

## **Constitution**

### **The British Columbia Language Coordination Association**

**Name:** The organization shall be known as the “British Columbia Language Coordination Association.” (BCLCA)

**Mission Statement:** The objective of the association shall be:

The BCLCA is committed to advocacy of effective language and multicultural programs for all learners in BC through leadership and communication with and among stakeholder groups.

## **Article 1 Membership**

### **Article 1.1 Active membership:**

Active membership shall be open to all persons :

- responsible for or designated as contact persons for language programs in school districts in British Columbia
- university personnel involved in the training of language teachers
- Ministry personnel responsible for language programs
- representatives from associations whose mandate is support for language programs in BC

### **Article 1.2 Honorary Life Membership:**

Honorary Life Membership may be accorded to persons who have made outstanding contributions to language programs in British Columbia upon recommendation by the BCLCA executive. Criteria for Honorary Life Membership: Has provided service to the BCLCA and shown exemplary leadership in language programs.

## **Article 2 Voting and holding office**

### **Article 2.1 - Voting privileges**

All full members in good standing shall have the right to vote at the general meetings of the BCLCA

## Article 2.2 Composition of the executive committee (2015)

- A. Five out of seven executive committee members must have a defined responsibility for language programs in one of the contexts mentioned in Article 1.1.
- B. Up to 2 teacher leaders involved in language programs may be members-at-large, but they may not hold table officer positions which are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer
- C. To be elected as president, the candidate must already be a member of the executive committee. The presidency may in this case have a mandate longer than three years for a maximum of six years on the executive committee. **The president must have a defined responsibility for language programs in one of the contexts mentioned in the above Article 1.1.**
- D. To be elected as vice-president the person must be already a member of the executive committee and have a defined responsibility for language programs in one of the contexts mentioned in Article 1.1.
- E. When a new president is elected, the out-going president remains a part of the executive committee as an active but non-voting member for one year.
- F. The executive committee should be representative of the different regions of British Columbia. Every effort will be made to uphold this principle.

## Article 2.3 Length of the mandate (2015)

- G. Each position on the executive committee will have a three-year-mandate.
  - a. After three years, the member needs to step down and allow a new member to take an executive position.
  - b. A former executive member is allowed to reapply for a position after having taken at least a one-year leave from the executive committee.
  - c. The President will have a mandate in this role for up to a maximum of five years. The presidency may in this case have a mandate on the Executive Committee longer than three years for a maximum of eight years.
- H. Quorum at executive meetings: (2015)
  - a. Quorum of 75 % of active members is necessary for all executive meetings. If quorum is not reached, the meeting will be reconvened at a later date.
- I. Number of positions on the executive committee (2015)
  - a. The Executive committee shall consist of no more than 7 active voting members: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, communications/technology officer, 2 members at large, plus the out-going president for one year only: active but non-voting.