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Subject: Special Resolution re BCLTA Voting Protocol
Attachments: Att_#2_Special_Resolution_Bylaw_Changes_Chart.pdf;
Att_#1_Changes_BCLTA_Voting_Protocol_2008.pdf

The Executive Board of the BC Library Trustees' Association wishes to advise that a special resolution on voting protocol for Special and Annual General Meetings of the Association will be coming forward for consideration at this year's Annual General Meeting.

Members may recall that weighted voting arose as a topic of discussion at last year's AGM and it was agreed that the Board would further investigate the issue and report back to the membership in 2008. Accordingly, the BCLTA formed a Constitution Review Committee, which met and drafted the attached resolution proposing a change to voting procedures at meetings of the Association. In essence, the resolution would see a shift to institutional voting, with each institutional member entitled to one or more votes, based on a formula designed to ensure even representation among libraries serving populations of less than 50,000 and libraries serving populations of greater than or equal to 50,000.

Currently, under the BCLTA Bylaws, each individual trustee is entitled to one vote, as is each institution. In addition to formalizing a new system for institutional voting, the new protocol would restrict individual voting powers by reducing the number of individual members. Please see the attached PDF file for the full text of the proposed resolution and additional explanatory comments. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Errin Morrison, BCLTA's Executive Director, at execdirector@bclta.org or 778-355-9979.

The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Saturday, April 19th at the 2008 BCLTA AGM, to be held from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Marriott hotel in Richmond.

(Please note: in addition to correspondence via email bulletin, print notice of the special resolution was mailed to all Board Chairs on March 20th, 2008.)