

**BCALS Executive Meeting Month:
Time: October 25, 2023, 10 - 11 am**

Present: David Gill, Roen Janyk, Cassandra Larose, Julie Jones, Drina Doyle

Regrets: Katharine Shipley, Susie Wilson, Kat Louro, Lauren Wong

Agenda:

- 1. Quick check-in:**
- 2. Called to order:** 10:05 am
- 3. Adoption of Agenda:** Adopted with no amendments
- 4. Minutes from previous meeting:** Adopted with corrections to attendees present and sending regrets
- 5. Withdrawn Members:** Maria and Mira have withdrawn due to capacity issues
- 6. New member:**
 - a. Introduction of Drina Doyle from Langara Library Tech program
 - b. Rest of team provides a brief intro as well
- 7. Continuing Education Updates:**
 - a. Program prepared for Winter Event (Friday, November 17th)
 - i. Theme is reimagining how we do our work. Some sessions include:
 1. Caitlin Keenan re: decolonizing web spaces
 2. Sensory-friendly study nights at Emily Carr University of Art and Design Library
 3. Thesis writing retreats at SFU Library
 4. Update from Community Scholars program (facilitates access to scholarly publications for users across province)
 5. Collaborating with community re teaching spatial thinking/approaches to information
 6. Use of course journals/publishing in course work
 7. Mindset of abundance in your work (strengths-based, gratitude approach to work we do in libraries)
 8. Evolution of frontline services at Vancouver Island University Library
 - b. Eventbrite should be opening soon
- 8. Social Media Updates:**
 - a. BCALS use of X (formerly known as Twitter)
 - b. Discussion from the last meeting discussed how the student reps could investigate other social media that academic library workers and students would be interested in, as well as supporting with events
 - c. Drina provided overview of initial discussion between student reps
 - i. X possibly moving towards paid service
 - ii. Concerns about misinformation on the service
 - iii. Looking into Instagram as possible service to use in future

d. Discussion:

- i. Noted there are some library-focused Instagram accounts (e.g., Life of Librarians)
 - 1. Noted that it requires images
 - a. Discussion around Instagram accounts that use text-based slides, so this isn't necessarily a barrier
 - 2. Noted there are free and paid versions of linktree, these allow you to upload single link to profile that will then bring up a list of links that you choose
- ii. In reaching out to broader community for input, noted looking at BCCLA forums to reach broader community of users as not everyone is subscribed to the BCALS forums
- iii. Slack was noted as one space used by some library communities; noted it is more limited than services like Instagram/X
- iv. What is the purpose of our social media? Outreach, fitting in the broader flood of social media accounts. Does it make sense for us to have our own, or are there broader committees/groups that we could provide BCALS content to?
 - 1. Drina noted student reps can look into this
- v. Discussion around preferences for users - going to look for content (e.g., Branches forums) versus listservs (content being pushed out to users)
 - 1. Noted subscription alerts for this content as an option
- vi. Question around how many attend winter event
 - 1. Ranges, noted some events range between 35 and 70, likely dependent on factors including outreach

e. Next steps:

- i. **ACTION:** David to connect with Rina to ask about what social media they use and whether BCALS sending them information to post is an option
- ii. **ACTION:** David will check in with the team after receiving response to discuss next steps

9. **BCALS Anti-Racism Plan & Implementation Plan:**

- a. *Perspectives* and interviews
 - i. Deferred until next meeting
- b. ACTION item from Aug meeting: David to start the work in investigating the work academic libraries in BC are currently doing and bring back for committee review
 - i. Deferred in September meeting
 - ii. In progress

- c. IBPOC only session at BCLA and all library worker session
 - i. David emailed the team and people seemed to be in favour but maybe less so for all library worker session as it might be too much and better to focus on the IBPOC one
 - ii. **ACTION:** David to reach out to IDEAS @ UBC to discuss

10. Old Business:

- a. Meta's block on news
 - i. This has been brought to national-level library associations and they are looking into it

11. New Business:

- a. Records Management and Google Drive/Sharepoint
 - i. Discussion around Google Drive backup, ability to remove users, whether Sharepoint is an option
 - ii. **ACTION:** David to reach out to BCLA about options

12. Adjourned: 10:53 am