

BCLA CAC Monthly Meeting Agenda Nov 21, 2025

Attendees: Caitlin MacRae, Diana, Fraser Sutherland, Helen Brown, Lisa Nathan, Dan Hackborn

Regrets: Jennifer

1. Welcome and check-ins (Share your fav read from the last few months)
2. Approve CAC Oct 17 2025 minutes and today's agenda
 - Approved.
 - Noted: BCLA Branches forum has been having some issues with emailed notifications for posts, potentially due to attachments
3. Business arising
 - One pager for Benchmarking Survey results dissemination
 - Caitlin and Lisa put work into whittling down draft into a one-pager; has been passed over to Caitlin's graphic designer friend who volunteered to format in the style of the Climate Position Statement (which they also designed); Caitlin will let folks know when that is finished
4. Updates
 - CFLA CAC update (Dan, Helen)
 - Last formal meeting coming up in December, after which it will transition to a Task Force, project-based structure
 - Loss of librarytoolshed.ca
 - Read4Climate resources? How do we create continuity for the resources that were hosted on the toolshed; are there any issues with copyright? Can these resources be hosted on the BCLA CAC website?
 - If a UBC Library or iSchool connection can be made, potentially that work could be hosted or connected using university infrastructure (i.e. cIRcle)?
 - Can a case be made even just from the POV of documenting provincial climate work in the library sector?
 - There have been some informal discussions about the shared work of the UBC Informing Climate Action project and BCLA's Climate Action Committee and hosting a meeting about these potential connections and collaborations is planned for 2026.
 - Outstanding questions about accessibility and redundancy (where do folks look for climate librarianship resources vs. where can we trust long-term storage infrastructure will be available?)
 - Toolkit (Helen)
 - Connected with Sustainable Libraries Initiative through UBC Library and they are not concerned about Helen's work on the toolkit being in conflict
 - Climate Action Week 2025 (David)
 - No update this month.
 - BC benchmarking survey 2023 (Dan/Diana)
 - Connected where we are at post-one-pager; reorganized the data around the Climate Position Statement
 - Have complete initial report approved by the board in time for presentation at BCLA conference this year in time to launch the 2nd inaugural survey

- Diana writing a draft of the report
 - BCLA conference presentation proposal draft; program evaluation framing allows Dan to present the survey results; will meet to finesse
- 5. BCLA 2026, Pre-conference climate action workshop @UBC (Lisa)
 - Room booked, speaker invitations are going out
 - April 21st, please mark your calendars
- 6. BCLA 2026 conference proposals
 - Benchmarking presentation
 - Informing Climate Action partner panels, potentially FVRL, Nelson, Salt Spring, and Jasper
 - Caitlin proposed a session on positive strategies and steps for professional self-care and collective self-care (within the context of librarianship; Caitlin would be speaking to climate librarianship but other co-presenters could speak to other aspects of library work); so far no bites after posting on Branches earlier so this topic might be parked for next year since Monday is a tight timeline to pull that together. There are some potential collaborators and resources
- 7. Backburner items (just so we don't forget, but maybe no updates)
 - Opportunity to hear from ZEIC | [zeic\[dot\]ca](mailto:zeic@ca). (David)
 - CAC Document storage update and discussion (Lisa/Dan)
 - Mental health related to Climate change (David)
 - Backburner items parked!
 - Basecamp is paused, connect with Lisa (who holds full backup) if you would like access to any files.
- 8. Other business
 - Helen on AI team at UBC Library
 - Email Helen with any resources on environmental impacts of AI
 - Christmas meetup?
 - Hybrid option?
 - In-person setting
 - Our next scheduled meeting is on the 19th
- 9. Action item review
 - a. **Caitlin** and **Lisa** set up meeting with Rina to discuss shared work/platform/collab with Informing Climate Action and UBC
 - b. **Helen** talk to cIRcle folks
 - c. **Dan** reply to Diana's email re: benchmarking BCLA proposal
 - d. **Diana** send Caitlin resources from Ontario
 - e. **Everyone** connect with Helen re: resources on environmental impacts of AI and the climate toolkit
 - i. **Dan** connect Helen with Beth Filar-Williams
 - f. **Caitlin** and **Lisa** circulate email to coordinate in-person meeting during the winter
- 10. Check out and closing thoughts