

# British Columbia Library Association | Climate Action Committee Minutes

## December 15, 2023

Zoom Participants: Caitlin McRae, David Waddell, Coco Chen, Jennifer Wilson, Chris Conroy, Linnet Chappelka

In Person (UBC, iSchool): Diana Marshall, Helen Brown, Amory Strader, Lisa Nathan

1. Welcome and check ins
2. Approved November minutes and agenda
3. Business arising & action update
  - a. BCLA Conference Proposals
    - i. 4 submitted, 4 approved! Planning to meet in January to ensure they are distinct.
      1. 2 posters (Read4Climate rack card & Climate Action Week overview)
      2. 1 workshop by Helen and Coco (with input from Kate Elliot) “Where do emissions lurk in libraries?”
      3. 1- massive update on Climate Action Committees from BCLA, OLA, and CFLA

**ACTION ITEM:** David taking lead on scheduling January planning meeting

#### 4. Updates

- a. Active Project Tracking Sheet (David)
  - i. Nothing new to report at this time

**ACTION ITEM:** Diana move this item to bottom of list for future agendas

- b. Position Statement (Helen)
  - i. Approved by BCLA Executive!
  - ii. Meeting with Rina H., Thursday December 28th at 11:00am
  - iii. Requests for projects that came up during consultation process (e.g., Benchmarking, toolkit, impact assessment, survey of what folks are doing)
  - iv. What are actions libraries can take (examples for each action listed in the statement). Helen is thinking of developing ways to supplement the position statement.

**ACTION ITEM:** All contact Helen if you are interested in working on the long list of examples, lists, inspirations that can be added to the new BCLA Climate statement: (e.g., data on how BC libraries have been impacted already (e.g., wildfires), a list of vendors and supply, a list of potential actions, researching specific mitigation areas.)

- c. Logo design opportunity (David, Caitlin)
  - i. Background: Vancouver Community College collaboration is bringing forward the opportunity for BCLA SIGs to have logos developed
  - ii. Brainstorm/discuss requirements for logo included:
    - 1. Color (turquoise) of BCLA and CAW logo
    - 2. Keep in mind other logos that may be alongside
    - 3. What says “Climate Action”?
    - 4. Democratic, hope, energy, together, gratitude, integrated

**ACTION ITEM:** David & Caitlin will continue dialog/planning with VCC

d. Toolkit Project: no report

e. BC Benchmarking Survey (Diana)

**ACTION ITEM:** Amory will connect Linnet with Diana to discuss.

f. Library Trustees Policy Project (Caitlin)

- i. BC Library Trustees have a lot of information on their (not public) website (e.g., public libraries impacted by wildfires).
- ii. Also have a “discussion starter” in the climate crisis and a lot more information that may be good jumping off point for folks working on toolkit.
- iii. Caitlin is going to meet with new Director of BC Library Trustees next week. This same person is talking with other Trustees to see if a workshop can be arranged.
- iv. Want to dovetail this with the position statement and toolkit.
- v. Excitement expressed about this collaboration between librarians and trustees!

**ACTION ITEM:** Caitlin is meeting with new Director to do some brainstorming in the coming weeks.

g. Climate Action Week (David)

- i. Added an extra week to give folks a chance to respond to CAW survey.
- ii. Responses received so far are encouraging, in many ways.

**ACTION ITEM:** Diana and David will report back in January or February. Hope that this data can inform future CAWs and bring forward data to report on the influence of CAW.

h. BC Cooperative Association ‘Who’s your pension fueling?’ session: no report

i. OLA CAC meeting update (Diana): no report

- j. CFLA CAC update (Dan, Helen): no report
  - k. Communication, Branches, Basecamp, website etc. : no report
5. New business
- a. Spotlight for New Initiatives: no report
  - b. New BCLA Professional Development Coordinator: no report
  - c. Building the Toolshed (David): no report
  - d. In person connect planning for the future: no report
6. Action item review
7. Check out and closing thoughts

Next Meeting: Friday, January 19, 2024, noon-1pm