

BCLA Climate Action Committee August 18, 2023 Agenda

Participants: David Waddell, Catlin McRae, Diana Marshall, Jennifer Wilson, Amory Strader (recorder)

Regrets: Lisa Nathan, Helen Brown (sent notes)

1. Welcome and check ins
2. Approved minutes (July 21, 2023) and today's agenda. Added Read4Climate rack card. Amory Strader will take minutes today.
3. Business arising
 - a. Library Toolshed Topic "Climate Action" (Diana)
 1. Submitted a ticket to request, and Climate Action topic will be added. Is not up yet. Delays in responses due to summer holidays.
4. Updates
 - a. Climate Action Week (David)
 1. Meeting with BCALS and others. Two links were shared. One is participating libraries. CAW meeting on Thursday August 24th @ 9:00, introduction to CAW for people who don't know what it is.
 2. If you know a library you recommend David reach out to, and you have a personal contact, let him know.
 3. Google Docs contact list. Can add contact names and work email. Please don't put into public email chains.
 4. Updating posters. Templates to be made available through Canva. Trying to find a way to generate easy clones. David can provide now if you need posters with current dates.
 - b. Library climate action toolkit / guide (Helen)
 1. Helen evaluating coordination with UBC SEEDS program. Possibility for a course or graduate student(s) to conduct impact analysis of one or two libraries if faculty member/class is interested. It may be feasible to include one non-UBC library in the assessment. Please consider possible library candidates willing to take part as well as possible data that would be useful to collect. Helen would likely work with faculty member October-December to discuss data identification and collection.
 - c. Read4Climate rack card (Diana)

1. Diana has emailed to CAC executive. Please email any thoughts or comments to Diana.

ACTION ITEMS:

- * ALL: Provide feedback to Diana on rack card.

d. Position Statement (Helen)

Background: There are pieces of a climate position statement created by CAC members for the BCLA Board to consider approving. The draft statement was started a couple of years ago, but not completed. Before writing the draft, members of CAC hosted a survey and held other conversations with folks and reviewed other position statements from BCLA and other organizations. The position statement focuses on 1) advocating for climate action with other organizations and 2) advocating for climate action w/in library world. Volunteers are needed to complete the task.

Next tasks: Create working draft from existing material, meet to review draft and make changes, consult with other BCLA committees and with select individuals; finalize draft based on feedback etc., send draft to BCLA exec. for revisions and approval via Rina H.

1. Rina thinks CAC on right track. Advises incorporating a term into the statement for updating.
2. Helen thinks there are enough volunteers to finish by January 2023.

ACTION ITEMS:

- * ALL: Contact Helen if you want to volunteer to organize consultations and finalize draft Position Statement.

e. Logo design opportunity (David, Caitlin)

1. Replied to Rina on behalf of the group to say yes, we'd like our CAC to participate. No updates since.

f. Brainstorming and idea list

David synthesized shared notes and labelled projects active/inactive. Once committee approves, reach out and put on Branches.

g. Benchmarking for libraries

OLA CAC shared brief preliminary review of their survey data at their August meeting. Some surprises in the data. Would be ideal if BC could do this year to allow for same benchmarking data as Ontario. Meeting with Rina and OLA to determine a way forward.

- h. OLA CAC meeting update
 - 1. They have a new member and detailed work plan.
 - 2. OLA asked David for more/improved CAW support documents and examples. Opportunity to build and improve.
 - i. Communication, Branches, website etc
 - 1. CFLA-FCAB Climate Action Committee Call for Members is Open Now (Diana)
 - 1. Committee now has a chair. See the [call for members](#) and their [TOR](#). Consider applying!
5. New business
- a. CAIS panel presentation experience (Lisa & Diana)
 - 1. Recording at <https://cais2023.ca/talk/panel2/>
Defer, Lisa absent.
 - b. UBC climate course planning/input (Lisa)

Lisa continues to work on a climate-oriented course for UBC's MLIS program (potentially MAS/Dual as well). Looking for folks willing to review syllabus, be a course guest, and/or share examples of dilemmas they have faced/face now, related to climate action work in their organization (to be anonymized and used for in class activities).

Idea proposed to figure out a way to include a portion of a CAC meeting into the course.

ACTION ITEM:

* ALL: Connect with Lisa if you are able/willing to a) review draft syllabus; b) be a course guest virtually or in person; 3) submit a description of a climate action situation/dilemma that you have been faced with in your work (to be anonymized) for students to consider how they might respond.

- c. Invitation from BC Cooperative Association to co-sponsor and promote 'Who's your pension fueling?' (Diana)
 - 1. Message from Kevin Mills. Would our group like to promote and/or sponsor this session? Yes! Promoting for sure, Not sure if that's ok for our role in the association structure to co sponsor?

ACTION ITEMS:

* ALL: Diana will consult with Helen and Lisa for their input, and with Rina about whether it's ok for us to co-sponsor.

6. Action items reviewed orally
7. Check out and closing thoughts

Next Meeting: Friday, September 15, 2023, noon-1pm