

ALS Executive Meeting

November 21, 2017, 9:00 am (via teleconference)

PRESENT: Ali de Haan, Ryan Kyle, Alli Sullivan, Chloe Riley, Melissa Smith, Emily Hector, Peggy Lunn, Alison Moore

REGRETS: None

Agenda

1. Call to Order at 9:03am (Ali d)

2. Adoption of Agenda (Ali d)

3. Minutes of previous meeting

- a. No amendments or corrections

4. Follow-up on action items:

- a. BCLA Conference session ideas? (Ali d)
 - Alli S suggested that we spend some energy planning a more successful AGM at BCLA. We discussed holding the AGM during a lunch hour and possibly offering food (we have some money in our budget we could use for this). Last year, we held our AGM after the final keynote; Ali d noted that last year that was the only time the conference committee could offer us, but that we contacted them late. If we contacted them earlier, we may be able to have more options. Alli S will spend some energy focusing on coordinating this year's AGM.
 - Peggy suggested BCALS sponsor a conference proposal for a roundtable on the challenges of management/administration in libraries with the intention to build a community of practice. This is based on a session she gave last year, and she has a few ideas for panelists; she will put a proposal together and share with the exec.
- b. Recruiting non-librarian library personnel
 - Ali d asked for feedback on how we can include other library staff (library technicians, clerical staff, and others) in BCALS.
 - Ryan suggested targeting other library staff to encourage them to run for upcoming open exec positions. We discussed the fact that other library staff may not have the same flexibility to join BCLA groups as librarians.
 - Peggy noted that our group could be in a position to offer support to individuals who may want to advocate their institution for the ability to participate.
 - Ali M suggested that we include a student library technician rep on the exec along with our iSchool student rep. If we want to add a new position, we will need to change the constitution at our AGM, which will require time to prepare and communicate with our members.

- Ali S will get in touch with the Langara program to encourage participation and interest from students.
 - Ali S also suggested connecting with LTAS, and possibly attending one of their meetings. This would allow us to hear what would motivate LTAS members to join BCALS, as well as what professional development or education opportunities would be of interest to them.
 - Ali d will reach out to LTAS.
 - Ali S and Ali M will reach out to the Lib Techs who worked on the BCALS Name Change Working Group.
 - We also discussed gathering feedback and beginning recruitment at the December event.
- c. BCALS Meeting at the Winter Event (Ali d)
 - Ali d will formally announce the BCALS name change.
 - We would like to gauge interest from members in creating a library technician student rep position on the exec.
 - We will hold a BCALS roundtable.

5. New business

- a. Ali M shared that there has been some interest in reviving ALPS Link, a repository of instructional learning material. The most recent documentation Ali had as from 2007, so this has not been active in some time. The archived content from the repository may be hosted in the Library Toolshed.
 - We discussed the fact that we could be contributing to siloing as there are other repositories that fit this mandate and we could suggest our members use one of those.
 - This is another topic to bring up at the Dec meeting to see if a repository like this is of interest to other members. Having it on the agenda will also help close the loop for the members who brought it to Ali M's attention.

6. Continuing Education: (Ryan/Peggy/Ali M)

- a. Keeping it ReAL/BCALS event collaboration -Wrap
 - Ali d congratulated the Continuing Education coordinators on a successful event.
 - Ryan noted that the Keeping it ReAL exec are collecting slides and presentation info, and will be sharing them on the website: <http://ocs.sfu.ca/real/index.php/Conference/real2017>
 - Ali M noted they are also collecting feedback. Please fill out the feedback form!
 - The coordinators will be holding a debrief meeting in January 2018, and there may be some other wrap up information then.
 - Ali M noted that the Keeping it ReAL exec membership is flexible, and is made up of individuals from SFU, UBC, UVic, and the iSchool. BCALS is a good fit with the programming at the event, and our Continuing Education members could continue to sit on the Keeping it ReAL exec for the next two conferences (2018 at UVic and 2019 at SFU).

- We discussed the fact that it is difficult to coordinate both Keeping it ReAL (in November) as well as our December event. We could consider moving our annual event to a March or April spring event next year, or consider hosting a smaller event following Keeping it ReAL.
- Since Keeping it ReAL will be held at UVic next year, it would be a good opportunity to recruit someone from the island as a Continuing Ed member.
- Peggy also suggested that we figure out options for streaming in advance of our event planning so that our events can be more broadly available. This could be information we share more widely.
- b. December event –date change/ partnerships update
 - Ali M reported that we have modest registration already. She encouraged us to talk up the event with our colleagues, as we have fewer people registered than last year.
 - Ryan noted that the deadline for room set-up is next Monday, so we need to share any requirements we have by then.
 - Ali M and Ryan shared that we have 3 confirmed speakers. More information about the panelists will be coming out soon.

7. Closing Remarks (Ali d)

- a. Ali d asked if we want to move our next meeting to Tuesday Dec 12th rather than the 19th. We will keep with the 19th for now, but Ali d asked that we email her if we prefer to move it.

8. Adjournment at 9:52am.

- a. Next meeting: December 19, 2017.