

British Columbia Library Association | Climate Action Committee Minutes

September 22, 2023

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BCLA Climate Action Committee September 22 Minutes

Participants: David Waddell, Helen Brown, Dan Hackborn, Lisa Nathan, Natalie Porter, Jennifer Wilson, Naomi Charaf, Diana Marshall, Jennifer Wilson, Caitlin McRae

Exec. Committee Regrets: Amory Strader

- 1) Welcome and check ins
- 2) Approved minutes and agenda
- 3) Business arising added to Updates
- 4) Updates
 - a) Climate Action Week (David)
 - i) Doing a fair bit of reaching out to folks in Ontario – the fun of cold calling – Ha! (OLA’s first time joining Climate Action Week). If you have connections in Ontario, please connect with David to help him connect with them on Climate Action Week (or ask him for information that he can pass along with you). Working with one of the U. of Toronto’s libraries.
 - ii) Dan Hackborn is working with a few libraries in Alberta about possible projects for CAW.
 - b) Logo design opportunity (David)
 - i) Nothing to report now – BCLA is supporting SIGs with logo designs.
 - c) Brainstormed Ideas (David)
 - i) Starting with a warm welcome to Dan Hackborn and his thesis focused on climate and library works. He is living and studying in Alberta and the committee is delighted to have him join us as he is able. (Also leading to changes in the CAC Terms of Reference to make space for students living in BC and studying elsewhere

online).

- d) Library climate action toolkit / guide (Helen)
 - i) Working on this with folks at UBC, goal to support classes developing climate content/assignments/etc. – to help faculty develop these for their courses. Potentially do an impact assessment. Aspiration to work with both public and academic libraries to develop toolkits. Focused on resource use, emissions, etc.

- e) Project Management: Sharing Google doc “Climate Action Committee – Active Project Tracking Sheet” (David)
 - i) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ulSilr7KTEGW26L6T-dzp49XP7npp6VdFz4Vf-FyedQ/edit#gid=0>
 - ii) Shared the sheet (linked above) via screen sharing, explaining how projects are started (need someone to step forward and be a lead).
 - iii) Kevin Milsip is very interested in supporting professional development across the province (Helen) – good person to keep in the loop but he is unable to make Friday meetings. Contact information can be found here...
<https://bc.libraries.coop/about/staff>

- f) Position Statement (Helen)
 - i) For BCLA to post (responsibilities for libraries)
 - ii) Hoping to have a draft by Dec. 1, 2023 for review before sharing with BCLA Exec. Board

- g) BC Cooperative Association ‘Who’s your pension fueling?’ session (Diana)
 - i) Last month’s meeting minutes have a bit of explanation. Confirmed with Rina (BCLA Exec. Director) that it is fine for us to sponsor it (with Kevin Milsip) and support it as it is not a directive.

- h) Library Toolshed Topic "Climate Action" (Diana)
 - i) “Climate Action” has been officially added to the Library Toolshed as a topic.
 - ii) <https://bc.libraries.coop/services/toolshed/>

- i) Read4Climate Rack Card (Diana)
 - i) Print material that focuses on four things libraries do - to inform clients/patrons about the varied roles of libraries in supporting climate actions that libraries support (created by Diana with support from design folks at FVRL).
 - ii) Room on the card template for other libraries to insert their logos.

- j) BC Benchmarking Survey (Diana)
 - i) OLA just completed running their survey - energy/water/material focused. Having conversations about a BC focused survey. Question of whether there should be one single, national survey or a more localized survey focused on unique BC context? Which might be more powerful for gaining support for libraries doing this

work? Still waiting for a report from OLA's initial benchmarking survey, they shared preliminary data, but not final analysis.

- k) OLA CAC meeting update (Diana)
 - i) Last meeting – welcomed two new people (one is an architect). Working on brainstorming session ideas for their super conference. OLA has put aside two sessions for climate related content at the conference (not a keynote).
- l) Communication, Branches, website etc.
 - i) This is a standing item on our agenda highlighting different ways members of CAC “talk” to each other.
 - ii) BCLA CAC site: <https://bclaconnect.ca/cag/>
- 5) New business
 - a) Climate Strike experiences (Helen/Lisa/David)
 - i) Opportunity for events before next protest – march – bringing together librarians to create signs/posters/giant puppets
 - ii) Added Art Build to CAC official project list
 - b) What on Earth Podcast (Helen)
 - i) Someone at UBC associated with the Sustainability Hub was contacted by the CBC podcast “what on earth?” They are interested in connecting with folks involved with books and climate: libraries, books sellers, etc. all about books about climate change. Please share any ideas, suggestions of folks for this person to talk with Helen.
 - ii) Ideas shared included: Iron Dog Books, folks involved in the climate writer in residence program @ W. Vancouver, Read4Climate, Caitlin M. is happy to talk!