

## **BCALS Executive August Meeting**

**Time:** Tuesday, August 15 1-2 pm

**Present:** David Gill, Roen Janyk, Cassandra Larose, Katharine Shipley, Julie Jones, Susie Wilson, Kat Louro, Lauren Wong, Maria Mulder

**Guest:** David Waddell

**Regrets:** Mira Harvey

**Agenda:**

- 1. Quick check-in:**
- 2. Called to order:** 1:02 pm
- 3. Adoption of Agenda:**
  - a. Adopted with no amendments
- 4. Minutes from previous meeting:**
  - a. Minutes from previous meeting adopted with no amendments.
- 5. Guest Speaker:**
  - a. David Waddell, Co-Chair of [BCLA's Climate Action Committee](#). Discuss Climate Action Week and "how we can coordinate with some of the academic institutions around the province"
    - i. Provided information on CAW program's first year
      1. This year, will be November 4 - 10
    - ii. Helen Brown, Lisa Nathan as reps for academic library/institution needs in this space; otherwise perhaps an overrepresentation in public libraries
    - iii. Three activities:
      1. Book display/booklist
      2. Adding an active piece, example providing a space for user to share what they will do
        - a. Reach out to David if you are doing something like this and he will add you to the list
      3. Align activities/events already in place with CAW (e.g., move event to fit in CAW, thematic alignment for regular programs
  - b. Discussion:
    - i. Challenges in terms of limited resources.
    - ii. Contact David with any information on activities your institution might be doing this year.
    - iii. There will be a Zoom call on August 24 to discuss activities, ideas, etc., David will share on Branches, contact if you'd like to attend.
- 6. Welcome new student Rep Maria Mulder intro!**
  - a. Name
  - b. Pronouns
  - c. Land Acknowledgement
  - d. Positions/Institution

- e. What are you looking forward to this summer
- 7. **Continuing Education Updates (Susie, Kat, Katharine, and Julie):**
  - a. Everything on track, preparing for winter event, Keeping it ReAL
    - i. Call for proposals to circulate soon
  - b. Question about BCALS Twitter/"X" account
    - i. **ACTION: Continuing Education Coordinators to share call for proposals with Lauren to be shared on Twitter**
- 8. **Social Media Updates (Maria, Mira, Lauren):**
  - a. Lauren provided overview of managing Twitter account this month
- 9. **BCALS Anti-Racism Plan & Implementation Plan:**
  - a. David was mistaken and included a different version of the implementation plan. The version linked is very similar but revised slightly to indicate what things need to be completed and what we still need to bring to the AGM like the diverse speaker policy (membership need to be informed a month before the AGM for any changes to the constitution and bylaws)
  - b. Red indicates not started, purple means in progress, blue is ongoing work
  - c. The *Perspectives* interviews
    - i. BCALS exec created interview questions on the topic of climate justice and anti-racism for the following people
      - 1. Lisa Nathan interview: David reached out to connect, Lisa is interested but the deadline may or may not work for them. David sent the questions to Lisa to see if the deadline is doable (September 1st story pitch due and 15th is content due)
      - 2. Keshav Mukunda: Julie connected with Keshav, they are willing to be interviewed, details being identified
    - ii. David reached out to Perspectives and was still waiting to hear back. Connected with Rina about Perspectives not responding. David reconnected with Perspectives and will wait a week and then if no response, Rina will email the editors through their personal email
  - d. Connecting with other sections/interest groups about anti-racism work
    - i. Was old business from the last meeting but it is connected to our implementation plan so probably should be in this section. Rina said that most active groups other BCALS are:
      - 1. Cataloguing & Technical Services Interest Group
      - 2. Climate Action Committee
      - 3. Community-Led Interest Group
      - 4. Intellectual Freedom Committee – this isn't a group that meets very often if at all lately, it functions differently than a lot of the others
      - 5. Multicultural Services Interest Group
      - 6. Public Libraries Interest Group
      - 7. Young Adults and Children's Section

- ii. After David presented to the Multicultural Services Interest Group, they asked if we have connected with other BCLA groups about their antiracism work. Rina mentioned to David that the other groups might not be in the same place as we are in anti-racism work. But something low barrier like a presentation about our work could be feasible.
- iii. David would be willing to reach out and present about our anti-racism work to these groups if they are interested. OR if anyone else is interested, that would be great
- e. Discussion around connecting with academic libraries to identify work currently being done, gathering and compiling information to be shared, identifying effort required, sharing as a resource
  - i. Possibly focus on one area (e.g., hiring, workshops) to limit scope and then allow us to replicate later to capture broader scope
  - ii. Draft email, draft questions to be asked (suggested using a Google form to collect responses)

**1. ACTION: David to start work on this and bring back for committee review**

#### **10. Old Business:**

#### **11. New Business:**

- a. [Meta and Google blockade of news](#): Wondering if this is being discussed at the BCLA Executive Committee and/or if there is interest in thinking about what ramifications this will have for Academic libraries and what strategies we might employ to make sure people know about access to reliable news sources?
  - i. Katharine interested in doing some potential brainstorming; will start Google doc for information sharing
  - ii. David can bring up to Rina for potential discussion at executive meeting
  - iii. Guardian article Katharine included in chat  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/aug/04/canada-meta-news-ban-facebook-fake>
  - iv. Bring back to next meeting for further discussion

#### **12. Adjourned: 1:57 pm**