

**Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2012 7:00pm, Burnaby Public
Library, Metrotown Branch**

Minutes Prepared By: Meghan
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Attendance at Meeting <i>(add rows as necessary)</i>			
<i>Name</i>	<i>Department/Division</i>	<i>E-mail</i>	<i>Present/Regrets</i>
Sarah Donald	Past Chair	sdonald@westvanlibrary.ca	Regrets
Susan Redmond	Outgoing Continuing Education Liaison (Lower Mainland), Acting Past Chair	sredmond@fvrl.bc.ca	Regrets
Meghan Radomske	Outgoing Secretary	meghanradomske@gmail.com	Present
Chris Conroy	Outgoing Continuing Education Coordinator (Lower Mainland)	chrisconroy@shaw.ca	Regrets
Kristen Rumohr	Continuing Education Coordinator (Vancouver Island)	krumohr@virl.bc.ca	Regrets
Noreen Ma	Red Cedar Liaison	nma75@shaw.ca	Regrets
Ellen Wu	Membership Secretary	mellenycwu@gmail.com	Regrets
Tara Williston	Chair	twilliston@gmail.com	Present
Francesca de Freitas	Website Administrator	francescaalexandra@gmail.com	Regrets
Rachel Balko	Outgoing SLAIS Co-Liaison	rbalko@interchange.ubc.ca	Present
Mary Locke	BCTLA/BCTF Representative	mlocke@telus.net	Present
April Ens	YAACING Co-Editor	april.ens@vpl.ca	Present
Jean Allan	Incoming Secretary	allanj@nvdpl.ca	Regrets
Anna Hudson	Member-at-Large	Anna.c.hudson@gmail.com	Present
Adrienne Wass	Incoming Vancouver Island Representative	awass@virl.bc.ca	Present via teleconference
Julianne Mutimer	LTAIG Representative	jkmutimer@surrey.ca	Present

Alicia Cheng	Website Administrator	Alicia.cheng@vpl.ca	Present
Elizabeth Bell	SLAIS Co-Liaison	esbell666@verizon.net	Present
Caroline Johnson	Incoming Continuing Education Coordinator	Caroline.johnson@shaw.ca	Regrets
Saara Itkonen	(Lower Mainland) Incoming Vice-Chair	Saara.itkonen@gmail.com	Present
Min So	Member at Large	Binky.star@gmail.com	Present

Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

Meeting called to order	Tara called meeting to order at 7:07pm. She mentioned that Min may not be able to stay for the whole time so we would move her agenda item up.
Agenda Item 1 Approval of Agenda	Alicia made a motion to approve the agenda and Meghan seconded.
Agenda Item 2 Approval of Minutes	Meghan made a motion to approve the minutes and all agreed. We did a round of introductions.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates a. BCLA	a. Tara has yet to go to a BCLA Board meeting in her new position as Chair. She met with Chris Kevlahan to discuss her new position and the history of YAACS and what it means to be the YAACS Chair. BCLA is working on improving communications among all members and different groups. Annette de Faveri sent out a survey seeking feedback on communications and Tara sent in suggestions. Tara said that she liked the executive director updates and that communicating by email is best. She told Annette that we will have a YAACS executive email that will reach all of us at once. We can always contribute suggestions to the communications plan as we think of them.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates b. BCLA Conference	b. Over half of the people present at our meeting are attending the BCLA Conference. Our silent auction is happening on Friday. We need people to sit at the table and answer questions about YAACS and to help with the auction. Meghan read Susan’s email update about the silent auction, explaining that we have silent auction items remaining from last year, but no big-ticket items. In her email, Susan suggested that volunteers and more silent auction materials are needed. Francesca had brought up idea of doing a video-rhyming station at the same table at our last meeting. Tara hasn’t been able to see if Francesca is still able to help with that. Tara asked us if anyone has time to solicit more silent auction items. We discussed and decided that we don’t need to beat last year’s fundraising totals as last year was an anomaly and we don’t have a particular financial amount that we need to raise. We are going to do what we can with what we have. Tara says if there’s anyone who really loves fundraising, feel free to jump in and find more Silent Auction items. Tara asked us if we still want to have a social event. Only Friday night is available and there is only one pub in the hotel. There are intellectual freedom and LGBTQ events already

	<p>on the Friday night, which we could join. Anna offered to look into organizing the YAACS social event at the conference.</p>
Action	<p>Tara will check to see if people who are not attending the conference can be on site to volunteer at our YAACS table for the Silent Auction on Friday. If so, Meghan will touch base with Susan and email the list-serv to seek volunteers.</p> <p>YAACS members willing to host a YAACS social event for the BCLA conference should email Anna with ideas. Anna will look into options.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates c. AGM and new members</p>	<p>c. The YAACS AGM is Friday, May 11 from 12-1. There is little time to grab lunches and attend the meeting—possible solutions were discussed. People will step into their new positions at the AGM. Caroline Johnson will take on the position of Continuing Education Coordinator for the Lower Mainland. Jean Allan will be the new Secretary. Chris Conroy has contacted someone who is also interested in the Continuing Education position. Chris suggested that two people sharing the position would work out well. Tara will be a long-distance Chair as she is moving north to Hazelton. We discussed the vacancy in the Vice-Chair position, who will also have to set up meetings and teleconferencing as the Chair will no longer live in the Lower Mainland. The Vice-Chair acts on behalf of the Chair if the Chair is absent and must commit to a 3-year term (barring extenuating circumstances). The Vice-Chair’s major responsibility is to participate in the BCLA Conference Planning Committee by attending meetings in the fall, receiving and selecting all YAACS-related conference proposals to ensure YAACS representation at the conference, and liaising with YAACS members. Saara volunteered to fill the vacancy of Vice-Chair after we discussed the position with her. Min is also interested in an executive position.</p> <p>We will also present our new award at the BCLA AGM. We debated about when to give the award to the two people who have been chosen (one of the winners has to be at the Trustees’ AGM when the BCLA AGM is happening so we may give her the award at the YAACS AGM).</p>
Action	<p>Tara will check with conference organizer Shannon to see if hotel staff can bring packaged lunches up to us on a trolley for the YAACS AGM so that we don’t have people waiting for lunches and missing the meeting or if we can send a runner down to grab lunches for everyone.</p> <p>Tara will check to see rules if people can share positions.</p> <p>Tara will search for a Northern Representative once she moves up north.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates d. Proposal for Continuing Education Multilingual Rhymetime</p>	<p>Min proposed a continuing education workshop of a multilingual rhyme-time in late October. Erie Maestro from VPL wants to provide multilingual story-times in 2-hour sessions of learning rhymes and songs in different languages. Erie is Filipina and Min has a Korean background. They would open up the session to people to contribute and model what a bilingual storytime can look like.</p>
Action	<p>Min will approach the YAACS Continuing Education Coordinator Caroline</p>

	with the idea and Min will check with Randi Robin to see if there is any overlap with the Embracing Diversity project.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates e. BC Books for Babies	No update at this time.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates f. Red Cedar/Stellar Award	Tara read Noreen’s email update: all of the Red Cedar authors have been available for Red Cedar groups to interview either by phone, email, or Skype. Transcripts of the interviews will be posted on the Red Cedar website. Voting for Red Cedar and Stellar will happen between April 23 and May 5 and the winners will be announced online on May 11. On the Red Cedar site, there will be a Party Pack that includes program ideas for group leaders to do with their Red Cedar groups to wrap up the year and celebrate the winner. Anna is the new Treasurer of the Red Cedar/Stellar Committee and she is updating the financials. They are considering liaising with a consultant to organize fundraising and a marketing strategy. No fundraising has been done for the past year.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates f. YAACING	April says everything is going well for YAACING. They will put a call out soon for the summer issue with a deadline of May15.
Action	Send April and Pam cool things you’ve done in your library! Ie. Story-times, teen events, events for any age, book reviews, etc.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates g. Teacher-Librarian Update	BCTLA continues to be a strong network and members are meeting this weekend—a representative from most of the 35 locals will attend. Bill 22 is the major issue that teacher-librarians and teachers are facing right now. The Bill eradicates contracts and makes class size and class composition a problem by stipulating that any number of kids with special needs may be accommodated in a classroom now and that classes can have more than 35 students. These changes do not create an ideal learning environment. This bill also says that school-boards will not be fettered by an obligation to hire teachers in order to assist teachers to carry out a task, meaning that the highly-trained individuals who currently assist teachers no longer need the same level of training. Instant dismissal and “suitability” are also issues. Programs such as Welcome to Kindergarten and Ready Set Learn may be affected. This is a very serious time for education in BC as the government is devaluing the public school system because it’s expensive for the government to fund public schools. Mary encouraged us to write letters to our MLAs, to Minister of Education George Abbott and to Christy Clark to negotiate fair agreements. She mentioned the successful Wisconsin situation that recalled a politician with over 1,000,000 signatures.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep	The SLAIS YAACS group organized a children’s and YA panel with 5 speakers working in Children’s or YA Librarianship from North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Burnaby, and Surrey. Five of the 22 male SLAIS students

Updates h. UBC/SLAIS	attended the event and there was a solid turnout from the students. The panel was a success and may end up being an annual event. UBC is hosting a Children’s Literature Graduate Research Conference on Saturday, April 28 from 8-6pm. Rachel is graduating so Elizabeth will be our go-to SLAIS rep. The SLAIS chapter will elect another co-rep in the fall.
Action	Register for UBC Children’s Literature Conference online if interested.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates i. LTAIG	LTAIG is an interest group and they’ve been petitioning to get section status under BCLA. It’s finally been approved to go to a vote at the May 12 BCLA AGM. To vote, you must have an individual membership with BCLA (not institutional). If passed, the group will become LTAIS. April mentioned that AGM is free to attend even if you are not attending the conference. For those of you unable to attend the BCLA AGM and vote in person, please consider supporting LTAIG by proxy when proxy forms are distributed by BCLA in the coming weeks. As well, please don’t hesitate to contact Tamarack Hockin directly with any questions about LTAIG or the resolution for LTAS.
Action	Attend the BCLA AGM and vote for LTAIG’s section status if you are interested in supporting them and have an individual BCLA membership.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates Teen RC	Nothing to report at this time.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates k. YAACS Award	The YAACS Award Committee received 7 nominations and it was extremely difficult to decide on a winner. Barbara Jo May asked Annette if they could give it to two people. The two winners will be announced at the BCLA Conference. Phyllis from Kidsbooks is donating moose finger puppets to give to the winners and the winners will receive plaques. We decided against highlighting the achievements of all nominees as we would like to encourage people who may not have won this year to re-apply for the award next year.
Action	Alicia will send out email to all of the nominators to let them know if their nominees won.
Agenda Item 3 Committee Rep Updates l. Communications Plan	The communications plan has been stalled with the changeover of executive positions. We need a group to decide how best to communicate with our members. The list-serve is not very successful as it has technical problems. We need to hammer out our goals and what we want to communicate. Julianne brought up the idea of using Twitter to remind people about the YAACS group and relevant events. Anna, Alicia and Meghan offered to join Tara and Francesca in coming up with communications plan.
Action	Tara will see if Francesca set up email for YAACS exec. Tara, Francesca, Meghan, Anna, and Alicia will meet to discuss Communications Plan.
Agenda Item 4 Any New Business	Tara has to send in an annual report. She looked at previous annual reports so she has an idea of format. Tara has only been around for half

a. Annual Report	the year so she welcomes information from people about events that happened prior to her arrival.
Action	Send Tara points of note to include. Tara will also read through the minutes. Tara will send us the draft of her annual report.
Agenda Item 4 Any New Business b. Community-led Library Programs	A librarian from St. John emailed the BCLA list-serve about interesting community-led literary oriented programs that libraries in BC are organizing.
Action	Respond to list-serve email if you have a community-led literacy program to share.
Agenda Item 4 Any New Business c. Position Descriptions in Constitution	Anna asked about writing position-descriptions and adding them to our constitution. Tara mentioned that there are descriptions for the main roles but they are sparse/general. We discussed where we should store this information (on the website or with the secretary?) Every time the executive changes, a lot of knowledge and information gets lost. Tara encouraged us to write more specific details of what our positions entail
Action	Executives should elaborate on their positions and store the description until we decide where to store the information.
Agenda Item 4 Any New Business d. Indexing Past Issues of YAACING	April's colleague Sam wants to index our past issues of YAACING. We all approve.
Action	April is going to refer him to Alicia and Francesca to get permissions.
Agenda Item 4 Any New Business e. Island Update	Adrienne mentioned that the steampunk conference is coming up on April 20 and discussed the events that she is organizing in anticipation of that. The steampunk challenge is an online scavenger hunt for teens and tweens that introduces kids to library resources for the Greater Victoria Public Library. Vancouver Island Regional Library is organizing a kindergarten program.
Agenda Item 5 Next Meeting Action	We will have another meeting in June. We discussed potential locations. Francesca's place does not allow teleconferencing. New Vice-Chair Saara will assist with planning the meeting. Tara will send out possible dates for our June meeting.
Agenda Item 6 Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.