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## Climate Action Committee

Regrets: Andrea Cechetto

### Minutes

Thursday, November 2, 1-2:30 PM EDT

1. Welcome and Introductions: Committee members introduced themselves and share professional background and personal motivation for expressing interest in joining the Committee
2. Overview of [Terms of Reference and Mandate](#): The Terms of Reference and Mandate were reviewed. No changes were recommended at this time.
3. Vice Chair & Secretary Appointments: Shevaun Ruby was appointed Vice Chair and Peter Farrell was appointed Secretary.
4. Overview of the Drive: The Google drive structure was discussed.

Action: All Committee members will review the drive and add content and resources that will help advance the work of the Committee.

5. Vision and road ahead
  - a. Shared Knowledge: Committee discussed leveraging an open shared knowledge framework to ensure all members of the Committee have access to key resources to advance the work.  
Action: All Committee members will add key resources that they are aware of to the Google Drive.
  - b. ECCC Grant: Lita provided an overview as to the ECCC grant funding. Dan Hackborn, Patricia Lemieux, Samidha Kalia and Lita Barrie will form the Project Working Group.  
Action: Lita will reach out to set up a meeting.
  - c. Workplan development: Ideas and interests were discussed to help inform the development of the Committee workplan. Idea sharing included:
    - i. Draw on existing Provincial Associations and organizational workplans: BCLA; OLA; Calgary & EPL; IFLA; Federal Government - BCLA (shared resources - Toolshed)



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- ii. BCLA is developing a position statement Climate Science that should be posted shortly;
  - iii. National & International Frameworks - framing actions that already do - evacuation/ disaster response / advocacy work - lobbying federally with the evidence for greater climate action - advocacy we as a profession - Booknet - Outreach/Inclusion
  - iv. Indigenous Knowledge - Lita to reach out to Indigenous Matters Committee
  - v. More sustainable purchasing
  - vi. Library Sustainability plan - guidance on a good plan and align - impact assessment of libraries that could be reuse - create a toolkit to eliminate redundancy
  - vii. Drawdown
  - viii. Role of Library Boards
  - ix. Library climate action toolkit [Helen working on this now (includes impact assessment conducted by students at UBC SEEDS, BCLA position statement work, and workshop by Kate Elliott), OLA interested as well, Peter working on something similar]
- d. [Climate Action Week](#) (Nov 4 - Nov 10 ) (organized by BCLA) - Helen Brown provided background and overview of the Climate Action Week. Invite committee members to participate if they aren't already doing so. The goal is to build up programming & resources with themes that are broad so that libraries can adapt it to their communities . The project is aspiring to have a similar model as the TD Summer Reading program.
- e. Benchmarking survey from OLA: The status of OLA's benchmarking survey was discussed.
- a. Questions - The possibility of an in person meet up at OLA SuperConference Meet Up was discussed. Cate Caryle shared an overview of the APLA Advocacy Toolkit.

6. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2023 1 PM EST