

British Columbia Library Association Climate Action Committee Minutes



November 15, 2024

Attendees: David Waddell, Rachael Huegerich, Helen Brown, Lisa Nathan, Caitlin MacRae, Dan Hackborn, Shirley Chan, Diana Marshall

Regrets:

- 1) Welcome and check ins
- 2) Approved Oct. minutes (w/minor correction) and today's agenda
- 3) Business arising, action updates
 - a) Conversations with BCLA
 - Benchmarking survey conversation with Rina about stewarding survey data. CAC will have a meeting of involved folks to discuss further (December, 2024)
 - BC Gaming Grant (or other grant applications) BCLA confirmed that they need a substantial amount of time (months) to prep financials and other information needed for grant submissions
 - Goal to get application material to BCLA in February for the next Gaming Grant application reporting

ACTION ITEMS:

- David will aim to get Gaming Grant application information to BCLA in February.

4) Updates

- a) Climate Action Week (David)
 - 2024 recap
 - (1) Appears that number of participating organizations are approximately the same as last year
 - (2) Those participating did more things, and some were doing more complex programs
 - (3) Idea for next year, focus on connecting those who participated this year
 - (4) Rina/BCLA asked David/Caitlin to do a number of radio programs across the province. Radio stations asked different types of questions. David noticed that many did ask, "How do you maintain hope?"
 - (5) CAW Survey: Last year David put together a survey to gather CAW experiences/reflections from participating organizations, not for an in-depth report, but as a rough guide for the following year (e.g., informed the move to organize the climate anxiety support event for staff that occurred earlier in the month). Question: Shall we continue with creating a very short report (e.g., 1 pager)? Discussion landed on yes, a very simple report with the goal of getting report out quickly. Perhaps profiling a really successful event (potentially doing it via the BCLA newsletter)
 - (6) Discussion, should CAW have a theme each year? Very broad, like a tagline to help generate ideas, not for "policing"
 - (7) Discussion of the need to advertise/market/communicate about events (and a theme or tagline might help)

ACTION ITEMS:

- David will create a 1 pager on CAW 2024
 - David and Rachael will create participating organization survey for 2024
 - Diana will send the text of last year's survey to Rachael and David
 - Helen and Caitlin volunteered to create a brief report (more than 1 page) from survey results
 - Helen will ask if CAW reporting (short and compelling blurbs) could be shared by CFLA
- b) OLA CAC meeting update (Caitlin)
- Brief update, little to report
- c) CFLA CAC update (Dan, Helen)
- Climate Change Action Brief for Libraries has been sent for translation into French
 - Survey by CFLA - they are working on analyzing and reporting on the responses (primarily 1 person on interpreting results). Hoping to have a review document (1 pager) in new year.
- d) Book recycling, collaborating on larger projects (Diana, Chris C.)
- Diana is discussing this topic within her organization

Action Item:

- Diana plans on connecting with Kamloops and communities to learn their experience trying to recycle books
- e) Conference Submissions (BCLA, OLA Super Conference, others)
- Brief discussion of different folks/groups working on BCLA 2025 submissions (not from CAC)
 - OLA Super Conference panel planning getting underway

ACTION ITEM:

- Helen will connect with those who agreed to participate on the lightening talk-style panel (need organization and framing)
- f) BC Climate benchmarking survey (Dan & Amory)
- Discussed the issue of who/where will the data be stewarded (see under action updates above)
 - BCLA is open to a proposal from the CAC to receive funding to analyze survey results

ACTION ITEM;

- David will connect with BCLA to see how they are stewarding data from the Intellectual Freedom survey
 - David will revive the funding and stewardship conversation via email with interested folks and aim to plan a meeting for December, 2024. (Dan, Amory, Diana, David)
- g) Guest Speaker for CAC meetings - On hold for now

5) Action item review

6) Check out and closing thoughts

Next Regular Meeting: Friday, January 17, 2024 12-1 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83405331926?pwd=FWlkByQWMPbHX42gaP07CEqEyvnTpo.1>

Meeting ID: 834 0533 1926 Passcode: BCLA