

GP-05	LIBRARY BOARD DEVELOPMENT		
APPROVED	19 January 2022	EFFECTIVE	2002
AMENDED	2006, 2011, 2016, 2021	NEXT REVIEW	2026

## 1. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines on how trustees gain the general governance and library-sector knowledge to carry out their legislated duties effectively.

## 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Library Board trustees.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

**BCLTA** – British Columbia Library Trustees Association

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## 4. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- a. The Library Board recognizes that informed trustees are vital for the Library's responsible governance.
- b. The Library Board will maintain active membership in the BCLTA and any other trustee-related associations at the discretion of the Chair.
- c. All trustees will receive an in-house orientation at the start of their term.
- d. Library Board members are encouraged to pursue activities that will enhance their ability to perform their duties, and bring to the Library information and ideas gained from programs and contacts, such as participating in professional development opportunities offered by the BCLTA and other organizations.
- e. Expenses incurred while a trustee is engaged in approved professional development activities are reimbursed per the expense claim policy.
- f. When a subsidy from another agency is available for the attendance at meetings, seminars, conventions, conferences and other events, the Library Board shall reimburse the trustee the difference between the subsidy and actual expenses.
- g. Regular Library Board meetings may contain an educational component.

## 5. EVALUATION

- a. The Library Board shall perform an annual evaluation that may include a review of:
  - ◆ the Library's strategic plan
  - ◆ the Library Board's activities

## RELATED POLICIES

FP-03                      Expense Claims