
Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2010 6:00 pm, BCLA Office

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Attendance at Meeting *(add rows as necessary)*

Name	Department./Division	E-mail	Present/Regrets
Sarah Donald	Chair	sdonald@westvanlib.rary.ca	present
Susan Redmond	Past Chair	sredmond@fvrl.bc.ca	present
Darby Love	Co-Chair	darbyl@gmail.com	present
Kate Lowe	Co-Secretary	kate.lowe@vpl.ca	regrets
Meghan Radomske	Co-Secretary	meghanradomske@gmail.com	present
Chris Conroy	Continuing Education Coordinator (Lower Mainland)	chrisconroy@shaw.ca	present
Tracy Kendrick	Continuing Education Coordinator (Vancouver Island)	tkendrick@gvpl.ca	regrets
Noreen Ma	Red Cedar Liaison	nma75@shaw.ca	present
Ellen Wu	Co-SLAIS Liaison	mellenycwu@gmail.com	present
Sara Hathaway	Co-SLAIS Liaison	hathawse@gmail.com	present
Francesca de Freitas	Website Administrator	francescaalexandra@gmail.com	present
Joanne Canow	YAACING co editor	joanne.canow@vpl.ca	regrets
Phillippa Brown	YAACING co-editor	pbrown@gvpl.ca	regrets
Pamela Fairfield	Membership Secretary	prfairfield@yahoo.ca	regrets
Mary Locke	BC Teacher Librarian Assn. Liaison	mlocke@telus.net	present
April Ens	Website Administrator/YAACIN G Co-Editor	april.ens@vpl.ca	present

Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

Meeting called to order	6:25
Approval of Agenda	6:27
Agenda item 1: Introductions	Because there are so many new members on the YAACS Executive, we did a round of introductions. Susan passed the “ceremonial YAAC” to the new chair Sarah.
Action	Each person communicated their YAACS position and related employment/schooling.
Agenda item 2 BCLA Update Attachment: YAACS/PLIG letter in support of BC Teacher-Librarians’ Assoc Attachment: Return letter from Gordon Campbell	Sarah reports that we sent a letter in support of the BC Teacher-Librarians’ Association on May 11 to Gordon Campbell asking the government to reconsider the reductions of learning specialists including teacher-librarians. We received a reply suggesting that funding has been increased for schools. Christopher Kevlahan is now on the BCLA Executive as Vice-Chair. CLA is on the verge of bankruptcy. BCLA is doing ok, but needs to be careful. BCLA has formed the President’s Task Force on Strategic Sustainability. Different working groups are being formed—YAACS should make sure we have a presence at these meetings to show our value and emphasize that we don’t cost that much. An organization needs to be of worth to its members—CLA has no Children’s Interest group. There is a fear that YAACS will be cut all-together, so we need to consider how to make ourselves useful/worthy to YAACS members around the province. People who attended the BCLA Conference in Penticton gave feedback on the sessions they attended. Susan enjoyed Colleen Bell’s “What Kind of Animal Are You?” which discussed the limits of working memory. Sarah enjoyed the sessions on toys and technology which discussed the idea that sitting and reading is too passive for many children these days. Books which are partly read and partly explored online are another option. Susan thinks public libraries need to put more time into establishing e-book collections. VPL and WV recently purchased some e-book readers to test them.
Action	We will attend Working Group meetings. Sarah will invite people from around the province to use conference calling in order to phone in to the next YAACS meeting.
Agenda item 3 Communication	Sarah is going to a meeting/workshop in September that is about ‘how to be a Chair.’ She will report what she learns! We need to be more careful when sending out messages via the YAACS list-serv, BCLA list-serv or posting to the website and ensure that we are being consistent and not repeating earlier messages. We agreed to run

messages by Sarah before posting them to the website and to forward her emails that she will then share on YAACS' behalf. Sarah will double-check with BCLA to see if our letters are representing YAACS specifically or BCLA in general. Anything political should be sent through BCLA.

YAACS usually meets quarterly. Sarah is happy to send out another meeting wizard for September after Labour Day.

Action	Sarah is attending "How to be a Chair" Workshop in September. Sarah will review emails and messages before sending them out on YAACS' behalf & set up Meeting Wizard for Sept meeting.
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Agenda Item 4 2011 Conference Planning	Alane is going to be in contact with Darby about 2011 Conference Planning. YAACS should send call-out to people around BC asking for ideas for 2011 Conference sessions. Potential speakers will have to submit a proposal that will be voted on by the BCLA Conference Planning Committee.
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Action	Darby will prepare email calling for ideas/suggestions from YAACS list-serv. Mary will forward it to teacher-librarians. April & Francesa will post Darby's message on website.
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Agenda item 5 Updates & Any New Business	Chris updated us on Continuing Education—she's waiting to speak with Vicki and Maryn about the Continuing Education opportunities that occurred last year & pinpoint any ideas for this year. YAACS had few Continuing Education opportunities last year, but we did co-sponsor a Booktalk workshop with Interlink recently @ NVPDL & Surrey Public Library.
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Schula has idea for workshops from a woman who can teach signing songs.

YAACS should try to have a bigger presence at Children's Literature events, including Vancouver Children's Literature Roundtable events. Judi Saltman's Book Launch is Friday, June 26th at VPL—many YAACS members are planning on attending. Janet Mumford represented YAACS at many events in the past. We should ask to have a YAACS table at various events—Susan has a kit with a banner & YAACS swag to set up.

Sarah suggested we try to have more fundraising. In the past we fundraised for Sheila A. Egoff's Children's Literature Prize by organizing a luncheon during the BCLA Conference. We could have a draw/silent auction.

Darby suggested the idea of a blog/wiki to post news, podcasts, etc and to show YAACS' value to BCLA members. We currently have a wiki and a Facebook page, set up by Paul Evans who now lives in Japan. They are not used very often. Francesca suggests we focus our time on one single outlet that we include as a link in all of our emails—her recommendation is to update the website as it requires much less currency/updating than a blog,

Facebook page, or twitter account. Francesca will add the rhyme times from a past event. If you have information that you want to share on the YAACS webpage, email it to Francesca or April. We discussed having some content open to everyone and some guarded for BCLA/YAACS members only—based on the preferences of presenters regarding how their content is made available. We could get a permission slip from speakers to post their presentations online.

Susan reports that Vicki is interested in setting up a Book Club for people interested in YA lit—it might be a good opportunity of inviting SLAIS students to join YAACS. People should email Vicki if interested.

Sara and Ellen provided a SLAIS update. Book discussion groups and Salons will continue this year. They are planning to recruit people to YAACS at the SLAIS Orientation in Sept. Susan suggests inviting them to the Executive Meetings. Sara also suggested collaborating with the Chocolate Lily Award organizers on an event—she will look into it and report back at the September meeting.

Sarah reports that we need to strike up a committee to look at our bylaws and update them. Bylaws are listed on the website.

The idea of promoting local BC authors and publishers was discussed by arranging author's talks and children's festivals. FVRL is hosting Hugh Brewster in November—he is promoting a Scholastic boys series to grades 4/5/6 and he charges \$250/hour if anyone is interested in contacting him. Susan will send out the dates he is in town.

It was difficult to get contributions for the most recent YAACING, which came out June 23rd (perhaps because Judi was not teaching a Children's Course at SLAIS last term). Topics are anything to do with Children's & YA literature or events and they can be any length. We will post YAACING due dates on the website from now on. We could look at the BCTLA journal for ideas and find out if anyone would be willing to write a regular column. Noreen will write about Judi's book launch. Meghan will write a report about the Book Camp once it is done. Darby will contact Alison Campbell about submitting conference reviews to BCLA Browser.

The funding cut for the Teen Reading Club was discussed. Funding is being cut for many programs. Red Cedar is also having difficulty—they weren't able to have their Gala this year and are pursuing fundraising options.

Action

Chris will talk to Vicki, Maryn, & Schula for Continuing Education ideas. Francesca will add rhyme times to the website.

Sara will look into doing a collaborative program with the Chocolate Lily Award organizers.

Susan will send out the dates that Hugh Brewster is in town.

Francesca and April will update the website with future YAACING due dates.

Noreen will write about Judi’s book launch for the next YAACING.

Meghan will write a report on the Book Camp for YAACING once Camp is finished in August.

Darby will contact Alison Campbell about using her BCLA Conference Write-Ups.

Darby will find out if we can record any of the 2011 Conference Sessions to post on our website.

Next Regular Meeting

September after Labour Day. Sarah to set up Meeting Wizard.

Meeting Adjourned

7:55pm
