

LTAS Executive Meeting
22 June, 2014

Present: Ashley Van Dijk (Chair), Tamarack Hockin (minutes), Alison Klein, Anita Thompson, Stephen Karr, Angela Fleming.

Regrets: Heather Duff, Vaunda Dumont, Norm Barry, Liza Capdecoume, Quinn Perry.

Meeting called to order 6:45pm

I. Housekeeping & Reports

A. AGENDA APPROVED

B. BCLA UPDATE

Ashley has not yet been able to meet with Annette DeFaveri (BCLA ED).
 First BCLA Board meeting will be July 4.
 Note, Sarah Felkar (past chair of LTAIG) has been voted in as a Director at Large.

C. COORDINATOR UPDATES

Vancouver Chapter: (Ashley) Last meetup was well attended, including technicians and assistants from who were in town for CLA Conference. Photos are on the blog: <http://bclaltas.wordpress.com/2014/06/04/vancouver-meetup-and-new-ltas-chair/>

Fraser Valley Chapter: (Anita) Next meetup is July 20 (Sunday), 5:30-7pm at the Chilliwack Airport. <https://www.facebook.com/events/787165721324081/>

UFV: (Angela) New LIT Student Association (LITSA) incoming with almost all new members. Will likely be interested in another speed-mentoring session. Anita offered to visit LITSA if desired.

Website: (Tamarack) New webpages still need updating. **ACTION:** *Tamarack to contact Caroline Daniels with new content.*

II. Old Business

A. LTAS BROCHURE

New LTAS Brochure is receiving lots of positive feedback. Original suggestion to include photos is being put on hold for now. Thanks to Liza for the wonderful design. **ACTION:** Tamarack to follow up with Liza and ask whether LTAS can have a blank card version of the brochure?

B. LANGARA HOMECOMING

Alison and Stephen attended and shared LTAS Brochures. It was a very successful event. Alison shared photos to the LTAS Facebook Group (via Tamarack).

III. New Business**A. MEETING SCHEDULING**

Discussion regarding Sunday evening meetings: Those present agreed that Sunday evening was still an opportune time, and weekends were preferred.

Discussion regarding software: Vyew account for 20 users is linked to Tamarack's Gmail account, and is non-transferable. Those present agreed to try Skype (voice only) for future exec meetings.

***ACTION:** Ashley to follow up with other Exec members re, scheduling and software.*

B. AGM

2014 AGM will take place on Friday, October 17 in conjunction with Canadian Library Support Staff Day (CLA).

Venue TBD, but likely in Surrey (SFU Surrey, or Surrey Public). Ashley will confirm closer to the date.

Speaker suggestions can be sent to Ashley at LTASChair@gmail.com, or to her personal email.

C. STUDENT PRACTICUMS

Discussion on changes at UFV this year where some students took part in a project rather than a work experience practicum. Some UFV alumni voiced concern that this was a disservice to students. Angela shared her understanding that the introduction of "projects" was to compensate for insufficient practicum placements this year.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

Library technicians and assistants working in schools: Discussion regarding how lockout and job action between Teachers' Union and Ministry of Education is affecting library workers. **ACTION:** Ashley to discuss with BCLA (Board or ED) and see whether the association is considering any letter of support or acknowledgement re, school library staff, and how to best phrase a statement of support on the LTAS listserv.

Meeting adjourned 7:35pm