

Climate Action Committee  
British Columbia Library Association  
Minutes  
December 16, 2022

Attendees: David Waddell, Helen Brown, Jennifer Wilson, Lisa Nathan

## Agenda

1. Welcome and Check-Ins
2. Approve Minutes and Agenda (minor changes suggested and agreed upon)
3. Business Arising
  - a. Listserv Seeding: Monthly Sharing  
ACTION ITEM: EVERYONE: Please remember to post (at least 1x per month) about CAC-related projects, prompts, questions, and resource suggestions (e.g., readings, documentaries, etc.) to the climate-crisis listserv (perhaps holiday craft project images as well?)
4. Updates
  - a. Conference Proposals:
    1. OLA CAC submitted a session to BCLA conference '23 (on Sustainable Development Goals)
    2. BCLA CAC (led by David W.) submitted a multi-vocal/multi perspective panel proposal. Caitlin and McKelle are also involved. Goal to have a range of views and voices and inviting folks with different relationships to the profession.
  - b. Climate Action Week 2022 Survey Update: Survey is out and collecting responses. Helen will be sending out reminders over the next few weeks.
  - c. Climate Action Week 2023 Planning:
    1. Dates for CAW '23 will likely be announced in January, 2023. Helen did some research and all of the proposed weeks conflict with other events at some point over the next decade. Suggested a "soft week" that might move a bit each year depending on schedule conflicts.
    2. ACTION ITEM: CAW Working group will meet to review survey results and begin planning dates, etc. for 2023 CAW.
    3. ACTION ITEM: Jennifer will connect with InterLink once the CAW dates are known so that they have an opportunity to align an appropriate author.
    4. ACTION ITEM: Helen will look into funding to support CAW by connecting with Rina. EVERYONE think about funding options, such as requesting funding from BC government as a way for the government

to support smaller communities through this initiative.

- d. Topic Briefing Publication (no update)
  - e. OLA Climate Action Committee Meeting Update (via Diana Marshall note)
    1. New chair, new advocacy and research officer and communications officer.
    2. CFLA rep confirmed that CFLA is striking a Climate Action Committee. Working on their Terms of Reference. Details will be shared as they develop.
    3. OLA's CAC is working on their 2023 workplan.
    4. Resources shared:
      - <https://greenmunicipalfund.ca/>
      - <https://www.footprintcalculator.org/home/en>
      - Tamarack Institute: <https://www.tamarackcommunity.ca/climate-transitions-cohort>
  - f. Other Updates (none)
5. New Business
- a. BC Climate Emergency Progress Report and Open Letter – <https://bcclimateemergency.ca/report-card>
  - b. ACTION ITEM: EVERYONE. Consider sharing the report card and open letter with entities that might be willing to sign the open letter (e.g., UBC Faculty Association)
  - c. Listserv Survey: Sustainable Swag recommendation – <https://fairware.com>
    1. Brief discussion of swag (e.g., having no swag events). Might BCLA consider not offering folks things wrapped in plastic, lanyards, etc. For example, for the summer reading program which deals with a significant amount of swag/enticements. “A stress ball doesn’t help your kid read.”
    2. ACTION ITEM: Helen will connect with Rina/BCLA conference committee about non-swag or less swag options for the conference and also for vendors. Will also check in to see if there is interest from the conference committee to have more input from CAC.
6. Action Item Commitments – Review
7. Closing, Check-Outs, and Gratitude!