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### **April Update on BCLTA Board Activities**

The BCLTA Annual General Meeting was held Saturday, April 18 at the Holiday Inn Express in Burnaby – in conjunction with the 2009 BC Library Conference. Pre-conference and post-AGM meetings of the BCLTA Executive were also held on Thursday, April 16 and Saturday, April 18 respectively. Highlights of the AGM, board meetings, and general BCLTA Board activities follow.

Two special resolutions were considered at the **2009 Annual General Meeting**. The first proposed general editorial and housekeeping revisions to the BCLTA Constitution and Bylaws, as well as a significant update to the Association's Constitutional Purposes, modification of the quorum provision, and addition of a proxy voting provision. The second proposed an increase in BCLTA membership fees. Both resolutions were endorsed at the AGM. Full details will be provided in the AGM Minutes, which will be circulated as soon as possible with a copy of the updated BCLTA Constitution & Bylaws (to go into effect upon approval by the Registrar, with the membership fee increase to be implemented in 2010).

Also determined at the 2009 AGM was the makeup of your **2009/10 BCLTA Board**. All nominees were current BCLTA Board Members and all were declared elected by acclamation. Your Board Members for the coming year are:

Andy Ackerman, President (acclaimed)  
Philip Mantler, Secretary-Treasurer (acclaimed)  
Loring Bohach, Vice President (serving second year of two-year term)  
Natasha Brienen, Director (acclaimed)  
Ivan Idzan, Director (serving second year of two-year term)  
Andre Isakov, Director (acclaimed)  
Michelle Wong, Director (serving second year of two-year term)  
Arlene Yoshikawa, Director (acclaimed)

Past President Peter Wainwright was presented (in absentia) with an engraved gift honouring him for his years of service to BCLTA. Peter's term on the Board came to an end at the close of this year's AGM.

The following individuals were honoured with awards at the **2009 BCLTA Banquet and Awards Ceremony** on Friday, April 17 at the BC Library Conference:

#### Super Trustees

Andy Ackerman, Fort St. John PLA  
Grace Byrne, Salt Spring Island Public Library  
Shannon Daub, Vancouver Public Library  
James Fox, North Vancouver City Library  
Pat Helland, Vanderhoof Public Library  
Jack Ratcliffe, Kimberley Public Library  
David Warner, Terrace Public Library

#### Library Advocate

Friends of the Fort St. John PLA

Nancy Bennett  
John Goudy, Greater Victoria Public Library

Congratulations to all our 2009 award winners!

Upwards of 75 trustees attended the **2009 BC Library Conference**, held April 16-18 in Burnaby. We had a sold-out crowd for the Friday evening Banquet and Awards Ceremony, a full turnout for the Saturday morning Trustee Breakfast and AGM, an excellent showing at the Trustee Lounge, and close to 100 delegates registered for several BCLTA conference sessions! Thanks to all of you who attended the 2009 conference – and we hope those of you who couldn't make it this year will be able to join us next April in Penticton. (Please take a moment to fill out our online BCLTA Conference Evaluation Survey at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pdt\\_2bKbmFXDwXZm4E4G3WTQ\\_3d\\_3d.](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pdt_2bKbmFXDwXZm4E4G3WTQ_3d_3d.))

One of the key items discussed at BCLTA Board Meetings held during the BC Library Conference was the issue of potential cuts to library funding and the need to lobby MLAs and candidates in the lead up to the provincial election. In response to this need, BCLTA has partnered with the BC Library Association and the Association of BC Public Library Directors to produce a **library information package for use in informing and questioning candidates on library issues**. The information package and related resources are available through a link on the BCLTA website homepage at [www.bclta.org](http://www.bclta.org). Please take a moment to review these materials and ensure that your region's candidates are not only aware of the importance of BC's public libraries, but ready to protect them from budget cuts after the election.

Get ready for BCLTA's **Library Infrastructure Study**... We will be sending out a bulletin with a link to an online survey that will be used to gather data from every public library in BC on infrastructure needs and challenges. It is of the utmost importance that you ensure your library's data is submitted – the results of this study will be made publicly available and will be an excellent tool for use in approaching government and other funders with capital requests...

Have you created your **WebJunction BC** account? If not, take a moment to visit [www.webjunction.org](http://www.webjunction.org), create an account, and affiliate with WJBC. This will give you access to free courses on a variety of topics – from computer applications, to web design, to budgeting, to board governance, to advocacy and outreach. Public library staff and volunteers and members of the three WJBC partner associations (BCLTA, BCLA, and BCTLA) have access to 300 free courses on a first-come-first-serve basis – with courses offered at a cost of \$25 USD once this allocation is used up. WebJunction BC also offers many other library-specific resources, as well as the opportunity to create interest groups and discussion threads on specific topics. Take advantage of this excellent educational resource and library community gathering place – it's free, and it's yours!

BCLTA is seeking feedback on the **Library 2020** initiative. What do you know about Library 2020? What don't you know? What are your visions for cross-sector library collaboration in BC? Have you read the most recent report on the initiative by Marleen Morris & Associates and do you have any feedback on it? Please see BCLTA's April 7 Library 2020 bulletin for further details ([www.bclta.org/bulletins.html](http://www.bclta.org/bulletins.html)) and submit your comments to [execdirector@bclta.org](mailto:execdirector@bclta.org) by May 15.

Interested in attending or scheduling a **Trustee Orientation Program** or **Chairing the Board** workshop in your area? If so, please contact Mandy Davies at [admin@bclta.org](mailto:admin@bclta.org) to arrange a session. Upcoming sessions include:

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Midway, May 2

Vanderhoof, May 9

Prince George, June 8

Chairing the Board

Prince George, June 7

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