

YAACS AGM

Date: Saturday April 24

In Attendance: Darby Love, Vicki Donoghue, Sarah Donald, Susan Redmond, Meghan Radomske

Minutes: Kate Lowe

Item 1: New Executive

- New Executive members are:
Darby Love – Vice Chair
Chris Conroy – Continuing Education Coordinator - Lower Mainland
April Ens – Co-Website Administrator
Kate Lowe – Co-Secretary
Meghan Radomske - Co-Secretary
Ellen Wu – Co-SLAIS Liaison
Sara Hathaway – Co-SLAIS Liaison

Item 2: Chair's Report

- Susan gave the chair's report. The written report may be found at the end of the minutes

Item 3: Thanks

- Thanks to the outgoing executive for their hard work. Thanks to the new members and a big thank you to Susan.

Item 4: Continuing Education Committee

- This committee is starting up. If anyone is interested in working on this committee they can speak to Vikki.
- One of the goals of this committee is to take YAACS professional development onto the web through podcasts, etc.
- There will be more goals to come for this committee

Item 5: Bylaws and Procedures Committee

- This is another committee that is starting up. Anyone interested in joining this committee can speak to Susan Redmond

Item 6: Continuing Business

- Further discussion of the possibility of a YAACS blog or Wiki

- A survey to collect conference ideas

Move to Adjourn.

Annual Report, Young Adult and Children's Section, BCLA, 2009-2010

This has been a very busy, challenging year for the Young Adult and Children's Services section.

At the Board Spring Retreat following last year's conference the BCLA board determined that the board needed to refocus and re-channel their energies into public and academic libraries. In order to do this, it was decided that there needed to be broader representation on the board. Since both the YAACS and ALPS seats on the board are seen to represent specific rather than general segments of these populations, it was decided that these two seats should represent broader mandates. After an initial meeting with Ken Cooley and Mari Martin, it was determined that the executive needed to hear from the membership to decide how to deal with this issue. A survey was posted on Survey Monkey asking the membership for direction in this matter. The response was very clear. The membership responded (90%) that the YAACS executive should continue to assert the position that YAACS continue to be a BCLA section with representation at the board level. This message was taken to Ken Cooley and Marjorie Mitchell in a follow-up meeting after the survey. It was during this meeting that Ken Cooley assured the executive that a resolution about this issue would not be brought forth to this year's AGM. As of the final BCLA board meeting in March, it would appear that the executive has heard from both YAACS and ALPS and has decided that the board must now bring this matter forward to the general BCLA membership for direction on this issue. For the time being, it would appear that YAACS has done all that needs to be done. This issue occupied much of the time and energy of the executive this year.

The celebration of the Olympics here in Vancouver made it difficult for YAACS to offer our usual slate of continuing education programs here in the Lower Mainland. However, Tracy Kendrick, the Island Continuing Education coordinator carried on business as usual and was able to offer two programs for the Island's children and youth librarians.

On March 23, Kathy Reid Naiman, the renowned "musician, teacher, and inspiration" came from Ontario to Vancouver Island to offer her fabulous "Songs for Babies and Toddlers" workshop. Tracy Kendrick, head of children's from Victoria, hosted the session at the (???) Library. Then on January 16, 2010, Tracy hosted another workshop with the renowned storyteller and teacher Margaret Read MacDonald, who brought her fabulous skills and stories to a "Playing with Story" workshop. Both workshops were well attended.

While there were not the usual workshop offerings in the Lower Mainland, Janet Mumford hosted a joint YAACS/SLAIS salon in August, 2009. Visiting California author and former Vancouver School Teacher, Ann Stalcup shared stories of writing the biography of Caldecott winning author/illustrator from

Southern California, Leo Politti whose books made famous the migration of the swallows to the missions of California and was one of the first author/illustrators to celebrate the lives of immigrant children and their families in his books and murals. Politti's books have recently been reissued by the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. The salon was well attended and was a wonderful success.

This year also saw the 25th anniversary of the publication of YAACING. YAACING, the professional journal of the Young Adults and Children's Services Section of the BC Library Association is read throughout and beyond BC by library employees who serve youth such as children's and youth librarians, teacher librarians, community librarians, library technicians and clerks, library and information science students and professors, researchers, authors, illustrators and publishers interested in children's literature and professionals interested in literacy for the young and older.

While initially recruitment for vacant board positions was slow, as the drive moved forward, the executive was overwhelmed by the number of people willing to come forward and stand for seats on the executive. The number of volunteers was so plentiful that the executive decided to have a number of joint positions on the board to accommodate all the volunteers. To that end the following positions were filled with new faces.

We have two new people who will be sharing the job of secretary this year, Kate Lowe (Vancouver Public Library) and Meghan Radomske (MLIS Candidate). April Ens (Vancouver Public Library) will be joining Francesca de Freitas (MLIS candidate) as our new co-web administrator. April and Pam Fairfield (Vancouver Public Library) will be working with Joanne Canow and Phillippa Brown, learning the ropes as a new YAACING co-editors. Ellen Wu (MLIS candidate) and Sara Hathaway (MLIS candidate) will be co-liaisons for SLAIS at UBC. Christine Conroy (Port Moody Public Library and Coquitlam Public Library) will be our new continuing education coordinator.

For vice-chair this year we had a number of people interested in the position, but in the end we were able to offer the position to Darby Love (North Vancouver District Public Library and Burnaby Public Library). We are very excited to have Darby join our group. Like all incoming Vice Chairs Darby will be involved in the coordination of YAACS sponsored sessions at the annual BCLA conference, as well as representing YAACS at conference planning meeting and generally organizing our presence at the conference in Victoria next year.

Any members who are interested in getting involved on the executive should contact the current executive members or watch for notices for nominations, which are sent out in advance of the AGM in April this year. We are also looking for member who might like to be involved in committees. The executive is hoping this year to form a committee to look at the YAACS constitution, as well as a working group to examine procedures and processes within the executive, as well as job descriptions.

The executive found it challenging this year to focus on other priorities, such as continuing education. As a result, Vicki Donoghue and Schula Leonard have volunteered to form a working group to look at future continuing education workshops offered by YAACS, as well as looking at ways to make material from these workshops available to the membership through the YAACS website.

And this report would not be complete without a huge thank you to Vicki Donoghue who will be moving on from the executive this year after 4 years of serving the YAACS community. Vicki started out as Vice Chair in 2006 and has willingly extended her original three terms to four years, to be co-chair with Chris Kevlahan in 2009. Vicki professionalism, hard work and strong experience with YAACS has made her a valuable resource this year through all the turmoil and a strong and steady support to have on the executive. She will be sadly missed, but we know that she can be relied upon for advice and support for the section in the years to come. Thank you Vicki!