

BCLA CAC Meeting

Date: 17 December 2021, 11:00am – noon

Present: Lisa Nathan (co-chair, UBC), Helen Brown (co-chair, UBC), Diana Marshall (recorder, FVRL), Marie (BPL), David Waddell (VPL), Katelyn Vandersteen (FNPL), Jennifer

Regrets: None.

Indigenous Acknowledgement: Musqueam video showing how the local land has changed over thousands of years.

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Approved.
2. Approval of agenda: Approved.
3. Updates:
 - Website (David): Arranged for [BCLA CAC](#) website updates. Welcome page copy to come.
 - Climate Change Position Statement Working Group (Helen): Short statement in the works! To help individuals, library systems, unions and associations advocate and act for climate. Working on a short survey to solicit input widely - use results to inform statement draft.
4. Ongoing business
 - Questionnaire / poll (David): See above. Hoping to share draft poll with Rina early January.
 - CAC Committee (virtual) meeting BCLA Conference 2022 (Lisa or Helen)
 - What we know so far:
 - Tuesday, April 19 3:45-? pm. End time not yet known.
 - Will be available to conference attendees AND those not attending conference.
 - Conference will be hybrid in person and virtual. Friday Apr 22 is also earth day!
 - Organizers also approaching other climate-related speakers.
 - Seeking input - what would attendees like to hear?
 - Stories from libraries dealing with recent floods and wildfires - how are libraries supporting the communities? Panel talk, hear from experts, others' experiences?
 - Work session? Build something together, sense of progress. E.g. Climate week coordination. 'Climate Literacy Week'?
 - Wait to learn what the other related climate sessions will be and choose our topic/plan strategically (e.g. not duplicate, but extend).

- Be mindful of Indigenous peoples long-standing and ongoing work to care for ecosystems.
- Next steps:
 - We need a champion to move this project forward.
 - TO DO Short-term: A title and short description is needed by Shannon Stumph <shannon@dfcevents.ca>
 - TO DO Closer to event: A Zoom link needs to be sent along (to Shannon) and we will need to share that link via BCLA listservs to non-conference attendees are able to join.
- Scheduling meetings (Helen)
 - We hosted a poll asking for best availability. Likely meet mid-January. Will send invite to the listserv once selected.

5. Discussion

- Past work and ongoing projects:
 - Response to government statement
 - Position statement
 - Poll/survey
 - Conference presentation
 - Possible 'days of action', e.g. climate week
 - Basecamp has more details if you're keen to learn about our work.
- Listserv
 - Use the new listserv address for the Climate Crisis List BCLA <climatecrisis@bclalists.bclaconnect.ca>
- Check outs - enjoy Winter Soltice!