

BCALS Executive Meeting
April 19, 2021, 10:00 am (via Zoom)

Present: Jennifer Bancroft, Estelle Frank, David Gill, Ean Henninger, Melissa Smith

Regrets: Janet Hilts, Sajni Lacey, Reba Ouimet

Agenda:

1. **Called to Order** at 10:04 am
2. **Adoption of Agenda (Ean)**
 - a. Adopted with no additional items.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings (March 15, Ean)**
 - a. Adopted with no amendments.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Awards committee update
 - There are five members on the committee.
 - The committee has not yet received nominations for awards.
 - Ean will send a reminder email to the BCALS listserv calling for nominations.
 - b. Feedback on [BCALS Anti-Racism Action Plan](#)
 - Received three responses after requesting feedback on the BCALS listserv and promoting the Plan on Twitter.
 - The exec will next request feedback from targeted groups, such as Visible Minority Librarians of Canada (ViMLoC) and the First Nations Interest Group (FNIG).
 - Will suggest that the next executive discuss the possibility of establishing a bursary for BIPOC students.
 - c. Feedback on Constitution and Bylaw revision
 - Feedback was positive; included support for the use of gender-inclusive language and the suggestion that the wording in the library tech section specify that students are attending a BC post-secondary institution.
5. **Continuing Education Updates (David, Melissa, and Reba)**
 - a. Resume/CV Clinic
 - The majority of students participating in the CV clinic were library tech students (there were also four or five participating MLIS students).
 - Participating mentors and students were sent feedback forms to complete.

- The informal feedback from students was positive, although one student was unhappy that they had not been paired with a mentor with their particular area of interest.
- The CECs will summarize all feedback to send to participating mentors and students.
- Estelle mentioned that this year's CV clinic took place at the end of the academic semester when MLIS students were completing final assignments and suggested that future CV clinics be held ahead of the March deadline when MLIS students apply for student jobs.
- Current focus is to recruit new CECs for the exec.

6. Social Media Updates (Estelle)

- a. Did not receive many responses to the call for feedback on BCALS Anti-Racism Action Plan.

7. New Business

- a. Summer meetings (May and June)
 - The summer exec meetings will be held on May 17 and June 21.
- b. AGM scheduling
 - The BCALS AGM will take place on June 23, the same same day as the BCLA AGM, at 3:00 pm.
- c. Open spots for elections
 - Estelle will continue on the exec in one of the student rep positions.
 - The open spots for election are for Chair-Elect, Secretary, two CECs, and one student rep.
 - The current exec is encouraged to offer recommendations for the next exec.
 - The Chair-Elect will recruit a student for the open student rep position.
- d. Next BCLA Perspectives issue
 - Sajni will interview a library worker for the next BCLA Perspectives issue.
- e. Partnering with Ashley Edwards/decolonizing group
 - Ashley Edwards wrote to the execs of BCALS, PLIG, and FNIG suggesting working together to organize a professional development event to discuss decolonizing LIS education.
 - Ean will invite Ashley to a future exec meeting to discuss her proposal for collaboration on a PD event.
 - In other news, Ean will prepare the BCALS annual report to present at the June 23 BCLA AGM.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 10:44 am