

British Columbia Library Association Climate Action Committee Minutes



BCLA CAC Meeting 2025.07.18

Attendees: Michael Pollard, Lisa Nathan, Caitlin McRae, Alexis Greenwood, Diana Marshall, Dan Hackborn

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Check-Ins
2. Approve Last Meeting's Minutes
 - Minutes from May and June approved.
3. Introduce New Executive Committee
 - Co-Chairs: Caitlin MacRae (2nd Year) & Lisa Nathan (1st Year)
 - Recording Secretary: Dan Hackborn
 - Directors-at-Large: Diana Marshall (2nd Year) and Alexis Greenwood (1st Year)
 - Student Rep: Brielle Steeper
 - Open Student Rep Position
4. Business Arising
 - Minutes from May were cobbled together post-hoc;
 - Confirm Attendees: Caitlin, Dan, Alexis, David, Diana, Shirley
5. CAC meeting aspirations & ideas
 - In light of starting a new season/year, Caitlin and Lisa met to discuss setting some intentions for our meetings going forward, create room for experimentation and ways to share excitement, with co-chairs' aspirations for the Committee to support and inspire members' beyond just library-specific work.
 - New check-out formats? Media recommendations, stray thoughts, etc.
 - Library climate success stories?
 - A theme from our work and from varied get-togethers including OLA presentation last year was the energy and motivation that occurs when we meet with each other and connect. Talking through/brainstorming individual projects or interests with time set-aside during the meeting. Making time to enrich members' lives and support each other.

- Trial a new sharing item each meeting, to be foregrounded in the Draft Agenda.

6. CAC Document Storage

- Basecamp is coming to an end. Not free, clunky, but not as much a part of the surveillance capitalism apparatus. However looking for an alternative going forward.
 - Typically used to store draft agendas and minutes.
 - Alternatives: recording secretary stores prior to BCLA upload; Google Drive likely the smoothest, simplest transition from Basecamp.
 - Alexis will look into BC Libraries Co-op server hosting option, contact Lisa with results. If there is no service offering with the Co-op, we can use Google Drive.

7. Updates

- OLA CAC meeting
 - Group is on hiatus
- CFLA CAC update
 - On summer hiatus
 - Climate Success stories beginning to be collected by Helen and Dan
- Toolkit
 - No update.
- Climate Action Week 2025
 - Callout via BCLA Branches has gone out; catching up on comms.
 - Moving towards promoting everything in both official languages
 - Our prior logo designers did a great job and made files very easy to adapt en francais.
 - Looking for more French language support
 - Release of documents in collaboration with CFLA; Climate Café Conversations and general climate programming; these are available in both languages; available via BCLA servers pending CFLA-FCAB website update and linked in the CAC's 2024 annual report
 - Participant numbers update next month; may be a need for targeted promotion in each province
- BC benchmarking survey
 - Report in progress. No further update at this time.

8. Other Items

- UBC School of Information climate action-oriented course update; going thru the full course approval process. If you have something that student inputs might benefit from, get in touch! If you'd like to guest, please get in touch!
- WorkBC will do Green Careers programming during Climate Action Week (film, bookclub, etc.).
 - Co-Chair has previously run a CAW film series using Kanopy content, email for more info
- Success working with theatre designer on climate programming
 - EN-ROADS simulation program?
 - [En-ROADS](#)
- New Westminster has been doing a great job with native plant landscaping in collaboration with municipal parks, however to run a programme with parks staff it has to be M-F, 8-4
- Emily Carr Library coming up with a list of local library supply chain components, or at least alternatives to Amazon and ULINE, shared with other school department; main criteria is local, independently-owned suppliers; rush shipping often necessitates Amazon when instructors are told to give courses on short notice
- Nelson Public Library has been working with Doctors & Nurses for Planetary Health on DIY air purifier programs; also a connecting-the-dots get to know your neighbour community resilience program starting; ebike lending pilot beginning? Based on North Van's program (they made all program plans open to other libraries)
 - Doctors and Nurses for Planetary Health has been a great supportive collab
 - Some planning difficulties in the liminal space between a being a municipal organization while not quite being a full department.
 - Uploading the DIY purifier program to [The Library Toolshed?](#)
- Connecting with NRCAN over outreach for the next round of assessments?

9. Action item review

- Alexis is looking into the BC Libraries Coop, will contact Lisa once an answer has been received.
- Next meeting is August 15th, 12PM! Come join!

10. Check out