

March 24, 2009

Voting at the BCLTA AGM

Attention Library Board Chairs/BCLTA Liaisons:

BCLTA member institutions must appoint one or more individual members (as detailed in the Voting Schedule below) to carry their institutional vote(s) at the 2009 Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held at the Burnaby Holiday Inn Express on the morning of Saturday, April 18th, from 8:00-10:15 in conjunction with the BC Library Conference. The number of votes per institution has been determined according to the following formula, adopted by the membership at the 2008 AGM:

3(b) Individual – Institutional Members serving a population of less than 50,000 will appoint one (1) Individual Member. Institutional Members serving a population of greater than or equal to 50,000 will appoint a number of Individual Members as determined by the following formula:

Number of Individual Members = (Number of Public Libraries serving populations of less than 50,000) divided by (Number of Public Libraries serving populations greater than or equal to 50,000) rounded to the nearest integer number, but not less than one Individual Member – according to population statistics taken from the most recent edition of British Columbia Public Libraries Statistics.

Individual Members shall each have one vote at Special and General Meetings.

At this time, 89% of potential institutional members have paid their membership dues for 2009/10.

As only institutional members who have paid in full are permitted to vote at the AGM, the number of votes allocated to the large institutions may change between now and April 18th. According to the above formula, with 100% membership the small institutions will have a total of 57 votes and the large institutions will have four votes each, for a total of 56 votes. At the current 89% membership rate, the small institutions have a total of 51 votes and the large institutions have four votes each for a total of 48 votes. **It is possible that the large institutions will have up to five votes each at this year's AGM depending on our membership percentage as of April 18th.**

At this time, proxy voting is not permitted under the BCLTA Bylaws – meaning that one or more board members from your institution must be physically present at the 2009 AGM in order to vote on your institution's behalf. If you are from a larger institution, you will need to send four to five individual board members to the AGM in order to use your full vote allocation – if you send three individuals, each of them will have one vote (providing they have submitted an institutional voting form), for a total of three out of four or five possible votes. (Please note: addition of a proxy voting provision to the BCLTA Bylaws is one of the items to be considered at the 2009 AGM.)

An institutional voting form is attached to this email. Board Chairs must sign these forms and can either convey them to BCLTA by fax or email or have the appointed individual board member(s) bring the signed form(s) with them to the AGM, where they will be collected and ballots issued. Ballots will not be issued unless a signed form is submitted. **If you are a large institutional member and you are sending five or more board members to the 2009 AGM, we suggest sending in five institutional voting forms in case our membership percentage as of April 18th results in an allocation of five votes each.**

Faxed/mailed forms must be sent to 604-913-1413 or admin@bclta.org by April 3rd at the latest.

Please contact BCLTA Executive Director Errin Morrison at execdirector@bclta.org if you have any questions about voting at the 2009 AGM.

**Voting Schedule for 2009 BCLTA AGM
(Based on 100% Membership)**

Library Name	Population of Service Area*	# of Votes
Alert Bay (A)	1,289	1
Beaver Valley (A)	5,109	1
Bowen Island (A)	3,501	1
Burnaby (M)	205,477	4
Burns Lake (A)	6,841	1
Cariboo (I)	70,849	4
Castlegar & District (A)	13,275	1
Chetwynd (A)	5,225	1
Coquitlam (M)	119,334	4
Cranbrook (M)	26,024	1
Creston (A)	12,843	1
Dawson Creek (M)	18,637	1
Elkford (A)	2,683	1
Fernie (A)	8,007	1
Fort Nelson (A)	6,303	1
Fort St. James (A)	4,867	1
Fort St. John (A)	29,720	1
Fraser Lake (A)	3,462	1
Fraser Valley (R)	669,969	4
Gibsons & District (A)	10,794	1
Grand Forks & District (A)	8,856	1
Granisle (A)	352	1
Greater Victoria (M)	299,495	4
Greenwood (A)	902	1
Hazelton District (A)	8,198	1
Houston (A)	3,796	1
Hudson's Hope (A)	1,159	1
Invermere (M)	8,800	1
Kaslo & District (A)	2,010	1
Kimberley (M)	8,298	1
Kitimat (A)	10,510	1
Lillooet Area (A)	4,467	1

Mackenzie (M)	5,589	1
McBride (A)	1,940	1
Midway (A)	629	1
Nakusp (A)	2,769	1
Nelson (M)	9,923	1
New Westminster (M)	57,645	4
North Vancouver City (M)	49,587	1
North Vancouver District (M)	89,132	4
Okanagan (R)	359,952	4
Pemberton & District (A)	5,382	1
Pender Island (A)	4,664	1
Penticton (M)	34,681	1
Port Moody (M)	30,120	1
Pouce Coupe (M)	910	1
Powell River (M)	20,967	1
Prince George (M)	90,948	4
Prince Rupert (M)	17,366	1
Radium Hot Springs (M)	921	1
Richmond (M)	176,599	4
Rosland (A)	3,970	1
Salmo (A)	2,483	1
Salt Spring Island (A)	9,279	1
Sechelt (A)	15,174	1
Smithers (M)	8,248	1
Sparwood (A)	4,932	1
Squamish (M)	16,927	1
Stewart (A)	670	1
Surrey (M)	402,281	4
Taylor (M)	1,380	1
Terrace (A)	22,023	1
Thompson Nicola (I)	130,933	4
Trail & District (M)	10,776	1
Tumbler Ridge (A)	2,698	1
Valemount (A)	2,185	1
Vancouver (M)	589,196	4
Vancouver Island (R)	424,173	4
Vanderhoof (A)	8,293	1
West Vancouver (M)	46,145	1
Whistler (M)	9,843	1

*Population counts taken from 2007 BC Public Libraries Statistics (www.bced.gov.bc.ca/pls/reports.htm).

100% Membership Projection

Libraries <50,000 Population = 57 votes

Libraries >50,000 Population = 56 votes (4 votes each)

89% Membership – Actual as of March 20, 2009

Libraries <50,000 Population = 51 votes

Libraries >50,000 Population = 48 votes (4 votes each)