of broadening the scope of the group, with some concerns about deprofessionalization voiced.
 - o The purpose of the section was discussed, including how to best coordinate with LTAS.

ACTION: Roën will be prepared to share the survey results at the December ALS meeting and to put out a call for members of a working group.
6. **Continuing Education (Andre)**
 - a. **December meeting proposals and budget**
 - Andre reported that he and Kevin have confirmed 9 lightning talks, with participants from UFV, UBC-O, UVic, UBC, Quest, SFU, and VIU.

- Andre has received a quote for videoconferencing/webcasting, which has come in at quite a bit higher than last year. Andre has asked Bennett Library to cover the cost and will use the BC Libraries Cooperative system as a backup.

ACTION: Andre will report to the group when technology funding has been determined.

- Andre will be putting in the catering order soon and registration will begin the week of November 23rd.
- Andre and Kevin have submitted the cost-recovery budget to BCLA for approval.
- A draft agenda for the afternoon meeting was developed:
 - o Name change/working group
 - o Solicit volunteers for awards committee
 - o Roundtable/member updates
- Speaker gifts were discussed. It was decided that Andre would obtain gifts and be reimbursed either through excess funds from registration or from petty cash.

ACTION: Andre will purchase thank you cards and gifts for the speakers.

7. Other business?

- Adam reported on Blake's update. The annual "Getting Hired in Higher Education" event will be planned for January or February, 2016.

8. Closing Remarks (Roën)

- Next meeting will be held after the December meeting.

9. Adjournment at 9:39am.