

LTAS EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
6 JANUARY 2013, 6:45 - 8:45 PM

Attendees: Tamarack Hockin , Chris Findlay, Vaunda Dumont, Sandra Cole, Mandi Schwarz, Renee Zolinski-Ward, Ashley Van Dijk , Taya Lawton, Jeffrey Libby, Stephen Karr, Tracy Bergey

Regrets: Dan Vitaly, Norm Barry, Charlee Jennings, Bradley Gordon, Anita Thompson, Heather Duff, and Shanna Meunier

1. HOUSEKEEPING

Suggestion to keep Exec meeting schedule similar to 2012: Meet mid-April, end of July, and then October AGM. Stephen agreed the motion, seconded by Jeffrey.

Tamarack stressed the main purposes of these meetings are to set the stage for what is happening with committee projects and, to connect with one another. Our aim is to be transparent and inclusive; everyone has an equal voice and to feel free to speak up.

2. COORDINATOR/COMMITTEE UPDATES:

LTAS Chair (Tamarack Hockin)

Ashley and Tamarack attended Strategic Plan meeting at BCLA Office, Nov 28. Some frequent comments from SCIG chairs included:

- criticism of website.
- clarification sought: e.g., definition of 'deepen', who are BCLA's partners.
- suggestions made to make conference more accessible and online.

Jenny Fry (RAIG Co-Chair) and Tamarack Hockin to collaborate on a Frequently Asked Questions document for new SCIGs.

Update from last BCLA Board meeting:

- Some changes coming to BCLA browser.
- Website Working Group formed. Tamarack, Tara Stephens (ALPS), Gordon Coleman (ELN).
- June Stockdale (President) & Annette DeFaveri (E.D.) liked getting all SCIG reps together (such as for the strategic plan) and hope to do this again
- Draft budget shared, but notes were recalled at end of meeting. General impression was that BCLA is doing alright financially. Tamarack requested that BCLA Treasurers consider including explanatory line notes to budget shared at 2013 AGM.

LTAS Chapters

Fraser Valley – (Ashley Van Dijk) Christmas social was good, hopefully there will be more opportunities to do more. Meeting again January 27.

Prince George - (Vaunda Dumont) Met in October. Debbie gave a presentation on cataloguing with RDA. Meeting again January 17.

Vancouver – (Sandra Cole) Successful social in December. Meeting January 16.

Social Media (Stephen Karr)

Social media meeting to discuss a strategy will be held Jan 18 with: Liza Capdecoume, Heather Duff, Phil Menger, Stephen Karr, and Tamarack Hockin.

Accreditation (Jeffrey Libby)

Message from Christina Neigel: CLA Exec. Council approved the recommendations in the proposal, with the conditions that their approval doesn't come with any money. As no money was asked for, there is no problem there. Next step is to establish a design team. No specific timeline yet.

Program Planning Committee (Renee Zolinski-Ward)

Renee is LTAS' representative on the BC Library Conference Program Planning Committee. Committee is in the reading phase; more than 50 proposals. Next PPC meeting Friday, January 11. Stephen Karr (2012 rep) and Shanna Meunier are supporting Renee.

YAACS (Chris Findlay)

No 2013 meetings yet.

YAACS Award Committee is looking for committee members.

Continuing Ed. Opportunities, there is a Storytelling Skills workshop being offered January 29th, at a cost of \$100.00.

Langara (Taya Lawton)

Langara semester is starting back in the coming week.

3. 2013 PROJECTS (WORK PLAN)

General consensus to keep a shared workplan document for 2013, similar to 2012 document (note date of events, meetings, milestones, and who is responsible). Tracy Bergey (secretary) will manage, but all exec members will update.

Action: Tracy Bergey & Tamarack Hockin to set up 2013 shared workplan document.

Google doc spreadsheet with shared email (so non-Gmail users can easily update). Mandi offered use of the LTAS careers email.

4. "ASSISTANTS" DIALOGUE FOR LTAS

Leading up to the AGM there was discussion (off-list) regarding comments on the listserv about who LTAS does and does not represent. LTAS Constitution states under Purpose:

LTAS shall primarily serve library technicians and assistants, including students of library and information technology diploma programs, living or working in B.C.

There was a request (off-list) to have "assistant" clarified. Requester wanted to remain anonymous.

At present our constitution does not define assistant. Do we need to define it? Is this a conversation that LTAS needs to have?

Discussion:

- Is LTAS mostly about technicians? Membership input would be welcome.
- LTAS should be inclusive and many non-techs are passionate about libraries and should have the option to join, particularly for professional development.
- Suggestion was made to table the motion, (Stephen), to discuss with membership (Mandi), and perhaps to create an anonymous survey to voice their opinions which could be useful (Ashley).
- Overall consensus was to take it to membership with eight yeas, and two nays.

Action: Vaunda Dumont to discuss with Ashley Van Dijk and return to exec with recommendation in the next two weeks.

5. CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHANGES FOR BCLA AGM, SPRING 2013 (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)

Reaffirm changes submitted in the LTAS AGM 2012 minutes. Two changes:

1. Item 4.1 in Bylaws: Motion to submit changes to the terms served by Executive Committee members in all LTAS positions from two (2) years to one (1) year.
2. Item 4.2 in Bylaws: Item 4.2 in Bylaws: Motion to submit change that positions be held until the following AGM or until another predetermined date.

6. OUTSTANDING POSITIONS FOR EXEC.

The position of Publication Liaison is still open.

Action: Tamarack Hockin to post on listserv. Stephen Karr will forward to Twitter and FB.

7. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Anticipated for 2013

- Two session submissions for B.C. Library Conference: Collaborative documents; social media best practices, with accompanying drop in tech café. TBC.
- Possible speed-mentoring for students & alumni at UFV in spring.

Suggested: LTAS host workshops for twitter & LinkedIn.

Mandi Schwarz suggested that any sessions be recorded and posted online so anyone who can't make it to the session can still view it later.

Action: Taya Lawton to speak with Susan Burdak (Langara) to see about hosting a speed-mentoring session for Langara students & alumni

8. FUNDRAISING & SCHOLARSHIPS

BCLA is anticipating difficulties funding student scholarships after 2013 (UFV, Langara & SLAIS). If LTAS is to take on responsibility for the two library technician student scholarships (UFV & Langara), we will need to secure funds soon.

Action: Sandra Cole will seek and collect ideas for fundraising, and present recommendations to the exec by the 2nd week in February. Anyone with recommendations can email Sandra.

9. PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Brief discussion on opportunities for partnership within and outside of BCLA. Cut short due to time.

10. CLOSING/OTHER BUSINESS

LTAS Executive meeting schedule for 2013 (quarterly):

- January 6th
- April 14th
- July 28th
- Oct 18th – AGM

Additional meetings can be scheduled but require a month's notice as it is difficult to facilitate an online meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm