

Constitution of the New Westminster Teacher-Librarians' Association

Dated November 2018

Article 1: Name

The name of this association shall be the New Westminster Teacher-Librarians' Association, hereafter referred to as NWTLA. NWTLA is a Chapter of the British Columbia Teacher-Librarians' Association (BCTLA) and will include only the geographic areas of New Westminster.

This organization will use the name or its acronym NWTLA in all publicity materials and correspondence.

Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of this association shall be

1. To promote and encourage the use and attainment of professional standards in New Westminster school libraries.
2. To improve learning and working conditions in school libraries.
3. To further the aims and objectives of the BCTLA at the local level in cooperation with the local organizations of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) and other bodies.

Article 3: Membership

Section 1: Membership shall be open to any member of the local teachers' union and the BCTLA, and at the discretion of the chapter, any other professional librarians, teachers, or district library-related personnel.

Section 2: Membership fees shall be established by resolution in September.

Article 4: Meetings

Section 1 - Chapter meetings shall be called by the Chapter President at least 6 times per year.

Section 2 - The Annual General Meeting shall be held in September.

Section 3 - All voting on motions at meetings shall be by show of hands except when a ballot is demanded by at least 1/2 of the active members present.

Section 4 - Four members shall constitute a quorum at meetings.

Article 5: Officers

The officers of the chapter shall be:

President

Treasurer

Chapter Councillor

Secretary

Article 6: Nominations and elections

Section 1 - The nomination and election of chapter officers shall take place at the general meeting in September.

Section 2 - The officers of the chapter shall be elected for a term of one year.

Section 3 - All persons elected to an executive position shall be members in good standing of the Chapter, the BCTLA, and the New Westminster Teachers' Union..

Article 7: Committees

Any committees shall be appointed at a chapter meeting at the instigation of the membership.

Article 8: Procedure for amendments to the Constitution

Section 1 - The Constitution may be amended or revised by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority at any regular meeting of the chapters, provided at least two weeks' written notice of motion has been circulated to the membership.

Section 2 - Amendments to or revisions of the Constitution become effective only after approval has been received by the BCTLA.

Section 3 - A copy of the Chapter Constitution shall be filed with the BCTLA to be hosted on the BCTLA website for archival purposes.