

# BCLA CAC Meeting

21 January 2022

Present: Julie Backer, Helen Brown, Vicki Lee, Lisa Nathan, Caitlin MacRae, Krista Scanlon, Jenna Thomson, Katelyn Vandersteen, Cassandra Viers, David C. Waddell

## Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from 17 December 2021 meeting
2. Approval of agenda
  - a. Add discussion of library action and discussion of listserv
3. Updates:
  - a. Climate Change Position Statement Working Group (David)
    - i. Survey – will solicit ideas about what the library community is doing. Survey text sent to Board and expect to hear back soon.
    - ii. Consultation planning will take place. We have identified some libraries and individuals we need to connect with.
    - iii. Suggestion to find ways for libraries to get input from communities about what they would like libraries to do.
      1. We could host toolkits or resources to help libraries to do this.
      2. Resources about what libraries need to do for or could do for communities could be shared through a toolkit, climate listserv.
    - iv. **ACTION:** update poll as needed
  - b. CAC Committee (virtual) meeting at the BCLA Conference, Tuesday April 19, 2022, from 3:45-5:00pm (Lisa or Helen)
    - i. Accessible to conference attendees AND those not attending conference.
    - ii. TO DO Short-term: Figure out agenda. A title, and a brief description is needed.
    - iii. Use this time to host a conversation.
    - iv. Possible topics: Position statement, toolkit and resources for website, sharing meeting, emergency week
4. Discussion:
  - a. Climate themed week idea: note that UBC is hosting a Climate Emergency Week Feb 14 - 18 <https://sustain.ubc.ca/events/climate-emergency-week> (Helen)
    - i. Note that June is Canadian Environment Week (add to list!)
  - b. BCLA Conference Panel: "Responding to the Climate Crisis: what do information professionals need to know?" April 19, 1:45-2:45 with Susan Parker, Luanne Sinnamon, Lisa Nathan, Neah Ingram-Monteiro (Lisa)
  - c. Meetings with other organizations: Ontario Library Association and the California Library Association Climate Justice Interest Group, upcoming (Helen)
  - d. MOOC taking place

- e. What actions are libraries taking?:
  - i. We're doing a lot of talking but not doing.
  - ii. People see libraries doing things and so do these things so we can show people and provide leadership that way.
  - iii. Share projects via discussion listserv - <https://bclaconnect.ca/professional-development/bcla-list-servs/>
  - iv. Library resources are out there to green libraries (Julie contributed a chapter about 10 yrs ago on Greening Libraries).
  - v. Ideas: IFLA Green Libraries Award Page, ALA Resilient communities
  - vi. Maybe add resources to toolkit
  - vii. CAC helps facilitate some of that personal action but also supports that communal action
  - viii. BCLA focuses on representing libraries but can make spaces for these conversations and sharing to occur. The climate listserv would be a good place for this.
  - ix. **ACTION:** everyone use the listserv to share examples of what we're doing. Get those conversations going.

Next meeting: 18 February 2022, 12:00-1:00 pm