

BCALS Executive September Meeting:

Time: September 18th, 10-11 am

Present: David Gill, Cassandra Larose, Kat Louro, Susie Wilson

Regrets: Mira Harvey, Roen Janyk, Julie Jones, Maria Mulder, Katharine Shipley, Lauren Wong

Agenda:

- 1. Quick check-in:**
- 2. Called to order:** 10:07 am
- 3. Adoption of Agenda:** Adopted with addition of item under Social Media Updates
- 4. Minutes from previous meeting:** Adopted with no amendments
- 5. Continuing Education Updates (Susie, Kat, Katharine, and Julie):**
 - Currently attending Keeping it ReAL planning meetings; will be meeting to review proposals
 - Getting Eventbrite page set up for registration
 - Will put call out to iSchool social media channels (Discord)
 - Discussion about not promoting event on Twitter
 - Question about social events on Lower Mainland
 - CFP sent to CPSLD (directors listserv)
- 6. Social Media Updates:**
 - **BCALS use of Twitter (X)**
 - i. Deferred until next meeting
- 7. BCALS Anti-Racism Plan & Implementation Plan:**
 - Perspectives interviews
 - i. Lisa Nathan completed the email interview
 - ii. Keshav Mukunda
 1. Deferred until next meeting
 - iii. Perspective Editors
 1. Deferred
 - ACTION item from last meeting: David to start the work in investigating the work academic libraries in BC are currently doing and bring back for committee review
 - i. David didn't have time to work on this. Will try when he can
 - IBPOC only session at BCLA conference
 - i. As per David's conversation with [IDEAS@UBC](#) last year (see Summary), they were interested in maybe doing IBPOC only events and spaces at like BCLA conference.
 - ii. Additionally part of our implementation plan is to:
 1. **BCALS Will:** Continue partnering with and promoting other organizations doing related work, including but not limited to the Visible Minority Librarians of Canada, the BCLA Multicultural Services Committee, and IDEAS@UBC

ACTION: Yearly reach out, and continued promotion on social media.

STATUS: Reach out to IDEAS, ViMLoC, and BCLA Multicultural Committee completed; continue engagement.

- David is wondering if any interested IBPOC BCALS members are interested in collaborating with IDEAS@UBC (and maybe ViMLoC) to organize such session at BCLA for library workers and students to come and talk in an open environment
 - Discussion around how to operationalize this, what kind of support we can provide.
 - Session format - during conference, pre- or post-conference session?
 - Could BCLA provide registration to IBPOC library workers for this session, or allow it to be held outside of the conference?
 - Could partnering with KPU, RPL, maybe IDEAS and the public library BCLA group?
 - **ACTION: David to reach out to Executive members not in attendance today as well as IDEAS members to ask for interest in taking part.**

8. Old Business:

Meta's block on news

- David connected with Rina and since it's more of a federal issue, she reached out to the federal library association for advocacy. Still waiting to hear back on this
- For teaching students how to access Canadian news, we show them how to create alerts in Canadian major dailies, Canada Newstream, CBCA, etc.? Any other thoughts?
 - i. Continue discussion at next meeting

9. New Business:

- Library tech students from Langara and UFV
 - i. Reached out to both library tech schools and gave September 22nd as the deadline to submit their interest.
 - 1. Discussion around current work done by student members, other opportunities for contribution (e.g., looking at other social media, support with events)

10. Adjourned: 10:53 am