

**BCALS Executive Meeting Month:
February 20, 2024, 9-10 am**

Present: David Gill, Roen Janyk, Cassandra Larose, Kat Louro (joined 9:30 am), Katharine Shipley, Susie Wilson, Lauren Wong

Regrets: Drina Doyle, Julie Jones

Agenda:

- 1. Quick check-in:**
- 2. Called to order:** 9:06 am
- 3. Adoption of Agenda:** Adopted with no amendments
- 4. Minutes from previous meeting:** Approved with no amendments
- 5. Continuing Education Updates:**
 - a. From November's meeting and Winter event
 - i. Videos are now uploaded
 - a. CV Clinic & job hunting/interviewing skills - Tuesday March 5th, 10-11 am
 - i. Resources will be provided in advance of the clinic (e.g., where to look for jobs, interview tips and questions)
 - ii. In process of putting materials on Google Drive
 - iii. Nine volunteers signed up, no students yet
 1. Will ask student reps to promote
 2. Noted looking for archivists who have been on archivist hiring committees to act as mentors - please share within networks
- 6. Social Media Updates:**
 - a. Update on Twitter (X), gained a few followers and will promote IBPOC meetup at BCLA this month
- 7. BCALS Anti-Racism Plan & Goals for year:**
 - a. 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; deferred until next meeting
 - i. **Survey**
 - ii. Question: What's our plan with the survey results?
 1. Reviewed action plan
 2. Discussed sharing survey to ask people to share what they are currently working on, excited about and want to share, noting we can promote this
 3. Look at conducting a more structured benchmarking survey in future (connected to institution, with ethics review)
 - b. IBPOC event at BCLA
 - i. Decided on the afterparty and reserved spots
 1. Information is available on conference website, will need to promote

- ii. Need to organize the session

8. Old Business:

- a. **ACTION:** David to look into whether old folders with owners no longer active can be deleted
 - i. Defer
- b. BCALS Award
 - i. One nomination as of Tuesday, Feb 20th

9. New Business:

- a. Organizing the AGM (?June, will send out invites after meeting)
 - i. Possibly avoid dates around BRIC (June 5-6) and end of month
 - ii. **ACTION:** David to send Doodle poll for scheduling
- b. Executive members for next year
 - i. Inform David and Roen if you will be returning by March 15 (David will send out email)
- c. Motions re: BCLA conference locations

Motion

That the BCLA explore holding the BCLA Annual Conference at a post secondary institution.

Moved by: Katharine Shipley

Seconded by: Susie Wilson

Rationale

The BCLA Conference is prohibitively expensive for attendees - many of whom may have limited access to PD funds. If the BCLA were to work with a post secondary institution and the library director to organize the annual conference at an institution for a much lower cost than using a hotel, this would reduce the conference fees. This could mean holding it in the summer or intersession, but reduced fees would make a difference to the attendees.

Discussion:

- Could be a draw for people who are traveling to attend
- Noted there is a conference committee who organizes, not the BCLA Executive directly
- Could provide more affordable accommodation options (campus residences)
- Should there be another motion around alternating locations?
Discussions around equity, supporting library workers in different areas of BC, lots of accommodations available in different areas, financial support to institutions as venues

- Discussion around amending to add location information or adding a second motion re location.

Vote:

Passed unanimously

Motion

That the BCLA explore rotating the BCLA annual conference location throughout the province in order to be more inclusive of the entire provincial library community.

Moved: Susie Wilson

Seconded: Roen Janyk

Discussion:

- As per previous discussion, supports equity, including for smaller institutions throughout the province who may have less funding available to support attendance

Vote:

Passed unanimously

ACTION: David to bring forward to March meeting of the BCLA Executive

- d. Brief discussion around Canadian news ban on social media, highlighting availability of news sources via libraries
 - i. Suggested this could be a discussion topic on the BCLA forums

10. Adjourned: 9:54 am