

Climate Action Committee
British Columbia Library Association
Minutes
March 18, 2022

1. Attendance: Lisa Nathan co-chair (UBC), Helen Brown co-chair (UBC), Diana Marshall recorder (FVRL), Katelyn Vandersteen (Fort Nelson), Julie Backer (WVML).
2. Welcome and check-ins: Welcome!
3. Confirm minutes ok from February meeting: Approved
4. Updates
 - a. Sharing of planned Earth Day activities (All)
 - Thank you Katelyn for starting list discussion. Nice to see ideas shared.
 - Other ideas: Seed swap, butterflies as pollinators, climate writer in residence, author presentations, graphic novel adaptation with Monique Gray Smith, glacier speaker potential, hydrologist presentation by StatLu Environmental.
 - b. Climate Action Survey (Lisa)
 - 154 respondents! Reminders seem to have generated lots of interest. Survey closes today. Some possible email glitches. We're pleased with turnout.
 - c. Other updates
 - None to report.
4. BCLA conference meeting (Helen)
 - a. Creating a description for BCLA conference website.
 - We'll share the climate session links to the listserv.
 - Lots of climate-related sessions at BCLA:

Responding to the Climate Crisis: What do Information Professionals Need to Know? | Tuesday April 19, 1:45-2:45 (Lisa Nathan, Luanne Sinnamon, Neah Ingram-Monteiro, Susan Parker)

?: BCLA CAC meeting time | Tuesday April 19 (pending)
 - Group Live Chat: Talking About the Climate Crisis | Wednesday April 20, 3:00-3:30 (Lisa Nathan, Helen Brown?)
Libraries and the Climate Crisis: A Collective Response | Thursday April 21, 1:45-2:45 (Kevin Millsip)

Happening to Us: Inuit Filmmakers Share Stories of Climate Impacts in the Arctic | Friday April 22, 10:00-11:15 (Maeva Gauthier)
 - Working on a draft [description](#) for our session. We want to workshop our potential initiatives - share 2 ideas and figure out how we can work together.
 - b. Planning volunteers needed. We're not recording the session but will likely share notes.

5. AGM Planning (May meeting?) (Lisa)

- Need a date (can it be our May meeting time?):
- Need 1-2 volunteers to develop agenda and activities
- CAC Roles
 - Chair/Co-Chairs: 2 years (Lisa and Helen-since June/August 2020)
 - Recording Secretary: 1 year (Diana)
 - Directors-at-Large: 2 years (David and Jenna)
 - Student Representatives: 1 year (needed)

Discussion

- Yes, during regularly scheduled May 20 Zoom mtg would work, if permitted.
- What's the process and BCLA requirements? Lisa will investigate BCLA site, TOR and guidance documents. Less formal than BCLA Board – we're a simpler subcommittee.
- Could hand over one or both Chair roles; Helen available to continue. Lisa reworking an Information Policy class to incorporate climate perspective.

6. Climate Action Position Statement

- a. Volunteers needed to process, analyze, and report on survey
- Rina already received interest in survey results. We will:
 1. Review and analyse the data.
 2. Perform additional consultation.
 3. Form our position statement.
 - Need help with consulting BCLA special interest groups. We'll prepare a backgrounder and list of suggested questions. Could attend the group's meeting (if they meet), or consult the chairs. This is for: due diligence, make sure we haven't missed something important, capture good wording, creating buy-in.
 - We'll send a request to the listserv for volunteers!

7. New Business

- a. Joint community cleanup idea? Earth Day 2022 possibly?
- Two different orgs who engage with cleanup – e.g. Great Shoreline Cleanup and neighbourhood cleanup organizations.
 - Work with your municipality/city – coordinate so as not to step on toes.
 - David Boudinot at UVIC very devoted to cleanup. Connect with him about logistics and experience. Contact <https://www.uvic.ca/library/help/librarians/dboudinot/index.php> <https://twitter.com/librarialstudy> "carefully curating detritus from our consumable civilization since 2016"
 - Conference climate chat might be a great opportunity to coalesce around this idea.
 - Great for raising awareness and appreciating the environment. Let's ensure we also work together to reduce emissions.

8. Next Meeting

- Will assess whether to cancel our April meeting, as we prepare for BCLA.
- This means our next meeting might be the AGM on May 20!
- Watch for official invitation/confirmation/agenda on the listserv.

9. Closing

- We're all looking forward to something!