

YAACS Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 7:30-8:30 pm

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Attendees: Rhiannon Wallace (president), Kate Wood (past president), Pippa Rogers, Emily Gow, Holly Broadland, Erin Little, Madeline Ewanyshyn, Sabrina Gurniak, Tess Prendergast

Agenda

1. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve agenda by KW, seconded by EG - carried unanimously

2. Approval of minutes from our September 13, 2022 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes by KW, seconded by SG - carried unanimously

3. Committee / Rep Updates

Chair, Vice-Chair and Past Chair (Rhiannon Wallace, *Vacant*, Kate Wood)

- Update on vacant positions
- Update on discussions of new Student Liaison positions and adjusting documentation
- Discussion of potential for virtual Continuing Ed position
- *RW thanks everyone for attending the meeting*
- *Vacant positions were discussed - secretary & urgently needed incoming president. RW thanked everyone for their continued help, dedication and for coming out to the meetings*
- *RW reminded people that the role of incoming president/president isn't as daunting as it seems.*
- *Please reach out to RW or KW if there is any interest in the roles or questions about the roles.*

- *KW added that if the Executive positions do not get filled, YAACS will fold which will also include the loss of YSI (Youth Services Institute)*
- *RW discussed new student liaison positions. KW & RW had a meeting with Karen Sharkey from UFV (University of Fraser Valley). KW & RW have also been in talks with students from other Library and Library Tech schools and are looking at adding new student liaison positions. Students who are interested in having a liaison are asked to also speak to a faculty rep to see if they would also be interested.*
 - *The new positions will be trialed until the ASM (Annual Section Meeting) at which time they will be officially added as new positions.*
 - *KW & RW will be reviewing the Terms of Reference to ensure they accurately reflect the various and fluid roles.*
- *RW discussed the Virtual Continuing Ed position and expanding the language in the Terms of Reference to reflect this new position as well.*

YAACS Awards Committee (Katherine Parker)

- *Katherine is looking for people to join the Awards Committee.*
- *Katherine will be stepping down after this term and is looking for a replacement for her role.*
- *Thank you for your service, Katherine! We appreciate you.*

YAACING Newsletter (Sabrina Gurniak, Emily Gow, Dawn Lo)

- *Sabrina & Emily published the fall issue.*
- *Editors are trying something new for 2023 - will do three issues covering teens, middle years (elementary age) and early years (up to age 5)*
- *Editors are currently looking for submissions for their first 2023 issue about teens (programs, articles, anything). Submissions do not need to be from a librarian, can be anyone in library services.*
- *Editors sent out a survey with the fall issue and have currently received four responses.*
- *YAACING will include instructions for how to join the forum rather than the Listserv in the next issue to reflect this change from BCLA.*

Continuing Education – Teen Services - Lower Mainland (Stephanie Usher, Alan Woo, Vacant)

- *Welcome to Alan who will be joining Stephanie!*

Continuing Education – Children’s Services - Lower Mainland (Sarah Bagshaw, Tess Prendergast)

- *No updates.*

Continuing Education – Vancouver Island (*Vacant*)

- *No updates.*

Continuing Education – Kootenays (Melodie Rae Storey)

- *No updates.*

BCTLA/BCTF Representative (Holly Broadland)

- *Holly has just come from a weekend executive meeting with the BCTLA Executive; they were discussing the success of the BCTLA conference.*
- *KW attended the virtual BCTLA conference and also noted it was excellent with great speakers and presentations.*
- *Conference theme for 2023 is Social Justice.*
- *There will be an online webinar in the Spring about the new Library Challenge database from the Center for Free Expression and they will be helping to run it. Check the BCTLA website for more information.*
- *Vancouver Teacher Librarian Association will be having Winter Tonic on February 22 at Gladstone Secondary*
 - *Winter Tonic is a few sessions of Pro-D and dinner. Open to external librarians.*

UBC iSchool Liaisons (Vanessa Bedford Gill, Natalia Wilczek) (Tess Prendergast - faculty liaison)

- *No updates.*

Red Cedar Book Award (Marilyn MacPherson)

- *Red Cedar Book Awards held their AGM in October 2022*
- *They have a call out for volunteers, but YAACS is unsure if the positions have been filled.*
- *Please email Marilyn at redcedaraward@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in the role.*

4. Continuing Business

2023 YSI

- Questionnaire results
- Volunteer opportunities
- Dates and formats
- Speakers (interest from LOVE BC, CWILL)
 - *Most people are interested in a hybrid model for YSI*
 - *Some people would only like virtual*
 - *Most people were interested in Children's for group age of focus.*
 - *Topics of interest were: SEW (Social-Emotional wellbeing), Reconciliation, STEM, skills through books reading, engaging with parents of young babies, climate crisis and climate action, trauma informed programming, Indigenous learning, welcome back theme, pre-teen social development, EDI (Equity-Diversity-Inclusion)*
 - *Suggested keynotes - Betsy from MotherGoose on the Loose, Monique Grey Smith.*
 - *RW the trend seems to be that everyone is interested in having it virtual, due to capacity and current number of volunteers we will likely go the route of virtual again.*
 - *SG asked if there could be "hubs" in different areas so that people could gather in person and have some component of an "in person" conference. RW agrees it's a great idea but would definitely require some volunteers and coordination.*
 - *Suggested dates were a wide variety, so the Executive may just choose a time or check in with people again.*
 - *People would like some format of keynote followed by lightning talks*
 - *RW suggested Katija Lafferty - former climate writer in residence at West Van Library. Lots of experience working with unhoused people, Indigenous communities etc.*
 - *CWILL has expressed interest in participating in YSI or collaborating in some other capacity (KW: they attended the BCTLA conference this year and did a hybrid presentation)*
 - *LOVE has expressed interest in participating in YSI (<https://loveorganization.ca/bc/>) - PR, TP & SG expressed support and interest in LOVE being a presenter.*
 - *SG used to work for Autism BC and has a connection that might be interested in AIDE - they are currently working on an online course for librarians about serving autistic patrons and their families (<https://aidecanada.ca/>)*
 - *RW: Do we want a full day or half day YSI?*
 - *Discussion: TP - conference fatigue is something to consider, half day is more appealing than a full day. Suggested 9:30-2:30 with a lunch break or even a shorter time without lunch..eg. 12:30-4:30 or 1:00-5:00*

- *RW: If it's shorter the ASM (Annual Section Meeting) could follow YSI, if YSI is held in the morning.*
- *TP mentioned she had recently attended the Keeping it Real conference which was 9:30-2:30 with a break and they had a keynote speaker and lightning talks - she felt it was the perfect length.*
- *RW suggested adding a section on the YAACS forum about YSI so that we can have some brainstorming/discussion about YSI 2023.*
- *RW - we won't settle on a keynote as of yet, so that people have an opportunity to give more feedback and discuss.*
- *SG suggested a focus on middle-age age group*
- *TP - really intrigued by climate crisis and climate action - child activists but also feels trauma informed service and "welcome back" themes are important too.*
- *RW perhaps a theme that recognizes that kids are dealing with serious things in their lives and how we can support them.*
- *TP a focus on "taking care" - people come to conferences for new ideas so having some new information and new ideas.*

Terms of Reference

- Wording changes for Student Liaison and potentially Continuing Ed coordinator positions
 - *KW & RW will be reviewing the Terms of Reference and adjusting the wording to reflect the new student liaisons and the Continuing Education Coordinator virtual position role.*
 - *Reviewing the language around section officers being required to have a BCLA membership. Rina said we can add something in our bylaws that we don't require membership, or that we allow the President to waive membership fees on a case by case basis.*

5. New Business

New BCLA Website and Online Forum

- Transitioning from mailing list / listserv to online forum
 - *RW: We have online forums now - instructions will be in the next issue of YAACING and on our social media channels. Rina also sent out our meeting info this time to the BCLA listserv. Please ensure you are subscribed to the YAACS forum and are signed up as part of the YAACS section on the BCLA website.*
 - *Benefits of being a member means that you have a vote!*
- Make sure you're subscribed to YAACS section and YAACS forum!

- *RW: Please, please volunteer for YAACS so we can keep this important section up and running!*
- *Motion to end meeting by TP, seconded by EG, unanimously passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm