

BCLA Copyright Interest Group Annual Report April 2010

By Niina Mitter.

In 2009, Mary Anne Epp stepped down as Chair of the BCLA Copyright Interest Group after a long and illustrious tenure. Her wide knowledge of copyright, her ready willingness to assist with thorny copyright problems, and her tireless advocacy will be very much missed.

In June 2009, Niina Mitter took over as Chair of the Copyright Interest Group. The Federal Government instituted a series of Copyright consultations around the country in July and August 2009 and BCLA was invited to participate in the Roundtable held in Vancouver on 20 July, 2009. Niina Mitter attended on BCLA's behalf and presented a submission outlining BCLA's concerns.

While the Interest Group was not very active following the consultation period, the chair continued to attend the CLA Copyright Committee's meetings virtually.

In the hiatus following the copyright consultations, the CLA Copyright Committee worked on drafting a Model Library Copyright Policy to assist Canadian libraries in their day to day dealings with copyright.

With the Post-Secondary Access Copyright Agreement and Tariff coming up for renewal and the imminent introduction of new Copyright legislation in Parliament, it is anticipated that the coming year will be extremely busy. In preparation, the chair will be attending the CLA Copyright pre-conference and the ABC Copyright conference, both in June.

Thanks to all the members of the interest group for their hard work over the year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Niina Mitter, Chair, BCLA Copyright Interest Group.*