

**ESTABLISHING THE LIBRARY TECHNICIANS' AND ASSISTANTS' SECTION
OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Library Technicians' and Assistants' Interest Group to form the Library Technicians' and Assistants' Section of the British Columbia Library Association in order to better meet the needs of library technicians and assistants throughout British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS ten per cent (10%) of British Columbia Library Association members in good standing have signed a petition indicating their support for this initiative;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the British Columbia Library Association has deemed the Aims, Constitution and By-laws of the proposed Library Technicians' and Assistants' Section to be in harmony with the Objects of the British Columbia Library Association:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Library Technicians' and Assistants' Section be established as a valid Section of the British Columbia Library Association, with all of the accompanying duties, responsibilities, and privileges.

BACKGROUND

In February of 2011 a petition signed by 10% of BCLA members in good standing was submitted to the BCLA Board requesting that the Library Technicians' and Assistants' Interest Group be reconstituted as the Library Technicians' and Assistants' Section (LTAS) of BCLA. LTAS will serve library technicians and support staff and other information paraprofessionals, and students and graduates of library and information technology diploma programs.

The purpose of LTAS will be to:

Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and concerns among library technicians and library assistants;

Represent the common interest of library technicians and library assistants;

Coordinate educational and networking activities for its members;

Utilize online networking tools to raise awareness of LTAS and to update its members on the activities of LTAS; and

Act as a liaison with relevant institutions and organizations on behalf of its membership.

As a Section of BCLA, LTAS will be entitled to a seat on the BCLA Board and will be allocated meeting space at the annual conference for its AGM.

Submitted by the BCLA Library Technicians' and Assistants' Interest Group.

ACTION IF ENDORSED

A new LTAS Director position to be added to the Board and BCLA staff to provide the necessary administrative support to the new Section.