



To develop and support library trustees to advance public library service in British Columbia

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**To: Library Board Chairs and BCLTA Liaisons**

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### **BCLTA Board Goals for 2006/07**

The new 2006/2007 BCLTA Board held its first business meeting in May to identify the goals that would provide a focus for our activities over the next year. All our efforts continue to be driven by the mission of our organization that is:

**“To develop and support library trustees to advance public library service in British Columbia.”**

During the planning session, three goals/priorities emerged for our organization for the upcoming year. These goals are listed below but are not ranked in order of importance.

- **Improve consultation/communication with library boards.** This fall we will begin a province-wide consultation with individual library boards to hear their views regarding a broad range of issues such as: the Provincial Strategic Plan, the upcoming review of the Library Act, funding inequities, membership needs, etc. It is our intention to engage all members of our board who live in various regions around the province to consult with each library board - in person, whenever possible. As well, on an on-going basis we will work to ensure that our communications are reaching our members and that they are relevant and useful.
- **Continue to develop BCLTA's relationship with PLSB/Government.** Our organization will continue to develop a positive working relationship with the provincial government as the implementation of the Provincial Strategic Plan for Libraries continues into its second year. We need to ensure that our organization has a complete understanding of the changes occurring and the implications of these changes for public libraries, and that we can articulate the position of our association regarding these changes. As well, we are committed to continuing to lobby the government for an increase in base funding for libraries to achieve more equitable basic levels of service and access throughout the province.

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- **Facilitate trustee development.** We see trustee education as one of the most important services we offer to our members. In the upcoming year we will strive to have as many trustees as possible participate in the regional TOP programs. As well, we plan to launch our online TOP program this summer. We also intend to expand our website to include resources on best practices. Finally, BCLTA will host a stand-alone conference for trustees in 2007 and we will put significant efforts towards the conference to ensure relevant and interesting content that will drive high attendance at this important event.

Over the next twelve months, we hope to be able to build on the work of past BCLTA Boards in fulfilling our mission, with particular emphasis in these three areas. In addition, BCLTA will continue with a number of additional activities - such as continuing to work with local governments, in part through the Union of BC Municipalities, and participating in advocacy initiatives on national issues.

If you have any questions, please contact any BCLTA Board Member or the Executive Director. Full contact information for these individuals can be found on our web site at [www.bclta.org](http://www.bclta.org).

(A hardcopy of this bulletin will also be mailed to Board Chairs.)



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