

# YAACS AGM

Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 5:00-6:00pm

Present:

Julia McKnight (Outgoing Chair/ Incoming Past Chair)

Patricia Lesku (Outgoing Vice Chair / Incoming Chair)

Kate Wood (Incoming Vice Chair)

Kate Longley (Outgoing Past Chair)

Sarah Bagshaw (Continuing Education Coordinator, Children's Services: Lower Mainland)

Rhiannon Wallace (Secretary)

Maiya Letourneau (iSchool Student Liaison)

Ashley (Okanagan Regional Library)

## 1. Approval of agenda

## 2. Approval of minutes from our meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>

Approval of May 10 minutes will be postponed until September meeting

## 3. Committee / Rep Updates

Patricia Lesku is incoming Chair, Julia McKnight is Past Chair, Kate Wood is incoming Vice Chair, Rhiannon Wallace is incoming Secretary

Patricia and Julia will ensure that Kate and Rhiannon have necessary documents and logins

### **Open positions**

Social Media coordinator: Responsibilities include uploading YAACS documents, running social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram), sending out updates

Awards Chair: Responsibilities include sending out listserv message regarding nominations, heading Awards committee; award recipient gets recognized at BCLA conference

Can send expressions of interest to Patricia Lesku at [yaacsbc@gmail.com](mailto:yaacsbc@gmail.com)

### **Awards Committee**

Julia filled in YAACS Award Chair role this year

Video recording for YAACS Award and BCLA Award will be played at the BCLA AGM

Currently it's difficult to connect with members in general, because many people are cut off from their work email; hopefully people will be able to connect again in September

### **YAACING Editors (Leah and Kate W.)**

Current team is continuing in their roles

Newest issue is almost ready, connecting with Cynthia Ford (SRC Coordinator) to include a piece on how SRC is changing this year

If newest issue needs more material, could send out a call on listserv for short article about current experiences (esp. from staff who have been laid off); a tight deadline is fine

Sarah will submit a series of articles based on practicum work to include in newest issue

In the fall there will probably be lots of material/discussion to include in YAACING around experience of offering services during Covid, and bringing people back into workplace

### **Continuing Education Coordinators Check-in**

Current team is continuing in their roles

Held a successful story time workshop in March; planning to hold a similar workshop again with more specific topics; have discussed waiting until fall, but may also hold one in the summer

Workshop suggestions: bringing someone in to talk about doing virtual story times (demo, discussion, etc); holding a virtual meeting to share felt story ideas or have a felt-story-making session/workshop

WVML will likely allow us to use their virtual meeting room

### **Plans for the coming year**

YSI was well-planned but got cancelled, meaning we can hold the planned YSI at the next conference

Not having to plan YSI gives us opportunity to think about how to have YAACS better support us; can continue this conversation after the AGM with colleagues, friends, etc. to find out where support and attention is needed (professional development, coming into YAACS positions, etc)

Outreach suggestions: reaching out more to students from different librarian and library technician programs about attending workshops, etc.; reaching out more to teacher librarians so they know YAACS is not just for public library workers

Meeting online has allowed us to stretch much farther afield and connect with the whole province rather than having Lower Mainland focus; we should keep this going; video is accessible and nicer than conference calling

Patricia has held two YAACS Meetups discussing current library work, SRC plans, supporting teen volunteers, etc.; if there are topics anyone is interested in for future meetups, Patricia can make connections to get people together and brainstorm

Suggestion for brainstorming/discussing ideas: could get volunteers to research ideas and reach out to different library systems; listserv does not always spark discussions (and can be very asynchronous), so proactive research/survey approach might be better

Meetups are good for specific topics, because can tell people topics ahead of time and they can come prepared; they also help us emphasize hearing from smaller libraries

Julia: if there's a question that comes out of a YAACS meeting that we want to take offline, BCLA may be able to give us a list of libraries we can approach

When Patricia sends out invite to next Meetup, will also send out request for topics for future meetups; anticipating questions around current changes (not being able to touch materials, etc.)

### **Next Meeting (September)**

There will likely be a discussion of virtual SRC (what worked and what didn't, etc.)

Fall workshop suggestion: leading STEAM workshops or creative workshops that people can do from home with minimal supplies

As soon as we get a date for the Conference, we can confirm if 2020 YSI Keynote speaker is available again

Noted for future planning that Zoom calls can have ~300 people on them if necessary

We will have another YAACS Meetup session in early July

**Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm**