



2012 AGM Nominees to be Appointed by Acclamation

- Per Section 9.07 of the Cooperative's Rules, the following nominees will be declared elected at AGM 2012:

- **Joanne Richards, Director, Kootenay Library Federation (Chair).** I believe the BC Libraries Co-operative creates an environment that builds strong libraries and supports excellent service for patrons in all our communities. I am excited to have the opportunity to be part of a team that fosters this environment. The benefits that flow to member libraries through the cooperative model make economic sense and provide a degree of control that is not possible to achieve except by working together. I currently work as the Director of the Kootenay Library Federation (KLF), a position I have held since 2005. The KLF membership includes the nineteen public libraries in the Kootenay and Boundary corner of our province. As director, I am responsible for enabling and supporting the libraries' collaborative efforts dedicated to improving library service across region. Additionally, I am an active participant in the informal network created by the six library federations in BC. The federation directors meet regularly to explore opportunities to improve services for our member libraries through collective initiatives. In April 2010, I made a successful bid for a seat on the BC Libraries Cooperative Board. Since joining the Board, I have served as a member of the finance and personnel committees including holding the position of Treasurer. Prior to working for the KLF, I was a trustee on the Castlegar and District Public Library Board for eight years (1996-2003) and board chair (1998-2001). Presently, I serve on the board of the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, a key partner for the libraries in the Kootenay Boundary region.

I have BSc and MSc degrees from UBC in chemistry related disciplines. Respectfully submitted, Joanne Richards

- **Heather Daly, Library and Information Coordinator, School District #43 Coquitlam (Director).** Heather Daly is the Library and Information Coordinator for School District #43 (Coquitlam), BC's third largest school district. In addition to being a qualified teacher and teacher-librarian, she holds a Master of Library and Information Studies and Master of Archival Studies. As a teacher-librarian, she has been a joint recipient of

the Angela Thacker Memorial Award (2009) and a recipient of the Margaret B. Scott Award of Merit (2011), from the Canadian Association for School Libraries. She is currently President of the BC Teacher-Librarians' Association. She is a past member of the CLA's Copyright Working Group and ERAC's Learning Resource Advisory Committee.

- **Dan Phillips, IT Manager and Privacy Officer, Greater Victoria Public Library (Director).** Dan Phillips has been the I.T. Manager and Privacy Officer at the Greater Victoria Public Library since 2007. Prior to joining the Library he worked in a variety of capacities in the BC Government including a Systems Engineer, Data Analyst, Business Analyst and Risk Management Consultant. He is a strong supporter of libraries and firm believer in open access and freedom of information. He is currently a member of the BC Libraries Cooperative BFG and ISACA (Information Systems Audit and Control Association). In addition to 15 years of I.T. experience, Dan is also well-versed in risk management and holds a CRM (Canadian Risk Manager) certificate from Simon Fraser University and a CRISC certification (Certified in Risk and Information Systems Controls) through ISACA.
- **Trevor Surgenor, Director, Public Library Services Branch, Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism (Director).** Trevor is a results-driven leader with over 10 years of progressive management experience within the public library sector. As the Director of Manitoba's Public Library Services Branch he demonstrates his ability to develop strategic and targeted business initiatives that drive growth and enhance policy areas. Prior to joining government, he was employed as a library manager for the City of Thompson in Northern Manitoba and the Allard Regional Library system serving several municipalities on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. In addition to his management experience, Trevor has contributed to the governance efforts of numerous provincial and national agencies, boards, and committees including the Manitoba Library Association Board; the Manitoba Library Consortium Board; the Provincial and Territorial Public Library Council; and several Canadian Library Association working groups. Trevor believes that he can contribute to the success of the organization as it continues to expand in its services, across all library sectors and in other jurisdictions. Trevor lives in Brandon, Manitoba and may be reached by telephone at 204-726-6864 or via email at trevor.surgenor@gov.mb.ca
- **Michael De Koven, Manager IT, Collections and Assessment, North Vancouver District Library (Licensing BFG Chair).** Michael DeKoven is the Manager of IT, Collections and Assessment for North Vancouver District Public Library. Michael learned the power of collaborative efforts first-hand when he was involved in establishing the Toronto Free-Net while attending Library School and leveraged his belief in libraries working together and his experience in facilitating such work to various systems-related positions at Toronto Public Library after graduation. A short stint at an private college in the US brought him back to the West Coast (where he was born) and he has been at NVDPL for

13 years now. Michael's commitment to working with other libraries for a common goal was also demonstrated during his Presidency of the CANDU (Canadian Dynix Users) user group, and while serving as a Board Member for CODI (Customers of Dynix International) with which CANDU merged. Most recently, Michael served as the Facilities Coordinator for the 2012 BCLA Conference, and has represented NVDPL with the Co-op's Licensing Business Function Group since the group's inception.

- **Sabina Iseli-Otto, Director, Naksup Public Library (Sitka BFG Chair).** As a librarian in a small, rural community, I feel incredibly fortunate to have the ongoing support of the many people who have guided the development of the Sitka project and the BC Libraries Coop. Their efforts make it possible for libraries like mine to focus on what we do really well: enrich the lives of our patrons and of our communities. This is an exciting time for the BC Libraries Co-op. With more than 60 libraries participating in the Sitka project, there are expanding opportunities to improve on what we're already doing well. IF I become Chair of the Sitka Business Function Group (SBFG), I will ensure that all Sitka members have opportunities to contribute efficiently to a democratic decision-making process – a process which helps make Evergreen a great fit for all our libraries, and which supports the Sitka team in doing great things for libraries. Prior to becoming the Library Director in Naksup, I worked as a consultant at the Public Library Services Branch (now Libraries and Literacy). I graduated with an MLIS from the University of Western Ontario in 2006. I worked briefly as a reference librarian at the Ottawa Public Library before spending a year with the Northern Lights Library System in Alberta. I have also worked outside of libraries as a technical support worker, goat-milker, and bicycle mechanic.