

Climate Action Committee
British Columbia Library Association
Minutes
August 19, 2022

Attendees: Diana Marshall, David Waddell, Michael Pollard, McKelle Hanson, Caitlin McRae, Shirley Chan, Jennifer Wilson, Lisa Nathan

1. Welcome and Check-Ins (“What did you learn recently?”)
2. Approvals
 1. Minutes (July 17, 2022)
 2. Agenda for today’s meeting
3. Business Arising (none brought forward)
4. Updates
 1. Climate Action Update Webinar (July 25)
 - Successful event, engaging and well attended
 - Link to slide deck:
https://bclaconnect.ca/cag/files/2021/09/BCLibrariesClimateActionUpdate_20220725.pdf
 2. [Climate Action Week](#) “CAW” (Sept 23-29)
 - David W. reported on many different types of activities libraries are planning for the week (and beyond). Approx. 8-9 libraries shared activities
 - CAW marketing underway
 - CAW website in the works and will be advertised soon. Many have contributed text for the website, along with material folks have sent to David for sharing.
 - Open call for others to share their library’s CAW material (that is ok to be shared)
 - Discussion related to dates and name for future CAW. Many events at that time of year. Ideas put forward for calling it Climate Action Focus or Climate Action *Weekish* to make room to include events that may not fall exactly on the chosen dates.
 3. CAC/BCLA url: Decision made to slightly change CAC’s BCLA url (adding ‘c’, removing ‘g’). History for the ‘g’, this committee began as the “Climate Action Group”. Now we are a grown-up committee, thus ‘c’.
 4. BCLA Climate Action Position Statement (no update)
 5. OLA Climate Action Committee
 - CAC Rep to OLA: Diana stepped up to serve as BCLA’s rep on OLA’s version of a Climate Action Committee. She will continue to report back to this committee on OLA’s activities
 - OLA Survey: Closed August 12, they will analyze and prepare report.

- BCLA Survey: Question to group, are you interested in setting up a climate-related survey for BCLA that is modeled on (perhaps adding to) OLA's? Discussion followed with ideas and concerns brought forward.
 - To Do: Add survey conversation as future agenda item (Diana)
 - OLA environmental scan: OLA is in the process of doing an environmental scan of different Canadian libraries. They invited CAC to make a contribution on Climate Action Week (CAW). Diana is working on it.
 - OLA ideas for CAC (BCLA) to consider:
 - Does CAC want to make a submission to OLA's Super Conference?
 - OLA is thinking of setting up incentives (e.g., Awards) related to climate action for libraries (rural and urban). A strong idea for future discussion/agenda for CAC.
 - Is there interest in hosting a joint BCLA/OLA webinar for librarians during CAW? [Diana, David, and Caitlin plan to meet and discuss]
6. OLA/BCLA Statement to CFLA
- OLA and BCLA want to encourage CFLA to set up a national committee to foster this work. Volunteers are drafting the letter. There are local and regional activities underway and this letter is to encourage federal activity.
5. Other Updates (none)
6. New Business (none)
7. Action Item Commitments – Review
- OLA/BCLA CAW webinar: Caitlin, David, Diana will meet to discuss possible CAW webinar in collaboration with OLA.
 - Future Agenda Items: Diana will add following discussion points to future CAC agenda(s): 1) Climate Awards; 2) BCLA survey (based on OLA climate action survey); 3) Contribute to OLA Super Conference?
8. Closing, Check-Outs, and Gratitude!

Handy Info

- [CAC Website](#)
- Join the CAC Email [Listserv](#)
- Working Space in Basecamp (contact Lisa Nathan if you would like to access to CAC's Basecamp workspace)