

Purpose

The Special Libraries Association unit chapters for Western Canada, Eastern Canada, and Toronto would like to invite our respective unit members to participate in a vote on the future of our chapters.

Reference Documents

1. SLA Canadian chapters merger vote background
 - Longer form background of the decision to approach a merger
 - Voting procedures
 - Timeline for discussions and decisions
 - Advantages and disadvantages of choices
2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Western Canada Chapter, the Toronto Chapter and the Eastern Canada Chapter of the Special Libraries Association
 - Sets out the terms, goals, proposed structure, and 2020 goals for the merged SLA Canadian Chapter.

Vote Procedure

- Each chapter will initiate their own vote with their units.
- Each chapter will use SurveyMonkey to collect votes.
- The voting period is open from September 5, 2019 - September 27, 2019.

Vote Options

Question: Do you support going forwards with a merged Canadian chapter?

Yes – I support going forward with a merged Canadian chapter

No – I want to maintain separate chapters

Vote Decisions

The decision reported by each chapter unit is the vote option that receives $\frac{2}{3}$ (two thirds) of the votes OF THE VOTING PARTICIPANTS. Each chapter is voting separately and will each make their own decision about participating in the merger.

The merger will occur for all chapter units that reach a “Yes - I support going forward with a Canadian chapter” decision.