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To:	BCLTA - Library Board Chairs (lib-bd-chairs@interchange.ubc.ca); BCLTA-Liaisons (bclta-liaisons@interchange.ubc.ca);
Subject:	Nominations for the BCLTA Board of Directors - Four Positions to be Elected in April 2008
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To: Library Board Chairs and BCLTA Liaisons

Please distribute to your boards

Are you interested in taking your role as a trustee to the next level and serving on the board of the British Columbia Library Trustees' Association?

Now is the time to do it. This year there are four positions for election at our Annual General Meeting on April 19th. (You do not need to be present at the AGM to run.) The four positions are:

- President (two-year term)
- Three Directors (two-year term)

What is the work of the Board?

BCLTA is governed by a Board of nine and is supported by an Executive Director and an Administrative Assistant. The mission of our organization is to "develop and support library trustees to advance public library service in BC." We provides a range of services to trustees and boards to make them leaders in BC's library community, such as conferences, workshops, bulletins, newsletters, etc.

BCLTA also fills an important strategic role, providing organized representation on behalf of BC's public libraries to all levels of government, other library associations, and the public.

Full details on the mandate of our organization and goals for the current year can be found on our website www.bclta.org in the section "About BCLTA."

What commitment is involved in serving on the BCLTA Board?

The Board meets approximately three times per year in the Lower Mainland - typically on a Saturday - as well as at our annual conference. It is also expected that board members attend a few other key events throughout the year, such as the Library Reception at the UBCM Convention in September and some of the main provincial government strategic planning symposiums. We try

to share these responsibilities across all board members, and your expenses to attend meetings and events are fully covered by BCLTA.

What's in it for you?

Volunteering enables people to explore new options, increase their profile in the library community and acquire hands-on leadership experience. And, increasingly, the best employers want women and men with business acumen, communication skills, community connections and a lifelong commitment to learning and growth. So, if you have the energy and enthusiasm and the following benefits interest you:

- increase your leadership skills
- network with your peers
- try something new
- expand your horizons
- improve teamwork and other skills
- do something great for public libraries

.... then why not consider running for a BCLTA board position? On April 19th, at the Conference in Richmond, your new Executive will be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Nomination forms and guidelines are attached and also available on our website: www.bclta.org/nomin.html

Although nominations are also accepted from the floor at the AGM, we encourage early nominations. Candidates whose nomination forms are received in our office before March 27th will have the opportunity to have their background and biography posted on our website for the information and consideration of the BCLTA membership prior to the AGM.

If you have any questions about any of the roles or responsibilities of these board positions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other board members. Contact information can be found on our website at www.bclta.org.

Thank you for considering serving the public library community and representing trustees from around BC as part of the BCLTA Board.

Sincerely,

Peter Wainwright

President, British Columbia Library Trustees' Association and
Chair of the Nominating Committee