Ontario Library Association Annual General Meeting, January 30, 2020

Resolution #2:

Title: Motion for the Addition of a New OLA Division—the Ontario Health Library Association.

Background: Established in 1985, OHLA is an association committed to the support of library and information specialists who deliver quality health information to the communities of Ontario. The goal of OHLA is to support its members through excellence in leadership, advocacy, education, research, and communications through diverse initiatives. OHLA seeks to have a broader impact and participate in wider knowledge exchange by becoming more integrated with the greater Ontario library community. OHLA will also have more opportunities to create a collaborative network of health information professionals and librarians in public libraries, which will enhance the ability of communities in Ontario with access to high quality health information.

OHLA and OLA have offered joint memberships for many years, with approximately 50% of OHLA members holding a joint membership.

In 2019, OLA and OHLA independently surveyed their memberships and determined that the majority of responses from both organizations support the dissolving of OHLA and the constitution of a new health libraries division of OLA.

> Whereas, the Ontario Health Libraries Association has identified the benefit of joining OLA as a fully affiliated division and has member support for joining OLA.

> Whereas, as per the requirements in forming a new division of OLA, it is anticipated that at least 5% of the Ontario Health Libraries sector will form this new division,

> Whereas, if accepted as a new OLA division, the Ontario Health Libraries Association will vote to dissolve as an independent association and become the Ontario Health Library Association, a fully affiliated division of OLA.

> Whereas, the Ontario Health Library Association division agrees to comply with bylaws established by OLA.

Be it resolved that OLA constitute the Ontario Health Library Association as a new division.

Moved: Sarah Bonato   **Seconder: Julie Waddick**