

AGM 2019 Board Nominees



David Christensen,
*Technology Consultant,
Manitoba Public Library
Service*

David’s role at the Manitoba Public Library Services Branch began over two decades ago as a technology consultant, helping public libraries understand the technology that was coming into their libraries and how to use it to meet the needs of their public. His role has been evolving as library staff and administration have become more comfortable with technology; he now spends much of his time working on co-operation and collaboration between libraries.

David was instrumental in the development and growth of the Manitoba Spruce Libraries Co-operative and in building the strong, mutually beneficial relationship between BCLC and Spruce. He has served as chair of the Sitka Business Function Group – well-supported by the great Sitka team members! – and is currently a co-op representative in the MassLNC Evergreen development partnership.

“It’s all about connections. Libraries are amazing institutions, and librarians are truly extraordinary people. When we work together, we achieve great things every single day!”

I am interested in serving on the BC Libraries Cooperative Board of Directors because I strongly support a cooperative model in the library sector that contributes to a sustainable future rooted in community. My values align with the Cooperative’s guiding principle and philosophy of openness in data, tools, events, and projects. I am a longtime supporter of the Cooperative and I believe I have the skills, knowledge, and experience to contribute meaningfully to advancing its mandate and achieving its strategic goals.

I have a background in library technology and I taught library systems and automation at the iSchool at UBC. I am interested in the potential of technology to improve the quality of lives and communities, while also critically considering the ethical, political, and economic factors that drive and shape the digital landscape. I would like to be part of a cooperative governance model that sustains open and shared systems, and ensures these systems continue to evolve and grow as technology and the diverse needs of the community change.



Shirley Lew, *Dean, Library,
Teaching & Learning Services,
Vancouver Community College.*

AGM 2019 Board Nominees

I have served on several Boards, most recently as President of BC Libraries Association, Secretary for Vancouver Writers Festival, and past-President of BC Book Prizes. I am currently a doctoral student at UBC where my dissertation research will focus on cooperatives in the information sector. In my work, I am in a leadership role as Dean, Library, Teaching and Learning Services at Vancouver Community College. In this capacity, VCC became a member of SITKA Evergreen as part of a partnership with three other post-secondary institutions who migrated to the system this past spring.

I value the work of the BC Libraries Cooperative and I am passionate about the democratizing role of libraries in our communities. I believe the future of libraries must include community-supported, shared, and open systems, services, and programs. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the Cooperative as it continues to do this important work.