

YAACS Annual Section Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 7:00-8:00 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Rhiannon Wallace, Emily Gow, Kate Wood, Holly Broadland, Marilyn Macpherson, Alan Woo, Stephanie Usher, Katherine Parker, Sarah Bagshaw, Francesca de Freitas, Rachel L

Agenda

1. Approval of agenda

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

2. Approval of minutes from our January 12, 2023 Meeting

Approval of minutes from our January 12, 2023 Meeting Motion to approve minutes by KW, seconded by EG - carried unanimously

3. Committee / Rep Updates

President, Incoming President and Past President (Rhiannon Wallace, Emily Gow, Kate Wood)

- Thank you to everyone who has supported YAACS this past year
- Congratulations Sara Grant (Surry Libraries) the 2023 YAACS Award Winner
- Update on vacant positions: YAACS Awards Committee, 1 Continuing Education, Post-Secondary Liaisons – please reach out to RW or EG if you are interested in any of the vacant positions
 - Hoping to expand the Post-Secondary Liaison positions to include Langara and UFV Tech programs
- Update on Incoming President – posting now closed and we hope to confirm the new Incoming President soon

Website and Social Media Administrator (Sadie Tucker)

- 2022-2023 report-back in submitted in writing

I have stream-lined our social media communications over the past year:

- I decided to only share YAACS-specific content so I no longer retweet or share external resources about youth and/or children's services. The advantages of this strategy are that it is less work to maintain and also makes it is easier for users to find YAACS-specific information (e.g., meeting date/time, YSI registration, etc.). This does mean that things like our Pinterest page and YouTube channel have been neglected. It's also possible that this has decreased our overall engagement – social media algorithms are impenetrable, so I'm not sure about this.

- I have created a number of templates on Canva for common posts (new issues of YAACING, meeting reminders, etc.). I recolour them each time to add some variety to our feeds.
- Canva's new Quick Create tool that creates themed posts for a variety of social media platforms has been a real time-saver. However, I have a feeling that it will not be a free resource forever.

Please continue to promote our social media platforms to colleagues. Other than email, they are one of the primary ways that we communicate with our membership.

YAACS Awards Committee (Katherine Parker)

- Sarah Grant received this year's YAACS award. She accepted the award at BCLA and gave a speech where she expressed her gratitude to be recognized by her peers. After 20 years in Children's services Sarah is now working as a branch head.
- Katherine is stepping down as the chair of the YAACS award. She says that it has been a rewarding position. Brief overview of the position:
 - The award recognized exceptional services to Children's services and is open to all positions (both individuals and groups can be nominated)
 - Put out all for committee members and nominations
 - Coordinate with the YAACS awards committee members
 - Review nominations as a group and forward nominee to BCLA
 - Write blurb for YAACING about the winner
- If you are interested in the position, please contact RW or EG

YAACING Newsletter (Emily Gow, Sabrina Gurniak)

- Thank you to everyone who contributed to and read the first Teen issue of YAACING
- We will continue with three issues a year (Teens, Early Years and Middle Years)
- The next issue is Early Years and should be out in May
- We are attempting to streamline the editing/art direction process and are updating documentation
- Will be looking for new editors/art directors next year

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

- No update but are hoping to do one last hurrah before the summer kicks off. Potentially a meet-up.

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

- Would like to run some in-person meetups, but also like how zoom is often more accessible. Open to any suggestions and ideas.
- The BCLA Groups account is available for continuing education events and meetups. Reach out to the president for more information.

Continuing Education – Vancouver Island (*vacant*)

- No update.

Continuing Education – Kootenays (Melodie Rae Storey)

- No update.

BCTLA/BCTF Representative (Holly Broadland)

- Trying to figure out how to best share info between BCTF and YAACS. Will be sharing info on YAACING in an upcoming BCTLA newsletter and social channels
- Shared that they have seen an increase in book challenges
- Annual BCTLA conference will take place on October 20th in the Lower Mainland – would love to have YAACS members participate

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

- Will be moving ahead with library tours in the spring
- Natalia will be stepping down

Post-Secondary Liaisons - Langara (Francesca de Freitas (faculty liaison))

- Francesca introduced herself and is looking forward to starting the role in the new school year.

Post-Secondary Liaisons - UFV (Karen Sharkey (faculty liaison))

- Karen introduced herself and is excited to start take on the role of faculty liaison.
- Will be looking for a student representative in the fall

Red Cedar Book Award (Marilyn MacPherson)

- Grateful for the relationship with BCLA and YAACS
- Working on growing the team and offering more content, beyond selecting winners
- Hoping to run a survey to see how public libraries are participating with the Red Cedar Award or even if they are participating. Have already completed a survey with school libraries. Will share the survey link in the BCLA forum.

3. Continuing Business

Report on 2023 YSI

- The Virtual YSI went smoothly with only one tech glitch. Received positive feedback from participants, including a clear desire to hear more from the lighting talk presenters.
- Contemplating returning to in-person next year. Pros and Cons were briefly discussed

Terms of Reference

- The Terms of Reference were updated last year and were approved by BCLA. They are being updated again this year and are pending BCLA approval.
 - Changed include: updates to reflect current language (president vs chair), the use of forums vs the listserve and updates to include any new positions

- The bylaws and constitution were also updated to ensure that they match the terms of reference

YAACS Membership

- Please make sure that you have ticked the YAACS option on your BCLA profile. Indicating that you are a member of YAACS helps us keep our section status. You will not receive any emails or be signed up to the forum when you tick this box.
- YAACS needs 10% of all paying BCLA members to keep its section status. The benefit of being a section is that BCLA helps manage our finances and our president is on the BCLA board. This helps to legitimize youth services within the library community.
- BCLA membership is on a sliding scale and student accounts are free (including 1 year after graduation).

Proposed changes to Executive roles / role descriptions

- New role descriptions are being written in order to provide clarity on each role and continuity between terms.
 - Incoming President / Secretary – combining the roles to reflect how they have been working in practice
 - Continuing Education Coordinators – eliminating the zones and age groups, helping plan YSI will become a part of the role (as the YSI planning committee)
 - Post-Secondary Liaisons will expand to include Langara and UFV
- The role descriptions will be shared with all current executive members once they have been finalized. No drastic changes are being made.

Notion to adjourn KW, SB