Ontario Library Association 2011 Annual General Meeting

June 8, 2012.

Agenda Item 8.3: Motion to support a National Network for Equitable Library Service for Canadians with print disabilities.

OLA AGM Resolution, June 8, 2012

WHEREAS in 2003 the Ontario Library Association recommended, through joint funding by federal, provincial and territorial governments, the establishment of a public and private sector partnership to ensure that Canada provide for Canadians unable to read print, a library service which is equitable and comparable to the services available to all Canadians through public funding; and

WHEREAS the approach taken in Reading Re-imagined: a National Digital HUB to Support Service Delivery to Canadians with Print Disabilities – Conceptual Model and Business Plan (March 2012) is consistent with previous models and plans;

BE IT RESOLVED that OLA continue to support the development of a National Network for Equitable Library Service for Canadians with print disabilities (NNELS) by:

1. Being a public voice on behalf of equitable access to library services for Canadians with print disabilities and by making support for equitable library access a priority issue in OLA’s advocacy efforts with governments; and

2. Supporting the public library system in taking the primary responsibility for a national network, with support from a variety of public and private sector partners; and

3. Facilitating the gathering of feedback from the library community on the development of a national network; and

4. Working with all stakeholders to create options for appropriate governance models for a national network.

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