

Meeting Minutes BCLA/CLA February 2, 2015

Trail Room; 1:00PM

Chair: Tim Rainey

Minutes: Kaja Dawkins

Attendance: Not Taken

1. Welcome and Call to Start
 - a. Tim approved
 - b. Seconded by the group
2. Treasurer's Report (Laura - in absentia, Anna reporting)
 - a. Still trying to sort out Blake's reimbursement for the panel last semester
 - b. Otherwise, nothing new has been submitted since the last meeting, so the budget stands as it was
3. CLA Report (Mark)
 - a. Still haven't received first \$150.00 grant from CLA; Mark to conference call on Thursday or Friday
 - b. Reminder that we need to submit detailed information on any events or activities the student chapter carries out in order to get the second half of the grant
4. BCLA Report (Anna)
 - a. There will be an information session on the BCLA Mentorship Program on March 2nd at 11:00AM in Buchanan D 325; the program arranges a professional mentor to meet with/coach students over a 6 week period; Mark has participated and highly recommends the experience
 - b. Unable to arrange for student poster session at BCLA conference; because BCLA is small and underfunded, there isn't a lot they can do to support student work
 - c. Anna is on the board for re-developing The Browser - BCLA's quarterly online publication; this may provide future student publishing opportunities; more details to come
5. Vimloc Report (David)
 - a. Nothing to report, however there are ongoing attempts to organize an in-person meetup for people in the area - sense is that CLA doesn't offer a lot of support, so if a meetup is going to happen, we have to make it happen
6. YAACS Report (Krista)
 - a. Discussed historical fiction at the first meeting of the semester
 - b. Next meeting will take place on Wednesday next week (Feb 11) at 1:00PM in the Trail Room - discussing diversity in children's fiction
 - c. Currently organizing a ukulele workshop, so if anyone in the group has or knows someone who has a ukulele that they would like to lend/donate for the workshop, let YAACS know

- d. Laura (co-chair) is stepping down to focus on thesis; co-chair responsibilities include helping to plan a children's services related event once a semester, attending both YAACS and CLA/BCLA chapter meetings as well as the professional YAACS meetings; co-chair must be a member of BCLA
 - e. Gwen and Alex both ran for the co-chair position and the vote was conducted by ballot that was then counted and verified by Krista and Mark
 - f. First vote resulted in a tie, so a new vote was cast which also resulted in a tie, so for the time being a new co-chair has not been decided
7. ALS Report (Blake - in absentia)
 - a. No report communicated to meeting chair
8. RAIG Report (Chloe and Jen)
 - a. Attended most recent RAIG meeting a couple weeks ago
 - b. Discussions about bring the Forest of Reading award (currently based in Ontario) to British Columbia; unsure at this time if BCLA will support
 - c. Student to BCLA award sponsors one student to attend the BCLA conference in May; application date has not been set yet, more information to come
 - d. Members from our BCLA chapter may volunteer to contribute posts to the RAIG blog (whatareyoureadingblog.com) in the month of April; contact Chloe or Jen if you would like to participate
9. Communications Report (Marche)
 - a. Blog is currently up to date, so if there's anything you want on there that isn't already, just let Marche know
 - b. Meeting minutes will be posted to the blog one week after they are emailed to the group for edits
10. Tour Coordinator Report (Kaja, Sarah - in absentia)
 - a. First tour of the semester scheduled at the ASRS (Automated Storage Retrieval System) in the IKBLC on Wednesday, February 18th at 11:00; Eventbrite link has been created for RSVP and tour group size is limited to 12 participants, so please let us know if you plan to attend
 - b. Some discussion to arrange back to back tours so that more students are able to attend - will gauge interest and RSVP's so far; note that the tour is taking place during reading week
 - c. Suggestions for next tour included Regent College Library for its unique collection and proximity to campus; Rare Books and Special Collections at UBC also suggested
11. Old Business: Freedom to Read Week
 - a. One confirmed panelist: Miriam Moses, Acquisitions Librarian, Burnaby Public Library. Update: second confirmed panelist Gregory Mackie, UBC Associate Professor, English Literature
 - b. University Librarian Ingrid Parent will moderate the discussion
 - c. Someone mentioned Amber at Woodward indicated that the person involved with the recent purchase of Oscar Wilde erotica for UBC may be interested in participating (Confirmed - see above)

- d. David mentioned that he was going to contact Tara Robertson as well
- e. This year's moderator/presenter gift will be a \$10 gift card to David's Tea
- f. Too much food at last year's event went uneaten, so this year snacks will only be provided from 12:00 - 1:00 and will include a vegetable platter, fruit platter, and baked goods; all food will be free
- g. The original \$150 budget for this event is down to \$63 based on what has been planned for purchase
- h. Haven't really begun advertising yet; BCLA has provided free posters which we will use, but they are not very attractive, so we should plan to make some posters of our own
- i. Never heard back from the Creative Writing department about collaborating on the event/Freedom to Write, so Freedom to Write will be incorporated as a side event
- j. Send Anna (ferri.annam@gmail.com) your suggestions for books that you want to be available at the event; beaconforfreedom.org has a database of banned books for inspiration

12. New Business?

- a. About Us exec roles need to be updated on website - send any comments or changes to Marche
- b. Year in Review Report coming up - advice for the next person who takes on your role; execs will be notified in April

13. Next Meeting

- a. March 2nd at 1:00PM - any possible overlap with BCLA Mentorship information session?
- b. Tim approved; David seconded
- c. Marche to chair meeting