

**BC Academic Libraries Section  
Annual Winter Business Meeting**

November 18, 2022 via Zoom:

<https://ubc.zoom.us/j/68800523853?pwd=N0hjc01SQTJWZCtNMjkra1F1WlNNUT09>

1:30-2:30 PM

**Agenda:**

1. **Call to Order:** 1:30pm
2. **Approval of Agenda:**
  - a. Approved without amendments.
3. **News and Updates (Karleen Delaurier-Lyle, Chair)**
  - a. BCALS Anti-Racism Action Plan: <http://bclaconnect.ca/bcals/files/2016/01/BCALS-Action-Plan-Implementation-2022-2023.pdf>
    - i. [Anti-Racism Planning:](#)
      - Social Media Goal:
        - a. Craft original tweet with link to articles written by BIPOC library workers from our [resource list](#) at least once a month, tag authors if on Twitter
      - Continuing Education and Knowledge Support Goals:
        - a. Support spaces, conversations, and resources specifically for BIPOC library workers, whether originating from BCALS or from other places
        - b. Continue adding to the [resource list](#). [Formalize list](#) and share the list through our list serve as well as the individual tweets.
      - BCALS Accountability Statement Goal:
        - a. This work is underway, in tandem with BCLA's own anti-racism process.
    - b. Social media (student reps)
      - Focus on highlighting BIPOC and anti-racism work, including readings, events, DEI in libraries/archives, digitization, metadata, support for addressing banned books
    - c. Hosting Winter Event with Keeping it ReAL - Year 2 (CECs)
      - Feedback:
        - a. Working with KiR went well - appreciated collaborating with their team!

- Virtual vs. in-person:
  - a. Last year's feedback responses were overwhelmingly in favour of virtual - plan to continue with virtual
  - b. Virtual is more accessible, especially for those outside the Lower Mainland.
  - c. Virtual keeps cost low, which reduces barriers to students and early-career folks participating.
  - d. Adding an in-person social for those in the Vancouver area is supported by many.
- Ideas on future theme: Submit them on the feedback survey or contact the BCALS executive.
- d. Outreach to LibTech programs (David Gill/Karleen Delaurier-Lyle):
  - Contacted UFV and Langara to see if any lib tech students were interested in joining the BCALS exec - and Hanna Lee joined us as a student rep.

#### 4. Plans for next year:

- a. BCALS Outstanding Contribution Award
  - i. Volunteers?
    - Alex K.
    - Sajni L.
  - ii. Call for volunteers will come out soon. Let Karleen know if you're interested.
  - iii. [Changes in nomination criteria](#) (will be shared on the BCALS website)
- b. Annual resume and cover letter clinic
  - i. Audience: open to MLIS and lib tech students in BC (Feb/Mar)
  - ii. Volunteers:
    - Jenna T.
    - David G. (lib techs)
    - Sajni L.
    - Adena B.
    - Alli S.
  - iii. Virtual vs. in-person:
- c. Continuing work on Anti-Racism Plan:
  - i. Accountability Statement: <https://bclaconnect.ca/about/anti-racism-bcla/commons-consulting-chosen-to-lead-bclas-anti-racism-initiative/>
- d. Upcoming Executive positions:
  - i. Will be announced in advance of the AGM
- e. Annual General Meeting

- i. Date: TBD (either April with BCLA conference, or June as past few years)
- ii. There will be changes to the Constitution to be approved by membership.
- iii. Outstanding items 2021/22:

## **5. Institutional Update Roundtable**

- a. Any past/future activities to report on:
  - i. Sunni, BC ELN: Appreciation for the Winter Event. BC ELN's purpose is to help post-secondary libraries in BC equitably meet informational needs of students, educators, researchers. Funded by the Ministry of Advanced Skills, Education and Training. Consortial licensing of e-resources (demanding rates lower than any individual library could get); collaborative services (coordinating services that partner libraries can use, e.g. AskAway, WriteAway, Arca digital repository, sharing costs across institutions); fostering partnerships (increasing opportunities, e.g. BC History Digitization Program - supporting applicants, trying to level the playing field by supporting smaller libraries). New Strategic Plan and related goals for services to be launched soon. Visit [bceln.ca](http://bceln.ca) for more information.
  - ii. Alli, Langara College: Langara Library Director position is currently posted. Student Success initiatives including peer support and supports for students who have left and are returning are being given a new home in an Academic Success Centre to improve support for these programs. Langara has a new Director of Indigenous Education, Graeme Joseph.
  - iii. David, Alexander College: Moving to new ILS.
  - iv. Adena and Jenna, SFU: New Associate Dean of Libraries for Collections and Content Strategy, Mar González Palacios. New Associate Dean of Libraries for Academic Engagement, Ebony Magnus, starting in new year. SFU Library Strategic Plan was refreshed this year. Bennett branch closed until mid next week due to asbestos issues but Fraser and Belzberg branches are open.
  - v. Karleen, UBC: Indigenous Strategic Plan still underway. Xwi7xwa Library recently re-opened.

## **6. Questions and Discussion (to be sent out to membership as survey):**

- a. What should BCALS be doing?
- b. Who should we be connecting with?
- c. What are we missing?

**7. Meeting Adjourned at: 2:33pm**