

# Update on BCLTA Activities

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Happy Summer from the BC Library Trustees' Association! The following is an update on some of our recent activities and accomplishments...

## 2009 Annual General Meeting

Two special resolutions were considered at BCLTA's 2009 Annual General Meeting, held in conjunction with the BC Library Conference this past April in Burnaby. The first proposed general editorial and housekeeping revisions to the BCLTA Constitution and Bylaws, as well as a significant update to the Association's Constitutional Purposes, modification of the quorum provision, and addition of a proxy voting provision. The second proposed an increase in BCLTA membership fees. Both resolutions were endorsed at the AGM. Full details are available in the AGM Minutes, which have been posted to the conference page of the BCLTA website ([www.bclta.org/conference.html](http://www.bclta.org/conference.html)) with a copy of the updated BCLTA Constitution & Bylaws (to go into effect upon approval by the Registrar).

## 2009/10 BCLTA Board

Also determined at the 2009 AGM was the makeup of the 2009/10 BCLTA Board. All nominees were current BCLTA Board Members and all were declared elected by acclamation. Board Members for the coming year are:

**Andy Ackerman**, President  
**Philip Mantler**, Secretary-Treasurer  
**Loring Bohach**, Vice President  
**Natasha Brienen**, Director  
**Ivan Idzan**, Director  
**Andre Isakov**, Director  
**Michelle Wong**, Director  
**Arlene Yoshikawa**, Director

Past President Peter Wainwright was presented with an engraved gift honouring him for his years of service to BCLTA. Peter's term on the Board came to an end at the close of this year's AGM.

The 2009/10 BCLTA Board looks forward to serving the BCLTA membership over the coming year and will be setting 2009/10 priorities at its first full meeting on June 13 in Vancouver.

## 2008/09 BCLTA Award Winners

The following individuals were honoured with awards at the 2009 BCLTA Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 17 at the BC Library Conference:

### Super Trustees

Andy Ackerman, Fort St. John Public Library  
Grace Byrne, Salt Spring Island Public Library  
Shannon Daub, Vancouver Public Library  
James Fox, North Vancouver City Library  
Pat Helland, Vanderhoof Public Library  
Jack Ratcliffe, Kimberley Public Library  
David Warner, Terrace Public Library

### Library Advocate

Friends of the Fort St. John Public Library

### Nancy Bennett

John Goudy, Greater Victoria Public Library

Congratulations to all our 2009 award winners!



Award winners Yolande Harrison, James Fox, Shannon Daub and Andy Ackerman.

## 2009 BC Library Conference

Upwards of 75 trustees attended the 2009 BC Library Conference, held April 16-18 in Burnaby. We had a sold-out crowd for the Friday evening Banquet and Awards Ceremony, a full turnout for the Saturday morning Trustee Breakfast and AGM, an excellent showing at the Trustee Lounge, and close to 100 delegates registered for several BCLTA conference sessions! Thanks to all of you who attended the 2009

conference – and we hope those of you who couldn't make it this year will be able to join us next April in Penticton.

### **Provincial Advocacy Activities**

One of the key items discussed at BCLTA Board Meetings held during the BC Library Conference was the issue of potential cuts to library funding and the need to lobby MLAs and candidates in the lead up to the provincial election. In response to this need, BCLTA partnered with the BC Library Association and the Association of BC Public Library Directors to produce a library information package for use in informing and questioning candidates on library issues. The information package and related resources were made available on the BCLTA website prior to the provincial election. Our next step in working to ensure provincial government funding levels are maintained is to hold a series of Summer receptions in libraries around the province to congratulate MLAs on their election/re-election to the Legislature and to honour the provincial government contribution to libraries. Most receptions will be held on or around June 26 throughout the

province, with follow-up events scheduled throughout the summer. Reception planning resources are available on the BCLTA website at <http://bclta.org/mlarec.html>.

### **Public Library Infrastructure Study**

Work on BCLTA's Public Library Infrastructure Study is now complete and results will be made available to all public libraries, public library stakeholders, and the general public in the next few weeks. We achieved an 85% plus response rate to the online survey distributed to library directors/facilities managers in May, and the final report promises to be an excellent resource in assisting libraries with capital funding requests. BCLTA intends to repeat the study at regular intervals to ensure this is an ongoing information source and advocacy tool for BC's public library community.

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