

JULY – AUGUST 2013 CLABC SURVEY RESULTS

(27 on-line surveys and 3 handwritten responses received out of 90 surveys sent out for a total of 30 respondees)

Question #1: *Please state your name and location*

All replies were from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island areas.

Question #2: *Which best reflects your CLABC newsletter reading habits?*

Read every issue:	66.5%
Browse every issue:	34.4%
Browse one or two issues a year:	0
Rarely:	0

Question #3: *How are you currently accessing the CLABC newsletter? Check all that apply.*

I receive e-mail notification and follow the link to the CLABC website.....	56.6%
I go directly to the CLABC website and read the newsletter on line.....	13.0%
I go directly to the CLABC website and download a print copy to read.....	23.0%
I receive the newsletter in the mail.....	23.0%
I receive a copy from another person.....	0.7%
I have sent out PDF copies via eml to a number of people who had difficulty with the website....	0.3%

Question #4: *Which best reflects how often you have visited the CLABC website in the last year?*

Regularly – more than four times.....	43%
Sometimes.....	43%
Never.....	13%

Question 5: *Have you attended a CLABC conference in the last two years? If not why not?*

Out of 27 respondees..... 24 (88%) answered yes and 3 (1.1%) answered no

Comments from the “No's”:

- conflict of schedules
- reluctance to travel alone

Note: 3 respondees skipped this question

Question 6: If you have attended CLABC conferences, rank these in the order of value they are to you; one being the most valuable and eight the least. (27 respondees)

Average Ranking

#1 Keynote Speaker.....	6.65
#2 Workshops.....	6.46
#3 Sharing time with attendees.....	5.27
#4 Having book sellers present.....	4.46
#5 Book exchange.....	3.65
#6 Worship.....	3.50
#7 Having lunch included in registration fee.....	3.35
#8 Annual General Meeting.....	2.65

Question 7: As council deals with the reality of fewer volunteers, rank which of the following are a priority for council's time and energy moving forward; one being the most important and six the least. (27 respondees)

Average Ranking

#1 Maintain & circulate a membership list so members can contact those in their area.....	4.56
#2 Maintain & build up website to include more promotion, information & resources for members.....	4.41
#3 Support leaders with organizing local fall and/or spring workshops to build up chapters.....	4.26
#4 Freshen up & rejuvenate our newsletter.....	2.85
#5 Concentrate energy on forming & supporting a conference planning committee every year.....	2.78
#6 Concentrate energy on forming & supporting a conference planning committee every two years.....	2.15

Question #8: How do you see yourself willing and able to help move forward the cause of CLABC in the next year?

Help plan for, or conduct one local workshop or informal “sharing time” in 2014.....44%

Vancouver Island Responses: 7 volunteers

Lower Mainland Responses: 6 volunteers

Help plan for, or conduct one workshop for conference in 2014.....22%

Vancouver Island Responses: 4 volunteers

Lower Mainland Responses: 2 volunteers

Join a conference planning committee for 2014.....11%

Vancouver Island Responses: 3 volunteers

Lower Mainland Responses: 0 volunteers

Consider nomination for Council position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Membership Secretary.....18.5%

Vancouver Island Responses: 3 volunteers

Lower Mainland Responses: 2 volunteers

Serve in an appointed position as Newsletter Editor, Archivist Historian, Promotions Chair or Services...0.03%

Vancouver Island Responses: 1 volunteer

Lower Mainland Responses: 0 volunteers

Commit to praying faithfully for the work of CLABC and its membership.....74%

Help form, or continue to maintain a supportive chapter in your area.....59%

Vancouver Island Responses: 8 volunteers

Lower Mainland Responses: 8 volunteers

Introduce CLABC to one other person whose church library work would benefit from it.....59%

Provide input for maintaining our website and/or Face Book page.....0.14%

Vancouver Island Responses: 2 volunteers

Lower Mainland Responses: 2 volunteers

Contribute writings, reviews, etc. to assist with the production of the newsletter.....37%

Vancouver Island Responses: 3 volunteers

Lower Mainland Responses: 7 volunteers

OTHER COMMENTS:

Mill Bay: I commend the effort put into creating this survey and its intent to encourage input and action from members. I hope that it gives us a picture of the membership's appreciation of the help there is in being members but especially that it stimulates more active participation in growing the organization so that others can be helped in their ministry of church librarians. It was hard to put some of these in order as so many of them are dependent on each other and a vital part of the ministry and the conferences.

Victoria: am out of the country four months a year (had volunteered to join the 2014 conference planning committee)

Pender Island: Sorry I can no longer contribute, too old, did lots when younger!

Delta: Help out where I can; mention CLABC to interested people

Victoria: Oops, volunteering for too much again!

Richmond/Vancouver: When members' needs are met, then they'll volunteer.

Courtenay/Comox: willing to help plan a conference on the Island

New Westminister: I think it's a great newsletter

- keep eyes open for prize items for conferences

Duncan: can't help yet – just getting settled here

- have booksellers do book talks about their books
- most important for council to support **local** fall workshops and build up **local** chapters
- have a FAQ section on the website
- use website more for promoting books for certain ages, book reviews, etc.
- I enjoy helping people get a library started in their churches – a one-on-one (helped the Pentecostal Church in Duncan in 2012-13)

OTHER COMMENTS (Cont'd)

Aldergrove:

I would be willing to have a conference every 2 years, if and only if, I had a local chapter I could attend.

Waiting 2 years to see other church librarians is too long.

If we can't get enough local chapters going, then another possibility would be to open up the North Vancouver chapter to all mainland (or at least lower mainland) members. Open up one of the Vancouver Island chapters to all Vancouver Island members. These would become very large chapters which could become more active with more members.

If more people are involved in the already existing chapters, then they would be able to draw from that experience the ability to splinter off a new chapter. That would be a lot easier than getting someone with no experience to start up a new chapter from scratch. In time, I could easily see this branching out into several new chapters with new leaders.

Then in even more time, those with leadership experience within chapters, would become able to take on leadership in the whole of CLABC. The progression would take several years, but this model would build leaders, rather than expecting people to jump into leadership for which they don't feel equipped.