

ALA@UBC Meeting

Date: September 19, 2018

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Trail Room

In attendance:

Executive Members Present:

Lisa Zhu (Co-president), Erin Flynn (Co-president), Lucas Hill (Secretary), Kellen Malek (Treasurer)

Fellow Students:

Claire, Sophie, Jenna, Yvette, Charlie, Olivia, Sadaf, Zoey, Sarah, Luce, Nicole

Regrets (excused):

Rachel McRory (Webmaster/Communications Officer)

Absent:

Last Meeting: March 1st, 2018

Minutes Approved: Yes

Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Introduction to new SLAIS Students**
- 2. Introduction to ALA@UBC**

- a. The ALA@UBC is an accredited ALA Student Club, which serves to broaden the recognition of ALA membership and the advantages of said membership. The dissolution of the CLA in 2016 has emphasized the importance of the ALA.
- b. There are many roundtables and divisions that are available for members and non-members of the ALA to take part which can be found here: <http://www.ala.org/aboutala/rts>
- c. ALA Student Membership is C\$44 and can be done here: <https://ec.ala.org/membership/renew/login>
- d. Benefits of ALA membership include scholarships (usually within the first $\frac{3}{4}$ of your degree), monthly professional emails, round table memberships, log-in resources, online courses, streamable webinars, etc.

- 3. Executive Member Positions Available**

There are executive membership positions and co-positions available. The ALA@UBC would like to have a Social Media Coordinator for Twitter. The

ALA@UBC Twitter can be found here: <https://twitter.com/ubcALA>. We would also like an Events Coordinator who can do bookings and help to formally plan events. Also, we would like an ALA Student Club Outreach Coordinator, who would be responsible for interacting and communicating with other ALA Student clubs in Canada and the US. We have previously done exchanges with the University of Washington, and would like to do more. Feel free to email an executive member if you would like to express interest.

4. Social Events

We would like to do Social Events every month, especially ones with more academic themes.

- a. Movie Nights: A screening of the documentary Ex Libris, focusing on the New York Public Library
- b. Roundtable/Panel: There has been interest expressed in having a more academic panel involving outside community members
- c. ALA Midwinter Conference - Jan. 25-29
Due to the geographic proximity of the event, many have expressed interest in attending as a group. We could easily get preferential rates on a train journey with a group of over 20.
- d. VPL Grand Opening - September 29th at 10:00am
Some executive members will be attending the Vancouver Public Libraries Grand Opening of the rooftop garden and upper floors on Saturday, September 29th at 10:00am.
- e. Special Library Visits
We would like to plan more visits like we have had in the past where we contact a special librarian and ask about having a private tour. If anyone would like to suggest somewhere to go, please do.
- f. ALA with LASSA
What events could we work together on?

5. ALA@UBC Strengthening

We would like to do whatever we can to make the ALA@UBC a stronger club with better continuity. This includes going through the constitution, taking comments, concerns, and input from the community, and fostering more awareness of the benefits of ALA Student Membership. The ALA@UBC Constitution can be found at the blog or here: http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/affiliates/chapters/student/constitutions/ALA%20Constitution_UniversityBritishColumbia.pdf