

# REPORT TO BRANCHES

## BCSTA Bylaw Review Committee Report

During the 2017 AGM, the Association adopted a motion requesting “that the BCSTA Board of Directors initiate a review of BCSTA’s current Bylaws to ensure they continue to best serve the membership and current organizational structure.” In accordance with this motion, the BCSTA Board of Directors established the ad hoc Bylaw Review Committee. The Committee was charged with reviewing BCSTA’s Bylaws and making “recommendations to the BCSTA Board of Directors about possible changes, additions and deletions to the Bylaws to ensure they continue to best serve the membership and current organizational structure.”

The Committee’s Report and recommendations have been reviewed by the BCSTA Board of Directors and they have submitted three extraordinary motions to the 2018 AGM based on the Committee’s recommendations.

Read: [Report of the Bylaw Review Committee](#)

## Ministry of Education funding model review regional meetings

A reminder to boards that you will want to have your school district registered as soon as possible for the Funding Model Review regional meeting of your choice. There is limited space at each meeting site, so you would have to go to an alternate location if your first choice of location is full.

Superintendents and Secretary Treasurers are now invited to join your board’s trustee representative (one trustee only) for the morning session with the panel. The afternoon session is for Superintendents and Secretary Treasurers only, and will focus on the more technical aspects of the funding model.

Although an ‘overflow’ regional meeting session will be hosted in Richmond (overlapping with the opening day of the BCSTA AGM), it is intended only for those trustee representatives, superintendents, and/or secretary treasurers who could not attend one of the other scheduled meeting sessions. It is important that your district try to register for one of the previously announced regional meeting sessions if at all possible. Please note also that duplicate registrations will not be accepted. If your district representatives have registered

for one of the regional meeting sessions, your district will not be allowed to register for a second session.

Please contact the Ministry of Education directly to register, or if you have any questions regarding the regional meetings.

## New BCSTA website

On April 8, 2018, BCSTA launched our updated website.

The new website has been streamlined to better match the services offered on the BCSTA HUB, and some existing platforms, such as DocuShare, have been retired. The focus of BCSTA.org is now on the public, and many items that directly target trustees, board chairs, superintendents, partner group representatives, executive assistants and more have been moved to our member’s area (the BCSTA HUB).

What follows is a breakdown of some of our major content online, and where it now is following our updated website being launched.

### What is on the new BCSTA.org website?

- Information about our Association
- Recent media releases
- Recent advocacy letters
- Suggested resources for K-12
- Education Leader Stories
- BCSTA scholarship details
- Partners Calendar 2.0 (containing major BCSTA events and the events of our partner organizations and government)
- School district contact information

### What has moved to the BCSTA HUB?

- Expense claim forms & policy
- District policies bank
- Meeting minutes (branches, committees, BoD, etc.)
- Motion-related documentation
- Branch constitutions
- Branch/Committee agendas
- The BCSTA calendar, containing committee, branch, board and other similar meetings.

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## What is on both?

- AGM, Provincial Council and Academy programs
- Reports like Synopsis, legal updates, report to branches, etc. (supporting documents are HUB/member exclusive)
- Association Bylaws and Operations doc
- Our strategic plan and direction
- Association financial information and bylaw information
- Local elections support materials
- Major reports

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mark Regier at [mregier@bcsta.org](mailto:mregier@bcsta.org) or (604) 235-2291.

## Elections Engagement Committee Strategies

Information about engagement strategies that the BCSTA Elections Engagement Committee has planned will be available to members at their branch meetings at AGM 2018. Please find a few minutes to read through and bring forward any questions you may have to your branch president or contact the committee through BCSTA Communications Specialist Glenda Ollero at [gollero@bcsta.org](mailto:gollero@bcsta.org).

## #ProudToBeASchoolTrustee

Take your photo in the photo booth outside the AGM main ballroom and tell us why you're [#ProudToBeASchoolTrustee](#). We've included sticky note pads in the trustee AGM delegate packages so you can write down your thoughts and leave them the booth. We will collect all your notes and share the best ones on social media.

## Trustee Elections Bulletin

BCSTA will circulate *Trustee Elections Bulletins* to provide information and resources related to the upcoming school trustee elections.

The *Bulletins* will also be posted on the [BCSTA website](#).

The March 7, 2018 issue is available [online](#).

## Media Releases

BCSTA has issued the following media release that's available to read on the website:

- [BCSTA Responds to Maintenance Funding Announcement](#)

## Non-medical Cannabis Legalization Update

BCSTA would like to update members on the current status of non-medical cannabis legalization.

This update provides information about:

- the status of the federal and provincial legislation related to the legalization of non-medical cannabis
- some considerations related to board of education policies, procedures and school codes of conduct;
- resources developed by the federal government regarding cannabis.

Read: [Non-Medical Cannabis Legalization Update](#)

## 2018-19 Strategic Planning

After the membership elects and installs the 2018-19 Board of Directors on the Saturday of AGM 2018, the new Board will be heading into a two-day intensive meeting (tentatively scheduled for May) for strategic planning to set the direction and focus of the Association for the coming year. The strategic planning will be guided by the resolutions that members will pass at AGM, the feedback collected from the BCSTA Member Input Survey, as well as current and upcoming issues. The final strategic plan will be sent to members a few weeks after the planning meeting. ■