

BCLTA

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

To: Library Board Chairs and Liaisons

From: The Board of the British Columbia Library Trustees Association

The new 2005/2006 BCLTA Board held our first business meeting on July 23rd, 2005. Our first order of business was to identify the goals that would provide a focus for our activities over the next year. All our efforts are driven by the mission of our organization that is:

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

As a group, it took very little time to determine that we all agreed on the three primary goals/priorities for our organization for 2005/2006. These goals are listed below but are not ranked in order of importance.

- **Review and improve our communication with our members and other stakeholders.** We want to ensure that our communications are reaching our members and that they are relevant and useful. We hope to improve the two-way dialogue with our members and to facilitate the exchange of ideas between members. As well, we want to enhance our communications with partner organizations in the library community and other stakeholders.
- **Further enhance and develop Trustee Education Programs.** We see Trustee education as one of the most important services we offer to our members. In the next year we will be enhancing and expanding the training that we offer. For example, we will have an updated and revised Live Trustee Orientation Program (TOP), a completely revamped On-Line TOP, and two new courses – one focused on Board Effectiveness and another new program designed specifically for Board Chairs.
- **Facilitate and participate in the implementation of the Provincial Strategic Plan for Libraries.** BCLTA has an important role to play in keeping Trustees up to date and involved in the implementation of the strategic plan. This role includes being a resource to individual boards on specific initiatives (e.g. understanding the implications of forming a federation), as well as keeping the “Trustee voice” at the table as other new programs are rolled out. We already enjoy an excellent working relationship with Public Library Services Branch and will be partnering with them on many of these activities.

As you can imagine, there are many additional activities planned in each of these areas.

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. 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 bclta.org.



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