

BCALS Executive February Meeting
February 24, 2023 from 11-12

Present: David Gill, Kat Louro, Jen Zerkee, Peyton Moriarty, Susie Wilson

Regrets: Karleen Delaurier-Lyle, Alex Kuskowski, Hanna Lee, Katie Punia

Agenda:

- 1. Quick check-in:**
- 2. Called to order:** 11:05am
- 3. Adoption of Agenda:**
 - a. Adopted with no amendments
- 4. Minutes from previous meeting:**
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- 5. Continuing Education Updates: (Alex, Susie, Kat)**
 - a. CV Clinic call for students and volunteers has gone out on BCALS listserv and to UBC and Langara library programs, deadline March 3.
 - b. 18 students and 10 volunteers have signed up so far.
- 6. Social Media Updates (Katie, Peyton, Hanna):**
 - a. February: 16 social media posts, focusing on Google Scholar reading recommendations, most about diversity and inclusion. Signal-boosted job postings and events.
 - b. Still considering moving to different platform due to increasing problems with Twitter
 - c. Videos from Winter Event 2022 are now on the YouTube channel.
 - d. Winter Event 2021 videos are nearly ready to post
- 7. BCALS [Anti-Racism Plan & Goals for year:](#)**
 - a. Interview who are doing anti-racism work in their organization:
 - i. Perspectives is on board. 3 issues a year (April, September, December).
 - ii. Deadlines: "We are asking that proposals for the next issue are submitted by March 10th. The final draft for submissions are due on March 31st and we aim to publish the first issue on April 20th."
 - iii. Waiting to hear back if it is possible to submit audio files or just document files
 - iv. Question: Do we have an idea of who is currently working on anti-racism work in BC academic libraries right now? David thinks Emily Carr might be? Who is interested in conducting the interviews?
 - v. April issue probably too soon - consider future issues.

- vi. **ACTION:** All to investigate libraries and individuals doing anti-racism work, and suggest possible interviewees.
- b. David meeting with IDEAS organizers on Feb 10th
 - i. They were interested in me giving a presentation to the students about my experience as a POC librarian
 - ii. In our bylaws or policies requiring someone from BIPOC background (talked about the issues surrounding this)
 - 1. We could do more advertising for the student representative position to the IDEAS group every year
 - 2. **ACTION:** Executive to consider creating advertising/recruitment plan for exec members - where to advertise, which groups to connect with, etc.
 - iii. We talked about how some of their events were for only BIPOC students and sometimes they were opened up for non students or non-BIPOC people. David mentioned how in November 2020 OLA put on an event for only BIPOC students and library workers. It might be something we could collaborate with IDEAS on doing something like that. Could BCLA be a time? (important considerations in mind is that only a few BCALS executives consider themselves as BIPOC so that would be more work for them). Would have to connect with IDEAS if they are interested in this work. We might want to also connect with multicultural services interest group to include more public library workers.
- c. David's presentation to Multicultural Services Interest group on Feb 21st about BCALS anti-racism work
 - i. Questions from attendees: What other sections or interest groups at BCLA are doing this type of work? Have you connected with them?
 - ii. **ACTION:** David and Karleen to reach out to other sections and interest groups to see who else may be doing this work.
 - iii. Link to presentation documents (to be viewed before the meeting), presentation slides, and presentation notes (presentation notes very personal for David so will remove the link after meeting) for exec members to review.

8. Old Business:

- a. BCALS Outstanding Award:
 - i. Volunteers: Alex K. & Sajni L., Susie W., David G., and Karleen D-L (added afterwards)
 - ii. Reminder email to submit nominations sent out on the 22nd on BCALS forum. Will send reminder on the BCLA forum after BCALS Feb meeting

9. New Business:

- a. March Meeting Doodle

10. Adjourned: 11:42 am