

1. Title of Resolution

Reaffirming BCLA's commitment to Net Neutrality

2. Rationale / Purpose for Resolution

In 2008, BCLA adopted a resolution in support of Network (Net) Neutrality, the principle that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) should treat all Internet traffic and content equally, without prioritizing, restricting or blocking specific content or types of traffic. This would include restricting or advantaging specific content or formats, traffic from specific companies or services, or any other discrimination that ISPs may enact.

At the time of the original resolution these principles were being threatened by legislative changes in Canada and the US. While the following years saw many successes in the fight for Net Neutrality, political changes in the United States have brought it under threat once again.

3. Prior History of this Resolution (IF ANY)

A resolution referring to Net Neutrality was passed in 2008.

4. Body of the Resolution (Action Proposed)

Whereas BCLA has previously resolved to advocate for Net Neutrality with government and amongst its members;

Whereas 10 years has passed since that resolution;

Whereas Net Neutrality is critical to the free flow of ideas on the internet;

Whereas Net Neutrality is essential in order for new ideas, services, projects, organizations and companies to emerge and flourish on the internet;

Whereas Net Neutrality continues to be threatened by changes in policy in Canada and abroad;

Whereas in the US, the FCC has recently revoked rules that protected Net Neutrality in the United States, and a significant portion of global internet traffic is routed through the US;

Whereas Canadian telecommunications companies continue to lobby for practices that would violate the principles of Net Neutrality;

Be it resolved that BCLA continues to support the principles of Net Neutrality;

Be it further resolved that BCLA will continue to advocate for Net Neutrality whenever it is threatened;

Be it further resolved that BCLA will continue to encourage the library community to act in support of Net Neutrality.

5. Initiating Individual, Section, Committee or Interest Group

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8. BCLA Sections / Committees / Interest Groups Consulted (IF ANY)

The Information Policy Committee was consulted by email on topics to put forward for resolutions this year, and this was one of the topics identified.

9. Endorsement by BCLA Sections / Committees / Interest Groups (IF ANY)

Members of the Information Policy Committee drafted and consulted on this resolution.

10. Fiscal Implications (IF ANY)

n/a

11. If this resolution necessitates a change in an existing bylaw, state the bylaw and the change. If this resolution proposes a new bylaw, please state the new bylaw. See [BCLA constitution and by-laws](#) for updated Constitution and Bylaws.

n/a

12. If this resolution conflicts with an existing bylaw, state provisions for resolving the conflict.

n/a

13. If this resolution proposes a BCLA position statement, indicate the positions relation to libraries and library service.

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