

BCLA Diversity and Multicultural Services Committee

MINUTES

Dec.12, 2013

1. Welcome and approval of last meeting's minutes (Sept.26/13).
2. Discussion regarding Committee's proposed revision of mandate. We have been asked to ensure that the mandate aligns with BCLA's strategic goals. Gillian will follow up with BCLA Executive Director to obtain a copy of those goals. Further discussion at next meeting in February 2014.
3. Intercultural Communication documents on website. Discussion about which documents we should post on our website. Ravi suggests that we compose a short summary of the workshop and include examples of some of the documents (not all). This could be a slideshow presentation. Ravi will look at workshop material and share with Michael.
4. Roundtable. Fereshteh reports that North Vancouver is facilitating an immigrant storytelling program at North Vancouver City Library. Ravi reports that the Library Champions program (Surrey) is in its 4th cycle – funding runs out in March 2014. Roberta reports that Burnaby has just started the Library Champions program. She is also participating in the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table with committee members from settlement agencies, city departments etc. Allan reports that UBC has a new office of Intercultural Understanding with a new director who is focussed on Diversity issues. There will be a new president at UBC in 2014 and the library will have a new strategic plan. Michael reports that "immigrant stories" information is now up on the blog.