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Dear ALPS members,

On behalf of the ALPS Executive, I would like to thank you for your participation in our recent survey requesting your guidance on the future directions of ALPS and to report back on the results.

The survey was available from January 15, 2010 to February 13, 2010, and members were asked to respond via emails circulated through the ALPS listserv. We received 57 responses.

Here is a summary of the responses:

- 1) Maintain the ALPS BCLA Board Seat.  
61.4% agree or strongly agree with the statement: "It is important to me that as a section of the BCLA, ALPS maintains a board of director's seat."<sup>1</sup>
- 2) Continue with the Public Service Mandate.  
68.4% agree or strongly agree with the statement: "I would like ALPS to continue with its current mandate of focusing on the public service aspects of work in libraries."<sup>2</sup>
- 3) Keep the Name: ALPS & Membership Composition  
While we welcome all library staff from all sectors and roles within the library community to our continuing education events and meetings, the survey respondents emphasized at several points in the survey the need for a professional association dedicated to academic librarians in public service in BC.  
66.7% disagree or strongly disagree with ALPS changing its name to Academic Library Staff in Public Service.<sup>3</sup>  
60.7% disagree or strongly disagree with ALPS changing its name to Academic Library Staff.<sup>4</sup>  
45.7% disagree or strongly disagree with the statement: "I would like ALPS to clarify/emphasize that its membership is open to all library staff (library technicians, librarian assistants, librarians and all library employees) that have a public services role as part of their work or research interests."<sup>5</sup>  
47.4% disagree or strongly disagree with the statement: "I would like ALPS to expand its mandate and membership to all academic library staff – not just those in a public services role."<sup>6</sup>

Finally, we heard several message in our final question, "ALPS could better support my work by the following initiatives":

The following themes emerged from the responses:

- Advocate for the importance of librarians in public service
- Create more professional development opportunities, get-togethers/kvetchfests (in-person and virtually)

The ALPS Executive will be reporting the survey results to the BCLA Board of Directors, giving the highlights of our survey and ensuring they are aware of the ALPS membership's views of some of their recent questions.

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<sup>1</sup> 17.5% disagree or strongly disagree; 21.1% neither agree nor disagree

<sup>2</sup> 24.6% disagree or strongly disagree; 7% neither agree nor disagree

<sup>3</sup> 5.3% agree or strongly agree; 28.1% neither agree nor disagree

<sup>4</sup> 16.1% agree or strongly agree; 23.2% neither agree nor disagree

<sup>5</sup> 36.8% agree or strongly agree; 17.5% neither agree nor disagree

<sup>6</sup> 33.3% agree or strongly agree; 19.3% neither agree nor disagree

Should you have any questions about the survey or results, please do not hesitate to contact any of the executive members.

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