

BCALS Executive Meeting
June 26, 2018 9:00 am (via teleconference)
Conference Call Number: 1 (877) 216-4736
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Present: Alli Sullivan, Adena Brons, Ioana Liuta, Kate Shuttleworth, Peggy Lunn, Chloe Riley, Adair Harper

Regrets: Michelle Ng

Agenda:

- 1. Call to Order at 9:02am**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda (Alli)**
 - a. No amendments or corrections
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting (Alli)**
 - a. No amendments or corrections
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the AGM ([now available](#))**
 - a. No amendments or corrections
- 5. Follow up on Action Items**
 - a. BCLA Section, Committees, Interest Groups Page - Name Change (Alli)
 - Alli has been in touch with BCLA to have our name updated on this page, as she does not have access to update it herself; they are working on it.
 - b. ALPS LINK Google Doc Set Up
 - Alli set up [a Google Doc](#) for us to record any thoughts or ideas about the contents of ALPS Link.
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. ALPS Link Move - Is it worth it? (Alli)
 - As a reminder, Scott Leslie from the BC Libraries Co-op reached out to ask if we are interested in adding the content of ALPS Link to their repository, the Library Toolshed.
 - We had a long discussion about this.
 - The content is mostly outdated or replicated in our library websites (libguides, etc.). There are a number of broken links.
 - Alli is unsure who has been continuing to make this site available; people she has contacted have not got back to her on this.

- Some questions and concerns about permissions from organizations for re-sharing institutional material on a new platform.
- Concerns about spending our time and energy assessing, curating, or updating this material.
- It is important to have a clear mandate for BCALS if we decide to move forward with this project.
- [Library Toolshed](#) content is very current and includes material from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba libraries. It has a lot of public library content. This could be an opportunity to add academic library material.
 - If we want to encourage academic library colleagues' participation and resource sharing, perhaps putting outdated ALPS Link material into the Toolshed is not the way to go.
 - There is a bigger question here about how we want to participate in encouraging open resource sharing among our colleagues.
 - Also important to address issues our colleagues might face related to sharing institutional resources (this seems outside of the scope of what we can facilitate, and should be a conversation between BC Libraries Co-op and institutions).
- The culmination of our discussion was that, in general, taking on ongoing preservation or monitoring roles for material like this is not within BCALS's capacity. However, our role could certainly include advocacy and education on resource sharing within academic libraries.
 - Alli suggested we put together a recommendation for Scott and BC Libraries Co-op based on these decisions. She will draft a recommendation and send it to the exec for review.

7. New Business

- a. Latest BCLA Board Meeting (Alli)
 - Copyright Revision Panel. BCLA attended the public consultations on the review of the Canadian Copyright Act, as did representatives from academic libraries.
 - The reps from academic libraries reported getting aggressive questioning from the panel; there were concerns from the panel about copyright violations in post-secondary institutions.
 - BCLA also brought public libraries into the conversation.
 - The panel brought up the suggestion that nothing might change.
 - [Transcripts of the consultations](#) are available online.
 - Government Stuff. The BC Minister of Education, Rob Fleming, attended the BC Library Conference and met with the BCLA exec; this could lead to additional meetings with an opportunity for advocacy.

- Where do academic libraries fit in this conversation? The focus is often on public libraries. Alli will continue to bring this up at BCLA Board meetings.
- It's important to emphasize academic libraries' role in acquiring and licensing material.
- Getting Chummy with LTAS. Alli connected with the new chair of LTAS, Elizabeth Livingstone from Capilano University. She shared that the previous LTAS chair moved away in the middle of her term, which may have contributed to a lack of forward-momentum in communicating with them. Alli will continue to work on building relationships with Elizabeth and LTAS.

8. Continuing Education (Peggy/Kate/Ioana)

- a. The Continuing Education Coordinators met recently. Kate shared their goals for the upcoming year, and asked for feedback from the rest of the exec.
 - Expand the geographic reach of BCALS events, and expand the library workers we're reaching. It seems realistic to focus on one mode of geographic expansion for this year (with the potential to expand further in subsequent years):
 - Satellite locations in different regions could host local events. (For example, LTAS has regional chapters.) Potential first locations: Fraser Valley, Okanagan.
 - Use of technology to share a Lower Mainland event more widely.
 - The Education Coordinators are interested to hear where the exec feels we should begin focusing our efforts.
 - Event idea: Learning the practicalities of chairing or running meetings (agenda and minutes, Robert's Rules, etc.).
 - Desire to keep Continuing Education members focused on tangible, professional development events. Want to ensure goals are realistic and achievable.
 - Propose that Education Coordinators move away from organizing social events (although that could be taken up by other BCALS members).
- b. Alli noted that the geographical limitations of BCALS has been an issue that we've been trying to address, and it's great to see this as a priority for the year.
- c. Alli also noted that, traditionally, BCALS has hosted two main annual meetings: a December meeting (half-day of higher level discussion about an issue in the profession, followed by a business meeting) and a spring professional development event. The spring event has fallen by the wayside in the past few years, especially with our participation in Keeping it ReAL. However, BCALS members will likely be anticipating that we host a December event.
 - We were running out of time and several members of the exec had to leave to attend other meetings. The Education Coordinators did not have a chance to address the question of the December meeting or hear

feedback on their goals and directions. We postponed this discussion to our next meeting.

- d. Ioana shared that she joined the Keeping it ReAL planning executive, and is serving as both the student rep and the BCALS rep. Please save the date for Friday, Oct 26, 2018 at UVic!

9. Closing Remarks

- a. Alli thanked the exec for engaging in both of these discussions and is looking forward to planning for next year.

10. Meeting Adjournment at 9:58am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 17, 9:00 am (via teleconference)

