

ALPS Annual Report: 2010-2011

By Rebecca Dowson.

The ALPS Executive for 2010-2011

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- Chair-Elect: Todd Rowlett (VCC)
- Continuing Education Director, 2nd Year: Ophelia Ma (Langara)
- Continuing Education Director, 1st Year: Deb Nielsen, (UNBC)
- Recording Secretary: Susan Paterson (UBC)
- SLAIS student representative: Naomi Schemm

"Getting Hired in Higher Education" Event

On Nov 2, 2010 SLAIS students at UBC were invited to attend Getting Hired in Higher Education, an annual BCLA/ALPS panel event designed to share insights and answer questions about academic librarianship. This year's speakers included Tania Alekson (Capilano), Erin Fields (UBC), Yolanda Koscielski (SFU) and Carolyn Petrie (Langara). Thanks to all our panelists for their time and expertise!

ALPS December meeting

On Dec 3, 2010 at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC, ALPS held a workshop on the theme of Bridging the Gap: Library Services for First Year Students. Presentations included:

- "Bridging Several Gaps: Teacher-Librarians Gratefully Respond" by Heather Daly, President of the BCTLA and Library and Information Co-ordinator for the Coquitlam School District and Moira Ekdah, Liaison Chair for BCTLA, and TL Mentor with the Vancouver School Board.

A recent informal survey conducted by education librarians identified the "Top 10" aspects of information literacy that challenged secondary graduates in meeting the demands of first-year university research. Simple in its conception, the survey has proven itself as a powerful tool. In this session, Heather and Moira shared some of the ways that it has been an impetus for collaboration, a tool to promote access to resources, and a key design element in the creation of the BCTLA's new model for inquiry-based learning.

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- Active Learning in the Library Classroom" by Trish Rosseel, Teaching & Learning Librarian, Woodward Library, UBC



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The library instruction sessions we teach to first year students are usually the first experience they've had in a post-secondary library, and often the first time they've used the library catalogue and/or licensed databases. These classes offer us a unique opportunity to capture the interest and attention of these students, show them how the library is relevant to their needs, and help to build their confidence in navigating the range of resources available to them as they begin research assignments and projects. Engaging first year students is very rewarding, but can be challenging as some may hesitate to speak up and participate in class and/or may be multi-tasking as you speak. So, what to do?

In this session, Trish introduced participants to some strategies and activities that encourage students to engage in the classroom, and participants shared their own successful tips and tricks.

Trish has posted her presentation online and it can be viewed here:

http://wiki.ubc.ca/Library:TLAC_ALPS_Session

ALPS Link – "Burning Needs": Learning Objects by Request Contest

Each year, ALPS LINK recognizes some of the best of librarian instructional objects in the Laud a Librarian contest. This year's contest was a little different. A number of librarians have told us they are looking for instructional materials that fit specific needs. These requests were shared with colleagues throughout BC

and all objects were deposited for use under the Creative Commons License Share Alike. Awards were presented at the ALPS December meeting.

For a full list of award recipients, and links to the winning learning objects, please see:
<http://bclabrowser.ca/index.php/browser/article/view/227/318>

BCLA Conference Planning

ALPS Executive Member, Deb Nielsen represented ALPS on the BCLA Conference Planning Committee. ALPS Executive reviewed the BCLA Conference program and selected sessions of interest to ALPS members for sponsorship.

ALPS Constitution Update

At the 2010 AGM there was a discussion around revising the ALPS Constitution to more accurately reflect the current requirements for membership and the existing Executive positions. At the AGM, it was mentioned that a similar revision had been approved by the ALPS membership several years earlier.

Bill Nadiger, ALPS Chair 2004/2005, confirmed that changes to the ALPS Constitution were approved by the membership at the 2005 AGM.

These changes included: the addition of a second continuing education coordinator position and the

requirement that all ALPS members also be current members of BCLA (with the exception of honorary members).

Unfortunately, the revised constitution, as well as ALPS meeting minutes from that year, seems to have disappeared (possibly in the transition to the new website a few years ago). However, these changes are documented in the ALPS report to the [BCLA Board Meeting Minutes from 2005](#).

Since the revised ALPS Constitution from 2005 is not available, the ALPS Executive has updated the existing ALPS Constitution document to reflect these changes. A vote to pass these changes will be held at the 2011 ALPS AGM on April 8, 2011.

Get involved with ALPS

Want to get involved with ALPS? New members are always welcome! To learn more, check out: The [BCLA ALPS website](#).

And don't forget to join the BCLA ALPS email list for all of the latest news and discussion about events and issues of interest to academic librarians in public service.

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