

British Columbia Library Association | Climate Action Committee Minutes January 19, 2024

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Regrets: Caitlin M.

- 1) Welcome and check ins
- 2) Approved minutes and agenda
- 3) Business arising, action updates
 - a) none
- 4) Updates
 - a) BCLA Conference Planning (moved location b/c of workers strike & now only two days long)
 - i) Proposals – efforts underway to share high level points of each climate session to avoid overlap between sessions.
 - ii) Meeting at the conference – still waiting to hear word from BCLA organizers as they deal with consequences of moving the venue and adjusting dates
 - b) Position Statement (Helen)
 - i) Anticipating update from BCLA soon
 - ii) Idea to present statement at CAPAL - <https://capalibrarians.org/>
 - c) Logo design opportunity (David)
 - i) Waiting to hear from student group
 - d) Toolkit Project (Helen)
 - i) No news from UBC – SEEDS project – waiting to hear from organizer
 - ii) Different individuals have offered to help out with other parts of toolkit
 - iii) Noting CFLA has grant monies for a similar “toolkit” project. Dan and Helen are working on keeping communication/coordination going between projects to avoid overlap.
 - e) BC Benchmarking Survey (Diana)
 - i) Met with Helen, Amory, Dan. Trying to focus on different types of libraries, but not all GLAM organizations.
 - ii) Timescale / Scope
 - iii) Topics: Climate impacts on library; Climate impacts of library; Mitigation strategies (to reduce impact on or impact of library)
 - iv) Hoping to have draft February/March (use BCLA to advertise and send it out in May).

- f) Library Trustees Policy Project (Caitlin submitted written update)
 - i) Caitlin met with rep from BCLA Library Trustees Association who is working on developing drafts of materials for Library Trustees/Library Boards to adopt/adapt for their institutions/contexts. BCLTA plans on hosting a trustees meet up in spring to present BCLA Climate Position Statement and then lead to an interactive workshop to instigate discussion and action.
 - ii) Long-term goal, to get folks at all levels of library work involved - modeling collective action.
 - iii) Caitlin will be in touch with CAC folks to develop presentation and workshop material

ACTION ITEM: Diana will reach out to Caitlin to discuss potential development of a template for workshops.

- g) Climate Action Week (David)
 - i) Selection of 2024 dates: **Sat. Nov. 2nd – Nov., 8th, 2024**
 - ii) CAW evaluation report: Results are in. David is working on a brief report.
 - (1) 25 organizations reported
 - (2) Some report that their participation appears to have shifted conversations;
 - (3) CAW participation appears to have met or exceeded expectations for most respondents.
 - iii) For 2024, would like to focus on improving resources being sent, different models, providing more support.
 - iv) Funding Source conversation: [BC Gaming Grant to support CAW?](#) (Helen). Might be worthwhile applying although there are questions (e.g., participation of libraries from other provinces). Would need support of Rina/BCLA

ACTION ITEM: David will get in touch with Rina/BCLA to confirm interest in applying

5) New business

- a) Annual report and AGM planning: Some discussion of what happens to report after it is completed (post on website; do we have to send to BCLA Board)?

ACTION ITEM: David and Diana working on Annual Report.

- b) Review [CAC Terms of Reference \(2021\)](#).

ACTION ITEM: David will get in touch with Rina/BCLA to check on making minor change to student membership criteria on BCLA Exec. Does it have to go through full board review?

- c) Inviting/recruiting new members opportunities
 - i) Brainstorming on ways to encourage new members to join CAC or for current CAC members to transition into leadership roles: BCLA Conference, inviting folks personally, encouraging regional development

6) Action item review

7) Check out and closing thoughts

Next Meeting: Friday, February 16, 2024, noon-1pm