BCLA Meeting Minutes Sept 13, 2018 5PM

Present:

Michelle Ng - BCALS Ac Section co rep

Rhiannon - YAACS (dual)

Amber - Liaison for Perspectives newsletter

Adair - BCALS Ac Section co Rep

Allison Jones - they them - first time BCLA

Siobhan - communications and web

Wanda - BCLA rep

Nikki

Luce (not sure of spelling here)- dual MLIS/MAS

Updates

1. Public Libraries interest group (PLIG) - 2 co-reps - Nick Ubels and Maryann (Siobhan has contact info)

PLIG held a meeting. The group is interested in starting a journal club, and interested students can attend. Nick and Maryann can provide Siobhan with details to be included in iSchool Weekly Digest.

1. Amber - went to Editorial Board meeting of Perspectives. The technology issue is now out, and is linked on BCLA website. It includes interesting survey results. The theme for the next issue is outreach. A call for submissions will go out soon. The issue will be published in December, and students welcome to submit

Student interests in BCLA:

The group had a discussion about student interests in BCLA, including past activities, and some of the reasons students find BCLA useful:

* Professional development and connection
* Freedon to Read Week event
* Library tours

Positions that need to be filled:

* Secretary / Treasurer /
* Members at large - anyone who shows up to 2 meetings in a semester
* Tour coordinator - Michelle wants to pass this along to a new person
* Communications officer - Siobhan happy to put communications officer role up for grabs

Action Item: Siobhan will send out email with open positions before next meeting

Procedure for chairing meetings:

Previous practice was an understanding that meeting would be chaired in rotation among members, but in practice the role fell to BCLA Student Representative. Wanda is current BCLA student representative, and she will chair next meeting. At that meeting, we discuss how we would like to chair meetings, deciding whether we prefer a the chair to rotate through the membership or whether a fixed chair would better serve our purposes.

Upcoming events:

* BCLA mentorship program - applications open in October. Last year students found the program to be worthwhile, fostering helpful connections with librarians in areas of interest.
* Oct 26 - Research and Academic Libraries conference at UVic. They are looking for Student volunteers. There is some discussion about providing transportation. Michelle has details.
* Public Libraries Interest Group will hold an event, and students are welcome (no details provided at meeting, follow-up with PLIG reps)
* ASIS&T Conference is coming, may be of interest to students
* YAACS - thinking of doing something for Halloween, and thinking about planning other fun events!
* VPL Central Library expansion - opens Sept 29 - possible idea for new tour
* Next year big thing for BCLA students is Freedom to Read week. (We noted that last year was a great even but me may want o start planning earlier this year.)
* BCLA conference in May

Finally, there is an issue with collecting signatures for club status at UBC due to changing regulations. Allison said that LASSA is coordinating this process and will be in touch will details.