ALA Student Chapter Minutes

September 9, 2014 @ 1pm

Present: Sadie Tucker, Krista Parham, Rebecca Lahr, Mattias Olshausen, Kelsey O., Anna Ferri, Chelsea Shriver, Saguna Shankar, Kaylin Anderson, Bonnie Paige, Jason Martin, Jen Streckmann, Blake Hawkins, Clare Aspirth Finegan, Alex Kuskowski, Maggie Faber, Roxanne Kalenborn, Shannon Cheng, Chloe Riley, Christina Appleberry, Mark Christensen, Matthew Murray

Chair: Mark Christensen

Minutes: Sadie Tucker

* Introductions
  + Faculty advisor: Eric Meyers
  + Co-Chairs (after elections): Mark & Appleberry
  + Co-Treasurers (after elections): Hedda Monaghan & Kaylin
  + Secretary: Sadie
  + Webmaster/communications officer: Matthew
* About ALA (American Library Association)
  + We are the only active ALA student chapter in Canada. There is a chapter in Toronto, but their site has not been updated in a few years.
  + CLA (Canadian Library Association) is great, but ALA is huge and has a lot of clout and resources.
  + Check out the student group’s site at <http://blogs.ubc.ca/alaplace/> . You will find all sorts of information (minutes, names of the executive officers, blog posts, etc.) here.
  + We recommend that you join ALA. It is $35 a year for students. Being a member is not required for participating in the student group (although you do need to be a member to be on the executive), but it has its benefitis: membership provides you with access to volunteering and learning opportunities; you also get a nifty magazine in the mail.
    - If you do join, take a look at the divisions and groups. Some of them are free for students, some cost extra money. Depending on the group the cost can be worth it, though.
* Last meeting’s minutes
  + We are looking for them.
  + Sadie will email her past co-secretary to see if she knows where they are.
* Reimbursements
  + Anna is having a hard time getting reimbursed from LASSA for t-shirts from last year.
  + There is lots of confusion around paying American companies for things.
* Swag/Merchandise
  + Last semester we had a poll about merch/swag. We will do it again since many people have graduated and new people have joined. Last semester bags and t-shirts were neck and neck.
  + In the past, logo contests have had very few entrants. If you are interested in doing a design, please let us know!
* University of Washington exchange
  + Visited Seattle last year. It is a great way to meet people and see other library school programs.
  + There are library tours and social events. It is lots of fun!
  + At the meeting there was a show of hands to gauge interest in doing another exchange and many hands went up, so we will look into it and report back.
* Elections
  + By acclamation:
    - Co-treasurer: Kaylin Anderson
    - Co-chair: Christina Appleberry (“Appleberry”)
* Don’t be shy!
  + If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to talk to someone on the exec. You don’t even need to remember our names!
* Conferences panel
  + Had a general discussion on the topic. The panel would be about attending conferences.
* Collaboration
  + We would like to focus on working and collaborating with other student groups (e.g., CLA).
* Meeting dates
  + Our meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month at 1pm.
  + We will need to reschedule our November 11th meeting as it is a holiday. Anna will look into perhaps having a joint meeting with CLA on Tuesday, November 18th (their meetings are the third Tuesday of the month).