
Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2011 6:30 pm, Vancouver Public Library, Renfrew Branch

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Attendance at Meeting *(add rows as necessary)*

<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	Continuing Education Liaison (Lower Mainland)	sredmond@fvrl.bc.ca	present
Darby Love	Chair	darbyl@ymail.com	present
Kate Lowe	Member-at-Large	kate.lowe@vpl.ca	regrets
Meghan Radomske	Secretary	meghanradomske@gmail.com	present
Chris Conroy	Continuing Education Coordinator (Lower Mainland)	chrisconroy@shaw.ca	present
Kristen Rumohr	Continuing Education Coordinator (Vancouver Island)	krumohr@virl.bc.ca	Present via teleconference
Noreen Ma	Red Cedar Liaison	nma75@shaw.ca	present
Ellen Wu	Membership Secretary	mellenycwu@gmail.com	present
Sara Hathaway	Vice-Chair	hathawse@gmail.com	present
Francesca de Freitas	Website Administrator	francescaalexandra@gmail.com	present
Rachel Balko	SLAIS Liaison	rbalko@interchange.ubc.ca	regrets
Mary Locke	BCTLA/BCTF Representative	mlocke@telus.net	present
Jennifer Windecker	Vancouver Island Representative	jwindecker@virl.bc.ca	Present via teleconference
April Ens	Website Administrator/ YAACING Co-Editor	april.ens@vpl.ca	present

Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

Meeting called to order 6:35pm

Approval of Agenda April made motion to approve agenda and Susan seconded.

Agenda item 1
Introductions Everyone introduced themselves.

Agenda item 2
BCLA Update BCLA held a board meeting on June 21. YAACS does not have to worry about its position on the board this year. Chris Kevlahan and Errin Morrison have been very great about including YAACS and keeping us involved in board proceedings. Darby is going to give feedback regarding our information on the BCLA website (so she will ask advice from Francesca and April on that). Susan gave background info to Kristen and Jennifer about the year BCLA wanted to remove us and ALPS from the board.

For BCLA, the conference is a big priority. The priorities reported from the membership survey results were emailed out to the BCLA list-serv. A major concern for BCLA respondents was “being less regional”. Darby proposed that we need a northern community representative—she went to the Beyond Hope conference. The next priority listed was advocacy, which Errin Morrison is already focusing on. Darby is excited about the leadership concerning advocacy. Another priority is to increase membership. There is also a need to improve financials. BCLA will have some financial savings through holding the conference in the same place for two years. BCLA board members also discussed creating a small section fee for members to join a particular section. This would keep people from joining 6 different groups without actually getting involved actively, but it might also prevent people from joining groups in which they are interested.

Francesca congratulated Darby on the Annual Report. Darby said it was hard to find information about all of the events that we organized this year. Susan mentioned that our record-keeping has not been as organized as it should be and April agreed that even website minutes have not been consistently posted to the website.

Action Darby will ask Francesca and April for advice on the website and give feedback to BCLA Board.
Darby will email YAACS list-serv about recruiting a Northern Community representative.
Meghan will type up the minutes and ensure that April has all of the minutes for posting to the website.

Agenda item 3
BCLA Conference Update The BCLA Conference has been booked for Richmond for the next two years. Nothing else has happened yet. Sara called Errin to confirm this morning.

Agenda item 4 We discussed a plan of action on how we want to present YAACS during
Goals/Restructuring Discussion the restructuring of BCLA—Darby has mentioned bringing ourselves more
into the public eye and showing a professional face. April asserted that we
don't always communicate the great things we do. Darby included Allison
Taylor McBride's retirement in the BCLA Report. April says we should put in
a blurb to let people know that we've redesigned *YAACING*. Francesca
suggested that we put together a written communications plan for
YAACING to help format its professional appearance.

Sara talked to a lot of information technicians at rhyme time and they said that YAACS language isn't really skewed towards them, that they're not included as terms like "librarians" are being used in communications instead of "information professionals". Noreen suggests we get a library technician representative to be on the YAACS committee. Mary asked us to clarify what library technicians do and what librarians do as she's unfamiliar with the distinction in her position as a teacher-librarian. April, Susan, and Sara explained the skills and responsibilities of library technicians. Sara suggested we make more of an effort to reach out to library technicians. Darby suggested that we include this in our communications plan. April says she is careful with wording when sending out calls for *YAACING*. Susan says we have formal bylaws that needs to be updated and suggested that we get a group of people together to re-visit bylaws and use more inclusive language. At the AGM, we could then propose our new bylaws—they would need to be approved by the board. Susan also suggested that we get an LTAIG representative. Mary asked us how BCLA accounts for differences between librarians and library technicians in terms of belonging to professional associations—she wondered if our issues are the same as BCTLA/BCTF issues. Noreen talked about how directors of individual library systems decide whether to hire librarians or library technicians for particular jobs and duties. Darby said we aren't professionally designated. Chris talked about how libraries determine the designations internally to keep the needs of both librarians and library technicians. Chris mentioned that library technicians aren't usually in management positions. Kristen reported that at VIRL library technicians and librarians are in two separate unions.

Darby put forth a motion to start a communications committee and Sara seconded this motion. Francesca and Susan volunteered to be the primary members of the committee and Darby and Sara volunteered to help out on-call. Darby asked if we want to form a bylaw group as Susan suggested. Meghan proposed we make it part of communications plan, and Francesca agreed that we talk about the communications plan and then touch base on bylaws later.

Action Darby will email YAACS list-serv about recruiting an Information Technician representative and/or an LTAIG representative.
Francesca and Susan will begin work on communications committee to

	form a formal communications plan for YAACS.
Agenda Item 5 Online Survey of Children's Services Professionals	<p>We discussed creating an online survey of children's services professionals. Darby asked Susan what the 2008/09 YAACS survey included—it was different from what we have in mind. Darby and Sara will create the survey informally and send out draft to us before we send it out. Susan recommends we send the survey out to Children's Services Heads who then distribute them further. Mary asked about the goal of the survey. Darby said we want to see what our members would like to see YAACS do. Francesca asked about the time-frame of getting the results from the survey as ideally the results of that survey should drive the work of the communications committee. They may create a temporary communications plan and then develop a longer-term plan based on survey results. Darby asked for advice on designing the survey. Chris advised her to keep the survey short. Chris mentioned that the survey may end up going out to non-YAACS members, so we may consider asking what we can do to encourage people to join. Darby said that the survey will ask what BCLA groups respondents have joined. Sara suggested asking non-YAACS members why they're not members. Chris mentioned that not all librarians/library techs necessarily have individual memberships to BCLA, which could explain why individuals aren't members of particular BCLA interest groups. It's unclear whether people can still join YAACS if they have institutional membership. Darby will clarify this point with Errin and get back to us. Chris says we probably have untapped membership out there of people who could be joining. Francesca says it's important to look at the goal of YAACS—to provide opportunities to people in YAACS/BCLA or to help people working with children and teens across the province. Chris thinks we'll have to touch on that issue when discussing rhyme time videos as well.</p>
Action	<p>Darby and Sara will create the survey informally and send out draft to us before we send it out.</p> <p>Francesca and Susan may create a temporary communications plan and then develop a longer-term plan based on survey results.</p> <p>Darby will check with Errin whether individuals can sign up for particular interest groups if they have an institutional membership to BCLA.</p>
Agenda item 6 Interlink Workshops/Conti nuing Education Update	<p>Chris said that rhyme time was a great success with lots of attendees. We decided to host two signing workshops as our next workshops. One workshop will potentially target VPL (undecided) and one will target Surrey in November. Both workshops are small and will accommodate 20-25 people maximum. Chris may try and book a room, possibly in the Fraser Valley or somewhere that has a big room, with the dates that she has from Sharon the signer. Noreen recommends that we open up the 2nd workshop to a more general audience. Chris says we have to fill the workshop as we have to pay Sharon \$400. People agreed that attendees may be willing to pay \$25 for a valuable workshop.</p>
	Regarding a potential BCTLA Workshop, Chris received an email from

Sharon Freeman about us participating in a teacher conference in October, but we didn't remember committing to any continuing education at the YAACS AGM during the conference. We agreed that we don't have the time/resources to contribute to teacher's conference at this time. Darby asked for ideas for conference programs for next year. Mary said that teachers would find another Rhyme Time session helpful. Meghan mentioned Randi's Embracing Diversity Program and Darby suggested someone talking about Summer Reading Club programming. Since VPL librarians no longer visit every class, Mary said it might be very interesting to hear about SRC, Red Cedar, YRCA etc. Chris will clarify if Sharon Freeman was thinking of Randi's program for the teacher's conference or whether she has a particular workshop in mind. Susan mentioned that she would be happy to present a workshop if necessary.

At Rhyme Time, Jane Cobb videotaped all rhyme presentations featuring the melodies, actions, and words as a wonderful learning aid. All but one person signed releases giving permission to use their videos. Chris has copies of all of the releases. Jane still has the videos and she is dutifully waiting for us to make a decision. We have to decide whether or not to mount the videos on the web and whether or not to make them public for everyone. We agreed that the rhyme videos should be available to the general public. April suggested that we use the videos to advertise what YAACS offers. Chris said that we have to decide where to post the videos with YouTube, Vimeo, and our website being options. Francesca said that no matter where we put the video, we can have them sitting visible from the BCLA website. She said that we can host videos anywhere, however our interface will be minimal if we host them on the BCLA website. The Embracing Diversity program uses Vimeo, but BCLA often uses YouTube. Francesca suggests we pick one—she can choose the copies and do the uploading. Chris was unclear whether Jane Cobb is also going to use the videos for something else. All were in favour of posting the videos to Vimeo. Francesca will get the videos from Jane Cobb, put them on Vimeo with attached lyrics, and will add them to our website. All agreed to leave videos generic with no attached names. Sara Grant at Surrey Public Library expressed interest in seeing the videos. Francesca suggested that we invite people to submit their own videos to us and to film videos at the BCLA conference by putting up a back sheet and inviting people to come sing a song to us/rhyme/tell a story. Everyone liked this idea and agreed to plan it before the conference. Indexing the videos as the project grows is a possible project for SLAIS students. Chris brought up the issues of copyright and Francesca mentioned that it is unclear, but lots of libraries have posted videos. Francesca will touch base with Jane about copyright concerns, as she has more experience with it. Susan mentioned that people voice copyright concerns when we're trying to make money off of the songs but we're not. Noreen mentioned that libraries pay into SOCAN so it should be covered and Chris agreed that it's for training and education

purposes. Chris asked if Jennifer and Kristen had any ideas for continuing education possibilities on the island that they want to discuss, but they didn't at this point as they're still learning about YAACS.

Action Chris will clarify if Sharon Freeman was thinking of Randi's program for the teacher's conference or whether she has a particular workshop in mind. Francesca will get the videos from Jane Cobb, put them on Vimeo with attached lyrics, will add them to our website. She will also consult with her about copyright concerns.
YAACS executives will plan to shoot more videos at the BCLA conference.

Agenda item 7 Susan reported on the BCLA Continuing Education Committee. They will have a workshop in the fall—a webinar. People approached the committee, Collaborating with BCLA expressing interest in passive programming—programs for teens that don't cost much money. YALSA suggested two ideas that Susan will send to the Continuing Ed Committee committee members for a vote. The fall webinar will use BCLA webinar software so it will be available to anyone in BC who wants to log. We have funding so it shouldn't cost anything. There may be another webinar in spring 2012—only 2 a year. Chris asked if it just so happens that the ones this year are both teen-oriented. Susan would like to see YAACS coordinate more teen workshops, specifically more workshops at the BCLA Conference since YAACS includes a quarter of the BCLA membership. Darby will voice YAACS' wish for more teen-oriented workshops at the BCLA Conference.

Action Susan will share teen programming ideas with the BCLA Continuing Education Committee and keep YAACS updated.
Darby will voice YAACS' wish for more teen-oriented workshops at the BCLA Conference.

Agenda item 8 Mary reported that teacher-librarians are still struggling and that Heather Teacher Librarian Update Daly is entering her 4th year as BCTLA President. Mary's schoolboard lost \$300,000 in April because the province said they're no longer going to cover the insurance for the buildings. This is an example of the situations causing cutbacks by schoolboards that result in teachers getting cut province-wide. Teacher-librarians are sensitive about being replaced by technicians and volunteers and emphasize that public libraries are different than school libraries and cannot replace them. A supreme court case may bring some changes. In 2002, the government broke many contracts so nurses launched a lawsuit and the government had to compensate people who lost jobs. BCTF filed a lawsuit to BC supreme court and it was decided that it was unconstitutional for them to have particular working conditions outside of the contract (including things to do with class size). Bill 33 said teachers can't have more than 3 children in any one class who have special needs. It's still unclear how this Bill will actually play out. Darby will check with Deb to see if we have copy of letter written in support of teacher librarians last year. Mary says they're doing ongoing advocacy.

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Agenda item 9 Books for BC Babies Update	There is no new update for Books for BC Babies. We are still collecting money by donation. The plans for next year and how many funds were raised is complete unknown.
Agenda item 10 Red Cedar Awards Update	Noreen reported that the Red Cedar committee hasn't met yet. Since Allison Taylor-McBride retired, they have no president and are down to four members. There is large time commitment in leading the group and ATM was a driving force. Darby says that Alicia, a librarian at VPL, contacted her and said that she was interested in Red Cedar and web services. She may also be keen to take over from April in assisting Francesca with the website. April will direct her to Noreen. Chris suggested that SLAIS students could get involved. The Red Cedar had a PLSB grant at one point but that's gone now. ATM and Noreen both sent emails to recruit new members and waiting to hear back.
Action	April will introduce Alicia to Noreen to touch base about the Red Cedar committee.
Agenda item 11 YAACING Update	The <i>YAACING</i> summer issue just came out. April brought two print copies of it and shared them with the group. There were lots of submissions, including material that they're holding for future issues (mostly annotated bibliographies from Judi Saltman's class). Pam sent email soliciting submissions and was very impressed with the contributions. We encourage people to send reviews and felt stories, etc. April will be scanning and uploading old copies of <i>YAACING</i> to website. Susan suggested printing out copies of <i>YAACING</i> and putting them in staff rooms to spread the word.
Action	April will be scanning and uploading old copies of <i>YAACING</i> to website. April will send out email about submitting to fall issue.
Agenda item 12 UBC YAACS Update/YAACS Salon	Rachel couldn't make the meeting and there is nothing to report for UBC YAACS at this time. They will ask students for support of Red Cedar.
Action	Rachel will ask SLAIS students to consider joining Red Cedar.
Agenda item 13 Executive Members Contact Details on Website	Francesca says that the very detailed contact details on website are tricky to maintain. She moves to have our contact details more simplified. We all agreed to only post name, position, and email. Darby will also email us about setting up a YAACS phone list.
Action	Francesca will adjust the contact details on the YAACS site. Darby will email us to set up at YAACS phone list.

Agenda item 14
TeenRC Update

Ellen gave an update on the teen reading club. She started her position as the coordinator in May. Their goal is to meet teens online and connect them back to the libraries. The program includes mystery chats where teens volunteer to impersonate a book character that they know inside out and participate in a chat for an hour and a half. Mystery chats worked well last year. Author chats had low attendance last year, so they discouraged it this year. Instead, Ellen is asking teens for interview questions and sending them to authors to post on the blog. She also organized a writing contest featuring prize donations from Kidsbooks and Future Shop. The key is to have TeenRC promoted by librarians, and she's not sure exactly how to do that and gauge interest levels. Ellen apologized for cross-posting. Susan reminded Ellen that teens are still writing exams, but things may pick up in July. Ellen mentioned that many kinds of social media are competing for teens' attention. Mary proposed that the teacher-librarians could help with grade 7, perhaps putting a blurb about the TeenRC in the school newsletter next year in late May. Mary says she could forward it to BCTLA executives who could send it out to chapter councils.

Action

Ellen will continue to communicate through YAACS list-serv about TeenRC and will make note for future coordinator to contact teacher-librarians in May.

Agenda item 15
Developing
Award for
Outstanding
Children's
Librarian

Susan proposed we develop an award for an outstanding children's librarian as there was no such award at the BCLA Awards presentation. She suggested we could call it the Saltman award after Judi. To establish this award, we will need to send out nomination requests in January/February. The award would be a statuette, not a financial reward and YAACS would choose the winner. Darby will send email of ALPS committee to Susan so can ask about how they organize awards.

Action

Darby will send email of ALPS committee to Susan so she can ask how they organize their awards.
Susan will draft email soliciting nominations.

Agenda item 16
Any New
Business

Chris said that money leftover from any workshops we organize cannot be put towards the Sheila A Egoff award because of the way the budget is set up. Chris will forward email to us that she got from BCLA about it.

Regarding people calling into the YAACS meetings, Noreen says that the conference call machine is difficult to get. ALPS uses software that UBC/SFU provides at their meetings. Francesco says that it's difficult to work with Skype off the wireless network because it's slow and people can only hear the person next to the laptop. Darby will email Allie about ideas for getting people to call into meeting without a conference machine. Sara will find out about the special jack used for conference call-ins. Rachel and Ellen will contact Susi about hosting meetings at SLAIS.

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Agenda item 17	Our next meeting will be in September.
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Next Meeting

Action	Sara will send out email about when we shall do it in September.
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Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned 8:27pm.
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