



**BCLibraries**  
COOPERATIVE

## **Announcing Annual General Meeting, 2015 and Call for Nominees**

Please note: the Co-op's 2015 AGM will be held on 12, June, 2015, in Vancouver and via tele-conference. Further details will be made available in the Spring.

We are seeking nominees for our Board of Directors; deadline for nominations is 13, May, 2015.

### **Why run for office?**

Successive committees and boards have led the Co-operative from concept through success story since June, 2007. Join the board to help shape your Co-operative's future!

The Cooperative is a non-profit community enterprise, strategically focussed on the delivery of shared operational infrastructure, management and resources for our diverse member organizations. Our exclusive services and innovative use of technologies enable our members to best serve their communities.

We drive innovation with our shared-service library technology solutions, brokered content licensing services, software design, and infrastructure hosting expertise.

Do you have experience with organizations that have grown and evolved rapidly, and do you understand how boards can evolve to provide appropriate governance support? We are seeking exceptional individuals to help guide us into the future!

### **What's involved?**

Cooperative Directors are volunteers elected by the membership. Board meetings occur at least monthly, for the most part by telephone or webcast. A few times a year, the Board meets in person in Vancouver; travel expenses are paid. Expect a time commitment averaging from five to eight hours per month, depending on Sub-Committee participation.

Unlike a library board, the Cooperative board necessarily governs in a broader context, and is governed by different legislation. The Cooperative is an organization with national scope, and its partnerships and initiatives are reflective of its mandate.

**Our Mission:** We help libraries help people.

**Our Vision:** We are ahead of the curve in library innovation.

**Learn more about the Cooperative:** read our [brochure](#) and our [Strategic Plan](#).

### **Nomination Rules:**

- Any member delegate of the Co-op may nominate a candidate for Director.
- Any Member delegate may be nominated for a position as a Board Director.
- Nominations may be emailed to the Nominations Committee at least 30 days in advance (May 13, 2015) of the Annual General Meeting (June 12, 2015).
- Nominees must confirm, either on the Nomination Form or by e-mail to the Nomination Committee, their willingness to stand for election.

Candidates should forward with their nomination, a curriculum vitae and/or position statement which will be posted to the BC Libraries Cooperative website prior to the AGM. Nominations from the floor are not permitted.

### **Nominee Minimum Qualifications:**

To qualify for nomination or appointment as a BC Libraries Cooperative Board Director, an individual must, at a minimum:

- Be a member of their organization's senior management team or its equivalent.  
Rationale: The Cooperative's membership consists of organizations, not individuals.
- Have demonstrated and significant experience serving on, or liaising with, a Board of Governance.  
Rationale: The Cooperative's membership demands effective governance.
- Agree to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Cooperative.  
Rationale: Per the *Cooperative Association Act* S.84(1)(a).

### **Voting Procedure:**

- All votes on elections are conducted by in person and/or telephone poll at the AGM. All votes on elections are by simple majority and each Member organization has one vote. Only a registered, designated employee of a member organization (Delegate or Alternate) may vote; Member Delegates and/or Alternates must be registered with the Cooperative at least 30 days in advance of the AGM in order to vote.

In the event that only one nomination is received for a position, that individual shall be declared elected by acclamation. Election results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

### **Term of Office:**

Directors elected to the BC Libraries Board of Directors may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

### **When are Elections Held?**

Elections are held at the BC Libraries Cooperative Annual General Meeting on 12, June, 2015. Candidates do not need to be present at the AGM to run for office.

***We thank all potential nominees for their interest!***

## 2015 Call for Nominations

According to the Co-op's foundational documents, the Board is comprised of elected delegates "...collectively representing the diversity of the membership and the range of services the Cooperative provides..."

The elected positions on the BC Libraries Cooperative Board of Directors to be determined at the Annual General Meeting on 12, June, 2015 are:

- Board Chair (1 position)
  - **(Note:** the Co-op Board voted unanimously on 02.04.15 to nominate Melanie Houlden, Chief Librarian, Surrey Public Library and current Co-op Board Director, for the position of Chair).
  
- Board Director (3 positions)
  - Based on current member representation on our Board, we are particularly interested in nominees in the following categories, if able and available:
    - 1 delegate representing a BC Library Federation (3-year term)
    - 1 delegate representing a non-BC member (3-year term)

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I wish to nominate (First Name | Last Name:) \_\_\_\_\_

From the Member organization: \_\_\_\_\_

For the position(s) of (***please circle one or both***): Director | Board Chair

Nominated by: (First Name | Last Name:) \_\_\_\_\_

From the Member Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Consent of the Nominee must accompany the nomination \*\*\***

**Nominee Consent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations should include a short biography of the nominee including the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the BC Libraries Cooperative Board. This information will be posted on the BC Libraries Cooperative website and publicized to all Members in advance of the election on 12, June, 2015. As well, nominees present at the AGM will be given two minutes to address the membership prior to the election. A candidate who is not present at the AGM may have a written statement presented to the membership in lieu of this verbal address.

**\*\*\*Submit to BC Libraries Cooperative Nominating Committee via email by 13, May, 2015: [office@bc.libraries.coop](mailto:office@bc.libraries.coop).\*\*\***