**BCLA Student Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 10, 5:00 – 6:00 pm – Trail Room**

**1. Introduction:**

* Welcome to any new (January 2018 members!) and returning members

In attendance: Allison Comrie, Emily Hector, Sara Ellis, Sarah Bagshaw, Michael Brough, Mitchell Wynkoop, Miranda Menzies, Amber Dierkling, Siobhan Devlin, Kristina McGuirk, Kendra Runnalls, Eleri Staiger, Melissa Cuthill, Kate Hickey, Alanna Blackall, Salma Abumeeiz, Adair Harper, Cheng Zhou, Jessie Hawkes, Wanda Power, Michelle Ng.

Regrets: none submitted.

* Reminder to register to be a BCLA member - it’s free for students! Register [here! Select individual > student](https://bclaconnect.ca/membership/join-bcla/individual-membership/)

Allison put forward a recommendation to go online and register with BCLA and relevant listservs that are of interest to students.

* There was a question about whether all of the listservs/groups are currently active. Some – like Intellectual Freedom – are not currently meeting while others – like Academic – are looking for more involvement.

**2. Brief Review of Executive / Student Rep Positions for new students:**

* Student reps correspond to BCLA divisions:<https://bclaconnect.ca/divisions/>
* Reps become members of these divisions, attend meetings (if possible), stay up-to-date with listservs and events, host relevant UBC events and activities, and report back to the BCLA Student Chapter on the division’s activities
* Any clarification needed for process of contacting committee?
  1. Intellectual Freedom Committee Representative – Amber and Adair
  2. ALS (Academic Library Section) Representative – Emily Hector & Melissa Smith
  3. YAACS Representatives – Sarah Bagshaw
  4. RAIG (Reader’s Advisory Interest Group) Representative – Michelle
  5. PLIG (Public Libraries Interest Group) Representative (Note: need to attend Big BCLA committee meetings) – Sara Ellis
  6. Cataloguing and Technical Services Group – Tomoko

* Executive members/positions:

1. Communications officer / Webmaster – Siobhan Devlin
2. Secretary – Sara Ellis
3. Treasurer – Terri McKellar and Michael Brough
4. Tour coordinator – Michelle Ng
5. BCLA representative – Allison Comrie

* Members at large
  + Kate Hickey; Alanna Blackall
* Faculty Liaison: Heather O’Brian - Term 2, 2018

**3. Executive and Division Rep Reports**

Allison: went to the BCLA Board meeting in December

* + The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the budget
  + Allison assisted with editing the BCLA social media policy – presented to the Board and it got accepted
    - It’s now on BCLA website; the organization didn’t have one before
  + Daphne discussed the GLAM memorandum of understanding
    - New agreement between different gallery-library-archival-museum institutions
    - Next step: put together toolkit for institutions to nurture these collaborations
    - BC is the current province for beta testing, the plan may be rolled out nationally if early collaborations are successful
  + International Freedom Committee – ways for students to be involved?

Sarah B.: YAACS

* + Meetings are held quarterly; Sarah was unable to attend the Dec. meeting
  + Currently being held in Victoria
  + Includes school and public library collaborations; youth services in public libraries
  + Next UBC student meeting on Mon. Jan. 22
    - SCAVENGER HUNT!!!! In collaboration with the ALA student group
      * Sign up!!! Submit photographic proof. There are prizes + an after event at Koerner Pub

Emily: Academic

* + No January meeting has been set yet
  + A Pub Night is planned for Jan. 26 – more student involvement would be great!
  + The group is considering hosting a resume and cover letter session
    - Determining if it should be with BCLA (or separate from)
    - Perhaps it can be held at the BCLA Conference in May?
    - Is there student interest in this kind of workshop?

Sara E.: Public Library Interest Group

* + There was no Dec. meeting; Jan. meeting is tomorrow: Thurs. Jan. 11 at West Vancouver Public Library
  + Next meeting will be held February 8, 9-10:30 am at City Centre Library, Room 418, Surrey Libraries – student attendance is encouraged!

Kristina: BCLA Perspectives

* + Discussed the section selection committee for upcoming conference (May 2018)
  + There were lots of high quality submissions – including some from the US
  + She is excited about what the conference is shaping up to be/offer

**4. Events for the upcoming year**

* **Freedom to Read Week: February 25th – March 3rd, 2018**
  + In the process of getting the Lillooet or Dodson room booked
  + Follow up discussion from November meeting on thoughts/themes
  + Action items:

-Identify next steps for organizing event

-Date/time for special Freedom to Read Week meeting: **possibly Wednesday, January 24 5-6pm?**

* Emily read through the event suggestions brought up at the Nov. meeting
* Do we want to have one single event (2 hrs, in Dodson or similar room) vs. multiple smaller events throughout the week?
* Popular ideas include:
  + pop up library
  + photo booth with banned book / book face – share results on social media
  + panel of speakers
* Overall, the event should be interactive and engaging; is there a way to reach out to students beyond SLAIS?
* Sarah suggested speaking with Erin Fields about what she is doing at her branch or at UBC.
* Allison mentioned that Dodson and Lillooet are still currently available
  + If not, can we move the events elsewhere?
  + Is there a way to get a more public venue?
  + The topic of net neutrality may be of relevance
* Action point: Meet in 2 weeks to finalize next steps – Jan 24, Trail Room, 5-9 pm; See Google Doc with details.
* **BCLA 2018 Conference**

-May 9-11th, 2018

-[Conference Website](https://bclaconnect.ca/2018-conference/)

-Volunteer opportunities through SLAIS & BCLA

-Ken Haycock Award - deadline around April 1st, 2018, more info TBD.

* Any questions about conference? None were raised
* Allison will send out any details to the listserv as they come up
* **Tours for 2018**

-BC Cancer Agency Library Tour

-[nə́c̓aʔmat ct Strathcona Branch](https://www.vpl.ca/location/n%C9%99%CC%81c%CC%93a%CA%94mat-ct-strathcona-branch)

-Connect with other SLAIS Student Groups on Tour ideas - join forces!

* Siobhan: went to the HLABC. event in Dec.
  + She will look into more details about organizing a tour at the BC Cancer Agency Library – it is a very small research library but they do have a public facing collection/area
  + The UBC student health librarian group is not very active right now.
* Michelle: list of options to consider for future tours
  + UBC MOA
  + PARC (offsite storage)
  + VPL Central – back end
    - She will send out a Doodle poll to see interest and availability
  + Could we connect with other student groups who may also be organizing tours?

**5. BCLA Perspectives Newsletter:**

-March 2018: The Social Issue

-Submission dates

-[Guidelines for submission](https://bclaconnect.ca/perspectives/guidelines/)

* Kristina put out a call to students with class papers or projects for submission
  + Feb. 1 is deadline for pitch/proposals
  + Feb. 15 for submissions
  + Contact her directly with questions
  + The submission doesn’t have to be a formal or critical inquiry; it could even be an outline of issues that are/are not be addressed in SLAIS, for eg.

**6. YAACS & ALA Scavenger Hunt**

-January 15th-19th, 2018

-[Sign-up Sheet](http://bit.ly/2FeVc3L)

**7. February meeting date** —earlier in month is better

* Book Trail room – Allison will do
* Chair for meeting – Allison
* Create agenda – Allison
* Final thoughts:
  + Action point: Michelle said there is need for a student rep for Reader’s Advisory (meets Tuesday mornings and she is unavailable)
    - Interest was expressed; Allison will send out formal call via email/listserv