

**BCSTA**

British Columbia  
School Trustees  
Association

April 26-29, 2018

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel

# AGM 2018

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENT TRANSITION**

**REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**

## 2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**L-R:** Stephanie Higginson from SD68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), *Vice-President*; Mike Roberts, *BCSTA CEO*; Donna Sargent from SD38 (Richmond), *Director*; Carolyn Broady from SD45 (West Vancouver), *Director*; Gordon Swan from SD58 (Nicola-Similkameen), *President*; Mike Murray from SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows), *Director*; Valerie Adrian from SD74 (Gold Trail), *Director*; Tim Bennett from SD57 (Prince George), *Director*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It is hard to believe that 12 months have gone by since I was voted in as your president, and while time moved along quickly, I feel we have accomplished much together as an association dedicated to the students and public we serve.

We recently shared our strategic plan summary report with you. To quote the report “Every school year, the Association weathers one new challenge after another and, with that in mind, an extensive list of nearly 150 items were placed on our to-do list.” That is a significant amount of change to seek in a single year, and I am proud of what we accomplished together. I am encouraged with what we have achieved, but am equally eager to build on this plan into 2019!

As you know, democracy takes time and we had to wait for the dust to settle in Victoria before we could fully act on the initiatives set out in the strategic plan. Despite these challenges, your board of directors utilized the time to prepare, and we were diligent in responding to your concerns as quickly as possible once the new government had been put into place. We have been extremely busy ever since in working with government as co-governors of BC’s public education system. Along this path, change has been a constant, with faces, programs, funding and more being adjusted to fit the goals of the current government.

The relationship thus far has been positive, and I remain optimistic that we will continue to find common ground as we move forward and tackle the issues that matter most in public education. I encourage you all to take the time to examine the strategic plan we have posted on the BCSTA HUB, as well as the summary report released last week, to review all that has been accomplished in the past year.

As we reflect on the year that was, bookended by our 114th AGM, I would like to take a few moments to talk about the incredible team you elected last year. True leadership comes not from a single individual, but rather it is driven by the team assembled by you, the members, to bring your voice to public education. And what a team you assembled.

Donna Sargent, as you know, has been my liaison to the PLC, and she has taken on the Cannabis file. She is also our lead on SOGI and has done incredible work with Stephanie on the Local Elections Engagement Committee. Beyond that, when I have scheduling conflicts and something popping up in the Metro area, the answer has always been “Whatever you need Gordon.” Thank you, Donna, for being a shining example of what a dedicated trustee and director should be.

I asked Carolyn Broady to lead the Bylaw Review Committee as I knew she could bring a collaborative, thoughtful voice to that process. She has also been the liaison to the legislative committee and did a tremendous amount of work on our Learning Guide. Like Donna, she has been a team player and ready to step in, even at a moments notice. Just a few weeks ago, Alan was unable to get to meetings in Vancouver and Carolyn simply said, “I’ve got you covered,” without me even having to ask. Thank you, Carolyn for your dedication to BCSTA.

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I will be adding my additional thoughts on the three board of directors members who will be leaving the board after our AGM shortly, but before I do, I would like to personally, and publicly, acknowledge my 'right hand' in Vice-President Stephanie Higginson. Over the past year we have worked together extensively on creating a seamless link between us, leveraging our complimentary skill sets. Stephanie attends the monthly calls with the Deputy Minister with me and my three times a week calls, sometime more, with our CEO Mike Roberts. I can always count on her to bring her passion for public education to the conversations we have. She has also been leading the charge on the Leadership Working Group, which just last week had an infusion of additional funds from the province. Thank you, Stephanie for all you do for BCSTA. The dedication you bring to the role is second to none.

Our board leads by example, and this level of commitment is mirrored throughout our Association as a result. I am proud of where we stand today; our relationships with government and partner organizations are strong, thanks in large part to the dedication of our board and staff. The tone has been set, and we have rallied successfully behind the notion that a strong public education system is the foundation of a sound democratic society. We have established a reputation as 'doers,' and we will continue to build on this path with action and results.

While strong foundations have been laid in the past year, we still have areas of concern on the horizon, including preparing for bargaining, the new Health Employer Tax, increases to other taxes, the current funding review, trustee elections and the renewal of our co-governance agreement, to name just a few.

We have also seen the return of trustee governance to the BC Public School Employers' Association, a move that BCSTA had advocated for over the past several years. I remember chairing our committee that wrote BCSTA's first report on the matter, and I recall the long hours we put in to bring our vision to reality. The advocacy efforts produced since, and our success in January with the return of trustee governance, are the fruits of our labour, showcasing the positive difference trustees make in public education.

As you know, Alan Chell will not be seeking re-election to our board this AGM in order to pursue his new responsibility as chair of the BCPSEA board, and I owe him thanks for all of his contributions over the years. I am supremely confident Alan will be the leader BCPSEA needs in order to weather the storms of change, and while I will miss his insight, wisdom and keen instincts, I know he is going where he is needed most. We will also be saying goodbye to two other members of our board this year.

Gloria Jackson will not be seeking re-election this term, and Teresa Rezansoff will end her term as past-president. I would like to recognize them both for all they have done to make BCSTA what it is today, and for leaving a lasting impression on public education in BC.

For those who don't know, Gloria is also a rancher who's work ethic has always reminded me of a story by Paul Harvey made famous during the 2013 Super Bowl. I have taken a few liberties with that ad, and I will paraphrase slightly, but it went a little something like this: "I needed someone willing to get up before dawn tend to their livestock, work

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all day in the fields, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the local school board, so I made a Rancher. I need someone to sit up all night with a newborn calf... only to watch it die. And to then then dry their eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need someone willing to ride the ruts to get hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when she sees the first smoke from a neighbour's place, so I made a Rancher." Gloria, from the bottom of my heart, thank-you for all you have done for public education. Your insight into the issues that our indigenous and rural communities face has been vital and your presence on the board will be missed.

In a similar vein; Teresa, your guidance and willingness to support BCSTA past your term as president has been more helpful than words can capture. You have stayed engaged and taken more than your fair share of the load and I thank you for your allegiance to BCSTA and public education. Everyone in this room owes you a debt of gratitude for what you have provided to BCSTA, and what you have given up to accomplish our collective goals.

As mentioned earlier, we are ramping up towards the bargaining period, which will undoubtedly test many of us as we work toward finding the right balance that will effectively meet the needs of our communities and schools. While the bargaining period occurs in a limited window, concerns over funding are longer lasting. We need to continue to work with the government to find our own balance, and to share with them that we are currently functioning with less than we need.

Our public education system currently ranks at the top when compared to the rest of the world, both in results and in equity of access. While we can be proud of what we have accomplished with limited resources, we can do better, and we will do better. We will do this with appropriate supports including funding that is flexible, stable, predictable and sustainable.

We will continue to push the issues that matter most to BC's students, as they subsequently impact all areas of our society. But for now, let us focus on the task at hand. At our AGM we set the course for another year as trustees as we assembled under the theme of "working together for successful student transition."

These were not arbitrary words strung together. They were real goals, and our objective over the weekend was to focus on what must be done in order to see that we are equipping students for post-secondary life, no matter where it takes them. For as good a job as we may think we are doing, we can all always do more. There is always room for improvement, and while we may face obstacles, we must be tireless in our pursuit of change that will improve learning outcomes for all of BC's students.

We do this through personal improvement, challenging our peers and working together to build a wave of change stronger than the challenges that may bind us. We need to focus on the positive difference a trustee can, and more accurately should, be making when it comes to governance decisions that will impact successful student transition to post public school life. We need to equip our young people with the settings, tools and understanding they need to make strong decisions for themselves that will lead them to achieve their goals and dreams. There is a quote by Martin Luther King Jr on the subject

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that I find especially relevant this weekend. "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

Trustees must take this responsibility to heart if they are to meet the challenge of being a publicly elected leader. Through the motions we engage in debate on, to the meetings you attend, you set a tone for change. It is our duty to inspire our young people to be equal to the task, and to provide them with the environment they need in order to build off of our efforts, so they may one day reach heights that would seem unattainable by current standards.

Alongside us, our partner organizations, the provincial government and the democratically elected boards of education we serve have shaped the landscape of BC's public education system for over a century. You are the motivators and the change makers we need. It is your collective guidance that shapes our organization and moulds our education system to fit the needs of your many unique communities and circumstances. While we may start the processes for another year in education here this weekend through motions and debate, it is you who ignite the process, and your communities who deserve the results.

This is the path we forge, and the one we will continue on until the needs of local school districts are met in full. It is long, winding and full of challenges. I want to acknowledge all of my fellow directors, current and past. It is due in large part to your sacrifices along the way that we all can continue to build and evolve, even after 114 years. I would also like to highlight the efforts of BCSTA's dedicated staff. Without their involvement, we would not be able to meet the objectives we set today.

Lastly, I want to sincerely thank each and everyone one of you for being a part of the process. Every voice is critical and lends a new perspective to problems, old and new. I am always so inspired when I see trustees gather together to work on solving issues not only in their own communities, but their neighbours too, like the rancher in the story.

Together, as co-governors of public education alongside our partner organizations, government and public stakeholders, we can ensure that our youth are primed for what is to come after public school and leave with a passion for life-long learning as they journey forward. Let us focus on that journey. Cast a gaze far and wide as we work together to ready the path forward.



**GORDON SWAN**  
President, BCSTA

## PROGRAM

**THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 26, 2018**

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
<b>11:30 A.M.</b> Lobby Foyer	<b>REGISTRATION OPENS</b>
<b>1:00-2:20 P.M.</b> Elmbridge	<b>PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 1 (FEE APPLIES)</b> <b>How do School Districts Ensure that Students are Prepared for Transition to Post-Secondary Opportunities?</b> Ted Cadwallader, <i>Provincial Director, Aboriginal Education, Ministry of Education</i> Jan Unwin, <i>Superintendent of Graduation and Student Transitions, Ministries of Education and Advanced Ed</i>
<b>2:30-3:50</b> Elmbridge	<b>PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 2 (FEE APPLIES)</b> <b>Policy and Practice to Support Student Mental Health and Well-Being Ensuring Successful Transitions</b> Mali Bain, <i>Provincial Lead, WellAhead, McConnell Foundation</i> Melia Fernandez, <i>Operations and Administrative Manager, Department of Human Resources, Langara College</i> Michael Lee, <i>Senior Instructor, Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, University of British Columbia</i> Tanya Miller, <i>Provincial Coordinator, Healthy Minds   Healthy Campuses, Canadian Mental Health Association</i> Charlie Naylor, <i>Senior Researcher (retd.), BC Teachers' Federation</i> Siobhan O'Kelly, <i>Coordinator, Student Entry and Transition, British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)</i> Lauren Oleksewich, <i>Health and Wellness Coordinator, BCIT Student Association</i>
<b>2:30-3:50</b> Richmond A/B	<b>PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 3 (FEE APPLIES)</b> <b>Helpful Hints and Procedures for Chairing Effective Meetings</b> John Noonan, <i>Professional Registered Parliamentarian</i>
<b>4:00-5:00</b> Elmbridge	<b>NETWORKING SESSION (INVITATION ONLY)</b> Board Chairs and Vice-Chairs with BCSTA Board of Directors
<b>7:00-7:20</b> Britannia Ballroom A/B	<b>AGM 2018 OFFICIAL OPENING</b> <b>Opening Ceremonies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order: Mike Roberts, <i>CEO, BCSTA</i></li> <li>• O Canada: Ysabelle Santa Ana, <i>Student, Richmond School District</i></li> <li>• Welcome Ceremony: Shane Pointe, <i>Member, Musqueam First Nation &amp; Coast Salish First Nation</i></li> </ul> <b>Welcome Address</b> Gordon Swan, <i>President, BCSTA</i>
<b>7:20-8:20</b> Britannia Ballroom A/B	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION</b> <b>Working Together for Successful Student Transition</b> Dr. Santa Ono, <i>President, University of British Columbia</i>

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### THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2018

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
<b>8:20-8:30</b> Britannia Ballroom A/B	<b>GREETINGS FROM THE CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA)</b> <i>Floyd Martens, President, CSBA</i>
<b>8:30-9:00</b> Britannia Ballroom A/B	<b>FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b> <i>Teresa Rezansoff, Past President, BCSTA</i>
<b>9:00</b> Britannia Ballroom C	<b>PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND NETWORKING</b>

### FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2018

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
<b>7:15 A.M.</b> Lobby Foyer	<b>REGISTRATION RE-OPENS</b>
<b>7:30-8:40</b>	<b>BRANCH BREAKFAST MEETINGS</b> (Breakfast provided for delegates) • Fraser Valley (Westminster 1) • Kootenay Boundary (Westminster 3) • Metropolitan Branch (Minoru B) • Northern Interior (Westminster 2) • North West (Minoru D) • South Coast (Cedarbridge) • Thompson Okanagan (Minoru C) • Vancouver Island (Minoru A)
<b>8:50-9:10</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>DAY 2 OPENING REMARKS</b> <i>Gordon Swan, President, BCSTA</i>
<b>9:10-10:10</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>PLENARY 1</b> <b>Preparing Our Students for the Future of Our Workforce</b> <i>Eric Termuende, Co-Founder, NoW Innovations</i>
<b>10:10-10:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:30-11:30</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>PLENARY 2</b> <b>Focusing on the Successful Transitions for Our Aboriginal Students</b> <i>Mike Downie, Documentary Filmmaker/Co-Creator, Secret Path</i>
<b>11:30-12:00 P.M.</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>CELEBRATE PUBLIC EDUCATION</b> <b>Traditional Dance Presentation</b> <i>Wil Bakwhl K'ubatk'ihlgum Nisga'a, Students, SD92 (Nisga'a)</i>

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### FRIDAY

**APRIL 27, 2018**

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**12:00-12:40**

Britannia  
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**2:00-3:00**

#### EVENT

**LUNCH**

*(Lunch provided for delegates)*

**LONG TERM SERVICE RECOGNITION**

**GREETINGS FROM THE OPPOSITION CRITIC FOR EDUCATION**

*MLA Mike Bernier, former Minister of Education*

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

*(See page A10 for more information)*

**GREETINGS FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

*Hon. Rob Fleming, Minister of Education*

**BCSTA BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES' FORUM**

**RECEPTION**

Hosted by: The Canadian Union of Public Employees BC (CUPE BC)

### SATURDAY

**APRIL 28, 2018**

#### TIME / VENUE

**7:15 A.M.**

Lobby Foyer

**7:30-8:15**

Minoru A/B/C

**7:30-8:00**

Elmbridge

**8:00-8:45**

Elmbridge

#### EVENT

**REGISTRATION RE-OPENS**

**BREAKFAST**

*(Breakfast provided for delegates)*

**PROVINCIAL COUNCIL BREAKFAST**

*(Breakfast provided for PC representatives)*

**PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

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### SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2018

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
<b>9:00-12:00 P.M.</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>AGM BUSINESS SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BCSTA Committee Introductions</li><li>• Candidate Speeches</li><li>• Credentials Committee Report</li><li>• Legislative Committee Report</li><li>• Election: 2018-19 Board of Directors</li><li>• Debate: Substantive Motions</li><li>• Debate: Extraordinary Motions</li><li>• Inauguration of 2018-19 Board of Directors</li></ul>
<b>12:00-1:15</b> Minoru A/B/C	<b>LUNCH</b> (Lunch provided for delegates) Sponsored by: Harris & Company LLP
<b>1:15-5:00</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>AGM BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continued Debate: Substantive Motions</li><li>• Debate: Late Motions (<i>If any</i>)</li></ul>
<b>5:00</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT or RECESS TO SUNDAY</b> (Pending completion of motion debates)

### SUNDAY APRIL 29, 2018

TIME / VENUE	EVENT
<b>7:30 A.M.</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b> (Breakfast not provided)
<b>8:30</b> Britannia Ballroom	<b>AGM BUSINESS SESSION CONTINUES</b> (If motion debates are not completed on Saturday)
<b>AFTER DEBATES ARE COMPLETED</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

### WHAT IS THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE?

The Credentials Committee for the 2018 AGM was composed of Rosemarie Buchanan from SD70 (Alberni), Lora Lee Brekke from SD10 (Arrow Lakes) and Nancy Rempel from SD74 (Gold Trail). Trustees attending the Annual General Meeting as delegates are appointed to this committee by the BCSTA President. They are responsible for validating all credentials of delegates to the AGM and reporting on attendance at the AGM to the membership. This committee meets as needed at the AGM.

### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

<b>Trustees</b>	263
<b>Life Members*</b>	1
<b>Total Voting Delegates</b>	264
<b>Non-voting Guests</b>	94

\*Non-sitting trustees

### AGM 2018 SCRUTINEERS

The Scrutineer Committee was led by Rosemarie Buchanan, SD70 (Alberni). BCSTA thanks all Secretary-Treasurers who helped during this year's business session.

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MOTIONS</b>																																																											
<b>E1. Housekeeping Bylaw Amendments</b>	That BCSTA amend the Bylaws of the Association as set out in the attached document. (See: Appendix A, p. 39)		Carried																																																								
<b>E2. Delegates and Voting Power at General Meetings</b>	<p>That BCSTA amend Bylaw 9(a) as follows:</p> <p>Delegates and Voting Powers at General Meetings</p> <p>a. Delegates shall be school trustees duly accredited by the Boards of Education of which they are members. For purposes of ballot voting, Boards of Education having an annual enrollment of pupils (actual pupils, not full-time equivalents) at the most recent date established under the <i>School Act</i> for the reporting of student populations, shall have the following number of votes irrespective of the number of delegates:</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>to</td><td>249 pupils</td><td>1 vote</td></tr> <tr> <td>250</td><td>to</td><td>999 pupils</td><td>2 votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>1,000</td><td>to</td><td>1,999 pupils</td><td>3 votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>2,000</td><td>to</td><td>5,999 pupils</td><td>4 votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>6,000</td><td>to</td><td>11,999 pupils</td><td>6 votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>12,000</td><td>to</td><td>17,999 pupils</td><td>8 votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>18,000</td><td>to</td><td>23,999 pupils</td><td>10 votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>24,000</td><td>to</td><td>29,999 pupils</td><td>12 votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>30,000</td><td>to</td><td>35,999 pupils</td><td>14 votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>36,000</td><td>to</td><td>47,999 pupils</td><td><u>1615</u> votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>48,000</td><td>to</td><td>59,999 pupils</td><td><u>1816</u> votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>60,000</td><td>to</td><td>71,999 pupils</td><td><u>2017</u> votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>72,000</td><td>to</td><td>83,999 pupils</td><td><u>2218</u> votes</td></tr> <tr> <td>84,000</td><td colspan="2">and over pupils</td><td><u>2419</u> votes</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>These categories are to be reviewed when the enrollment of the largest member Board exceeds 84,000 students.</p>		1	to	249 pupils	1 vote	250	to	999 pupils	2 votes	1,000	to	1,999 pupils	3 votes	2,000	to	5,999 pupils	4 votes	6,000	to	11,999 pupils	6 votes	12,000	to	17,999 pupils	8 votes	18,000	to	23,999 pupils	10 votes	24,000	to	29,999 pupils	12 votes	30,000	to	35,999 pupils	14 votes	36,000	to	47,999 pupils	<u>1615</u> votes	48,000	to	59,999 pupils	<u>1816</u> votes	60,000	to	71,999 pupils	<u>2017</u> votes	72,000	to	83,999 pupils	<u>2218</u> votes	84,000	and over pupils		<u>2419</u> votes	Defeated
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<b>E3. Life Membership</b>	<p>That BCSTA amend the Bylaws of the Association by:</p> <p>deleting Bylaws 1(c), 1(d) and 9(b); and,</p> <p>replacing Bylaw 1(b) with the following:</p> <p><b>1(b) Honorary Life Membership</b></p> <p>Honorary Life Members are current or former British Columbia school trustees who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i have been elected to the office of President of the Association;</li> <li>ii have accumulated 20 years of service as a trustee for a public Board of Education that is a current member in good standing of the Association; or,</li> <li>iii the Association has decided to honor for distinguished service within the Association by conferring on such person honorary life membership in the Association by extraordinary resolution in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 10.</li> </ul> <p>Registration fees for general meetings shall be waived for Honorary Life Members.</p> <p>All who are conferred life memberships prior to the close of the 2018 annual general meeting shall have one (1) vote, but not in addition to his/her vote as a delegate of a member Board, and not in addition to the full quota of votes cast by any Board of which he/she may be a member. All who are conferred life memberships after the close of the 2018 Annual General Meeting will not be entitled to vote unless they are entitled to vote as school trustee delegates of member Boards of Education.</p>	Carried as amended
<b>E4. Removal of Minister of Education as Automatic Honorary President in Bylaws</b>	<p>That BCSTA amend Bylaw 2(a) as follows:</p> <p>2. Officers</p> <p>a. The officers of the Association are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the Minister of Education who shall be the honorary President of the Association;</li> <li>ii. the President;</li> <li>iii. the Vice-President;</li> <li>iv. the immediate past President, but only for a term of one year following the election of a new President</li> <li>v. the Directors, who shall be four (4) in number for those years the immediate past President is an officer of the Association, and five (5) in number otherwise;</li> <li>vi. the Chief Executive Officer, who shall be the secretary-treasurer.</li> </ul> <p>Each officer, other than the honorary President, the Chief Executive Officer and the immediate past President, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall take office at the conclusion of that Annual General Meeting, and shall hold office until his/her successor takes office at the conclusion of the next</p>	Defeated

	Annual General Meeting thereafter, or until he/she ceases to be a trustee serving on a member Board, whichever occurs earlier. In the event that the immediate past President becomes unable to serve on the Board of Directors, or ceases to be a trustee of a member Board, the position shall be deemed vacant.	
<b>E5. Adding Student Voice to Foundational Statements</b>	<p>That the following be added to BCSTA's Foundational Statements:</p> <p><b>4.7FS STUDENT VOICE</b></p> <p>BCSTA believes that student voice and input are important to inform and influence Boards of Education in effective decision-making for student learning and success.</p> <p><b>4.7.1P Principles of Student Voice</b></p> <p>BCSTA believes that Boards of Education should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide opportunities for students to be informed of and comment on board policies, initiatives and directives.</li> <li>b. Develop a framework to support initiatives such as District Student Leadership Teams, Student Trustees, Student Forums and Student Advisory Councils for the purpose of advising Boards of Education on concerns and issues affecting students.</li> </ul>	Carried
<b>E6. Committee Name Change</b>	That BCSTA amend the Bylaws of the Association by deleting each reference to "Aboriginal Education Committee" and replacing it with "Indigenous Education Committee."	Carried

### SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

<b>7. Location of AGM and Trustee Academy Sessions</b>	That BCSTA host an Annual General Meeting or Trustee Academy in a location outside of Metro Vancouver at least once every four years.	Defeated
<b>8. Voting Age for School Trustee Elections</b>	That BCSTA advocate for the provincial government to amend the <i>School Act</i> by changing the voting age of electors from 18 years of age to 16 years of age for school trustee elections.	Carried
<b>9. Duty to Consult</b>	That BCSTA urge the Government of BC to require adequate and appropriate consultation with boards of education where a business or service provider may potentially affect the health and/or safety of students by locating operations within close proximity of a school. This may include liquor establishments, social housing, and cannabis medical/recreational consumer operations.	Defeated
<b>10. Framework and Support for Student Voice</b>	That BCSTA provide support for boards of education interested in bringing authentic student voice to their districts through, but not limited to, Student Trustees, District Student Leadership teams and Student Forums.	Carried

<b>11. Student Trustees and Advisory Councils in School Act</b>	That BCSTA request the provincial government amend the <i>School Act</i> to provide school districts with the discretion to establish Student Trustees and Student Advisory Councils for boards of education.	Carried
<b>12. Aboriginal Enrolment Audit – Aboriginal Education Programs</b>	That BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education for increased flexibility in the Aboriginal Student Enrolment Audit requirements and timelines to accommodate for the different local challenges districts face in supporting Indigenous learners within their communities.	Carried
<b>13 Support for Mental Health</b>	That BCSTA publicly support the recommendations contained in the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth entitled <i>Child and Youth Mental Health in British Columbia: Concrete Actions for Systemic Change</i> .	Carried
<b>14. Mental Health Strategy for BC Schools</b>	That BCSTA request the Ministries of Education, Children and Family Development, Mental Health and Addictions, and Health, along with boards of education and stakeholders from the K-12 education sector, develop a student-centred mental health strategy that will guide and support the delivery of mental health promotion, mental illness prevention and early intervention in BC schools.	Carried as amended
<b>15. Rural School Participation in BC School Sports</b>	That BCSTA request that BC School Sports review its policies that impact the ability of small, rural schools and impede their ability to field teams qualified to participate in BC School Sports and specifically give consideration to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. removing restrictions on transferring to and from small, remote districts;</li> <li>2. transferring between schools in small communities/districts or combining teams;</li> <li>3. allowing Grade 7 students to play on high school teams;</li> <li>4. increasing the number of eligible years a student can play to six;</li> <li>5. setting dates for provincial berths early; and,</li> <li>6. establishing an alternate “tiering” system.</li> </ol>	Carried
<b>16. Support for Aboriginal Students</b>	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction ensure that additional resources are provided to school districts to fully meet the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's <i>Calls to Action</i> and the United Nations <i>Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i> (UNDRIP) that pertain to the K-12 education system.	Carried

<b>17. Support for Vulnerable Students</b>	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Finance implement additional funding for programming and resources that adequately support the needs of low-income students, vulnerable students, children in care and youth in youth agreements with the Ministry of Children and Family Development.	Carried as amended
<b>18. Gender-Based Violence Strategy for Youth</b>	That BCSTA call on the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Ministry of Public Safety and the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions to work together to develop a gender-based violence prevention strategy for youth.	Carried
<b>19. Funding for Assessment and Intervention</b>	That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education develop policy regarding early assessment and intervention and fund all children to have early assessments, interventions, supports and tracking for literacy and numeracy.	Carried
<b>20. Endorse the Coalition for Healthy School Food</b>	That BCSTA: (a) endorse the Coalition for Healthy School Food's national Universal Healthy School Food Program campaign; (b) request that the Ministry of Education, the federal Ministry of Health and the provincial Ministry of Health provide new money to invest in a cost-shared Universal Healthy School Food Program; (c) enter into a dialogue with the Canadian School Boards Association to support the Coalition for Healthy School Food's initiatives; and, (d) advocate for collaboration between the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Children and Family Development to support the Coalition for Healthy School Food's initiatives.	Carried
<b>21. Fund Student Technology in Schools</b>	That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to provide increased funding for technology (hardware and software) for use by students in schools. This funding should include consideration of the need for a hardware-technology refresh on a three-to-five year cycle as equipment reaches its end of life.	Carried
<b>22. Education about Consent</b>	That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to embed consent as a key concept in the K-12 curriculum, in support of sexual health, and to provide additional funding to support consent-based education training for teachers.	Carried
<b>23. Curriculum related to the Use of Smartphones</b>	That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education work with its educational partners to continue to update the Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (ADST) curriculum with particular emphasis on: (1) the potentially addictive nature of mobile electronic devices; (2) best practices regarding the use of mobile	Defeated

	electronic devices during school hours; and, (3) increasing student awareness about how to appropriately use mobile electronic devices outside school hours.	
<b>24. Indigenous Language Development</b>	That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education work with the federal government to provide additional funding to support BC boards of education with the development of their Indigenous language curriculum.	Carried
<b>25 Social Media Curriculum</b>	That BCSTA encourage the Ministry of Education to work with BCSTA and the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) to: (a) include a strong social media component in the BC Digital Literacy curriculum; (b) adequately resource this aspect of the curriculum; and, (c) provide a clear framework for the delivery of this information to our teachers.	Defeated
<b>26. Rural Education Enhancement Funding</b>	That BCSTA request the Rural Education Enhancement Fund (REEF) be included in the Ministry of Education's new Funding Formula (in a manner similar to the Unique Geographic Factors Supplement); and, should the REEF criteria change, schools currently receiving the grant should continue to do so.	Carried
<b>27. Education of Students regarding Cannabis Use</b>	That BCSTA advocate for the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions to invest in effective strategies to increase students' health literacy related to drug use to equip them to make informed, healthy choices about cannabis use, including funding research-based drug education programs in all schools, as well as a range of evidence-informed public education strategies.	Carried
<b>28. Development of Standards of Practice for Education Assistants by BC Ministry of Education</b>	That BCSTA call on the Ministry of Education to develop standards of practice for education assistants in British Columbia.	Carried
<b>29. Letters of Permission for Indigenous Language Instructors</b>	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education fast-track letters of permission for local Indigenous language speakers whom school districts wish to employ as instructors.	Carried
<b>30. Local Teacher Education Programs</b>	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Advanced Education create more local teacher training programs in order to enhance recruitment and to encourage more Indigenous teachers to work in rural and remote communities.	Carried
<b>31. Conflict of Interest Policy</b>	That BCSTA ask the Ministry of Education to develop guidelines or legislative requirements regulating corporate-sponsored opportunities for school district staff that may result in a conflict of interest.	Defeated

<b>32. Equity in Indigenous Funding</b>	That BCSTA advocate to Indigenous Services Canada to request that Indigenous bands receive an amount in education dollars that matches the average student full-time equivalent (FTE) educational cost in each school district.	Carried
<b>33. Newly Created Employer Health Tax</b>	That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance increase funding for school districts to fully cover the cost of the newly created Employer Health Tax of 1.95% on total payroll.	Carried
<b>34. Jordan's Principle</b>	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education work with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to promote and support the application of Jordan's Principle to ensure that jurisdictional disputes regarding services do not impact access by BC Indigenous children to services such as mental health, special education, dental, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical equipment and physiotherapy.	Carried as amended
<b>35. Funding for Portable Classrooms</b>	That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance provide capital project funding for portable classrooms, including furniture and supplies, required for enrolment growth.	Carried as amended
<b>36. Multi-Year Capital Plan Approval</b>	That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance provide multi-year capital plan approvals and funding that enable districts to minimize the number of portables required for enrolment growth.	Carried
<b>37. Aging Infrastructure in British Columbia</b>	That BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance for increased and stable funding to hasten and facilitate the timely repair, renovation and/or replacement of aging school facilities.	Carried
<b>38. Formation of Emergency Preparedness Working Group</b>	That BCSTA establish a working group which includes trustee and staff representation and through the BC Ministry of Education partner with Emergency Management BC to provide leadership, emergency planning and preparedness of all BC school districts. In addition, the Ministry of Education has a responsibility to keep students and staff protected and safe. There needs to be a standardized, all-hazards approach to BC schools' emergency planning and preparedness.	Carried as amended
<b>39. Internet Connectivity</b>	that BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Jobs, Trades and Technology ensure that all communities are effectively connected to the internet regardless of where they are situated in the province of BC.	Carried
<b>40. Renewable or Alternative Energy Strategies for Capital Projects</b>	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education revise its capital project procedures and provide additional funding to enable school districts to incorporate renewable and alternative energy strategies in new builds and seismic and renovation projects.	Carried as amended

<b>41. Childcare and Capital Projects</b>	That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Family Development to work with school districts by expediting access to capital dollars for childcare spaces in school districts and by amending the Ministry of Education's Area Standards to recognize that including space for child care is an important consideration when building or upgrading schools.	Carried
<b>42. Elimination of Requirement for District Contribution to Capital Projects</b>	That BCSTA request the Ministries of Education and Finance eliminate the current requirement as outlined in the Capital Plan Instructions for school districts to contribute a cost share on all major new space capital projects.	Carried
<b>43. Increase Area Standards for Capital Projects to Reflect Inclusive Learning Environments</b>	That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education revise the Area Standards for new school space capital projects to include areas that reflect the inclusive and gender neutral nature of our schools, allowing for privacy of all students in both washrooms and change rooms. The inclusion of these newly created or adjusted areas needs to be in addition to the current overall area allotments for schools.	Carried
<b>44. Wired Glass in Schools</b>	That BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education for additional funding to mitigate the risk of wired glass in schools.	Carried

**LATE MOTIONS**

<b>45. Funding Formula and K-12 Enrolment Audits</b>	That BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education to suspend all audits as part of the Compliance Program Policy until the audit process aligns with the curriculum and new funding model.	Carried as amended
<b>46. Review of Funding Formula Document</b>	That BCSTA request that the Education Minister require the Independent Panel of the Funding Model Review hold additional consultation for boards of education, parents, and students, and that education partners be given an opportunity to consider the impact of the proposed new funding model and provide further feedback before the model goes into effect.	Carried
<b>47. Education Funding Model</b>	That BCSTA urge the Minister of Finance that any change to the Education Funding Model be considered no earlier than March 2020.	Carried

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### FRASER VALLEY

Member School Districts:

- SD78 (Fraser Cascade)
- SD33 (Chilliwack)
- SD34 (Abbotsford)
- SD35 (Langley)
- SD42 (Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows)
- SD75 (Mission)

We are represented for our Branch Executive by:

- Shelley Carter, SD75 (Mission) - President
- Freddy Latham, SD34 (Abbotsford) - Vice President
- Mike Murray, SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) - Secretary
- Korleen Carreras, SD42 (Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows) - Professional Development Committee Branch Representative
- Heather Stewin, SD78 (Fraser Cascade) - Trustee Representative
- Dan Coulter, SD33 (Chilliwack) - Trustee Representative
- Phil Anderson, SD34 (Abbotsford) - Trustee Representative
- Megan Dykeman, SD35 (Langley) - Trustee Representative

Our Fraser Valley Branch has had a successful year discussing education, board and staff relations, funding review, co-governance working with a new government and new education minister, student achievements, facilities, community engagement and advocacy for all students.

We saw many of our branch trustees attend CSBA in Whistler last summer and such positive professional learning that came from that conference.

Our branch meeting this spring was focused on Aboriginal/Indigenous curriculum and culture within our schools in each district. Very good presentations from each individual district.

Our upcoming branch meetings will have a focus on special education and bargaining 2019.

We would like to acknowledge Abbotsford School District for hosting our Fall 2017 branch meeting

We have had some of our districts within the branch submit some important motions to Provincial Council that were approved there and then sent onto the AGM.

Our own Mike Murray was elected as one of the BCSTA Board of Directors and we thank him for representing the Fraser Valley.

I would also like to thank, on behalf of the branch, the incredible work and collaboration of the directors and staff at BCSTA, BCPSEA, and the legal and support staff at BCSTA, specifically Mike Roberts, Audrey Ackaha and Stephanie Higginson (BCSTA).

We also want to thank and congratulate Shirley Wilson for being voted in on the new BCPSEA Board of Directors. Another plus for the Fraser Valley.

Thank you to Gordon Swan, BCSTA President (BCSTA Director Branch Rep), Cyndi Gerlach/Rick Mckamey (Aboriginal

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Education Branch Reps) and Marie-France Lapierre (School Trustee at Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Columbie-Britannique Branch Rep).

Thank You to the branch executive for their collaboration and making my job as branch president easier. To all trustees in our branch, thank you for advocating for public education. It has been a somewhat difficult year for some, but I want you to know that we, as a collective, are here to support each other. I look forward to working with some or "all" of you again after the fall election. To the ones that perhaps are not running for re-election as trustees, it has been a privilege advocating for students together.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Shelley Carter, *Branch President*

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### NORTHERN INTERIOR BRANCH

#### Member School Districts

- SD27 (Cariboo-Chicotin)
- SD28 (Quesnel)
- SD49 (Central Coast)
- SD57 (Prince George)
- SD59 (Peace River South)
- SD60 (Peace River North)
- SD81 (Fort Nelson)
- SD91 (Nechako Lakes)

#### Branch Executive:

- Tony Goulet SD28 (Quesnel) - President
- Linda Martens SD27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) - Vice President
- Julie-Anne Runge SD28 (Quesnel) - Branch Professional Learning Representative
- Nadine Frenkel SD91 (Nechako Lakes) - Communications Officer
- Tim Bennett SD57 (Prince George) - Immediate Past President
- Sue-Ellen Miller SD 28 (Quesnel) - Branch Superintendent
- Bettina Ketcham SD28 (Quesnel) - Branch Secretary-Treasurer

We would also like to thank Carolyn Broady for being our liaison to the board of directors.

Our branch would like to send condolences to the family and friends of Secretary-Treasurer Sheldon Lee of Comox Valley. Sheldon Lee, who passed away this past month, was secretary-treasurer in several of our districts over the years. His wisdom, integrity and smiles will be missed.

#### Highlights From the Past Year:

- SD27 - Survived the summer wildfire situation. Kudos to staff for their quick action and their flexibility during this situation. Hired new Superintendent Mark Wintjes. Student enrollment increased by 75 students.
- SD28 - Replacement of Quesnel Junior School moved to project definition report phase of planning.
- SD49 - Numerous capital projects being completed.
- In January the Branch held our Annual General Meeting in Prince George. During the weekend, in addition to the business meeting, we prepared five motions to bring forward to the BCSTA AGM. We had the privilege to speak with the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education and we had MLA Dan Davies the Opposition Critic of Education do a short presentation. We held our annual MLA forum which was attended by MLA John Rustad (Nechako Lakes) and MLA Dan Davies (Peace River North). MLA Coralee Oakes (Cariboo North) attended by conference phone.
- SD57 - was mandated by the Minister of Education to change the board structure to include applications from the District of MacKenzie and Robson Valley. SD57 will now have three electoral areas but remain at seven directors.
- SD59 - one of six districts participating in the Equality in Action Project in collaboration with the Aboriginal Education Branch of the Ministry of Education. Student enrollment increased this year.

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- SD60 - New elementary school Ma Murray Community School. SD60 partnered with the City of Fort St John who are contributing \$2.5 million towards a shared community gymnasium. Also in place is a daycare agreement with BC Hydro, MCFD and City Partners. Enrollment continues to increase.
- SD81 - Continuing discussions with the Fort Nelson First Nations reviewing the existing LEA. Chromebooks were introduced to all students in high school and there are a few kinks being worked out. Student enrollment is declining due to economic uncertainty in the community.
- In April 2018 we attended the BCSTA AGM in Richmond. Congratulations to Tim Bennett SD57 on his election to the BCSTA Board of Directors.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Tim Bennett, *Branch President*

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### NORTH WEST BRANCH

#### Member School Districts

- SD 50 (Haida Gwaii)
- SD 52 (Prince Rupert)
- SD 54 (Bulkley Valley)
- SD 82 (Coast Mountain)
- SD 87 (Stikine)
- SD 92 (Nisga'a)

The North West Branch held a branch meeting in Haida Gwaii in September. BCSTA board liaison Donna Sargent and BCPSEA representatives Janet Stewart and Maureen Carradice were in attendance. Trustees heard about a UNBC Haida language program.

The AGM for the branch was held in April at the BCSTA AGM. The SD52 chair, Tina Last, was re-elected and the president's district secretary-treasurer will continue as the branch secretary-treasurer. Each district chair provided an update on activities in their district.

The next North West Branch meeting will be held at the BCSTA Academy.

#### Executive Includes:

- Branch President - Tina Last (SD52)
- Vice President - Kim Goetzinger (SD50)
- Secretary-Treasurer - Cam McIntyre (SD52)
- Professional Learning Committee Representative - Terri-Lynne Huddlestone (SD52)

**SUBMITTED BY:** Tina Last, *Branch President*

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### SOUTH COAST BRANCH

Member School Districts:

- SD46 (Sunshine Coast)
- SD47 (Powell River)
- SD48 (Sea to Sky)

Branch Executive:

- President - Ian Kent SD48 (Sea to Sky)
- Vice-President - Aaron Reid SD47 ( Powell River)
- Secretary - Christine Younghusband SD 46 (Sunshine Coast)
- PLC Representative - Pammila Ruth SD46 (Sunshine Coast)

Though the South Coast Branch may be the smallest branch of BCSTA, we are one of the most diverse. Geographically our three districts are comprised of an abundance of rainforests, coastlines and mountains. As well, two out of our three school districts must rely heavily on the ferry systems to get anywhere. This makes it more time consuming and costly to meet very often.

We operate on the unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and St'át'yemc Nations in School District 48 (Sea to Sky), the Skwxwú7mesh and Shíshálh Nations in School District 46 (Sunshine Coast) and the Tla'Amin Nation in School District 47 (Powell River).

Our rich history, combined with our small coastal communities, provides unique and exciting opportunities for all our students to learn and be inspired. In order to keep costs minimal, we typically meet only once a year outside of BCSTA events. Our meetings highlight district successes in supporting students and providing opportunities for trustee professional development.

Each one of our districts is incredibly diverse, yet united in our common goals of supporting students and providing excellent public education services.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ian Kent, *Branch President*

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### THOMPSON OKANAGAN BRANCH

The Thompson Okanagan Branch had a year of learning, successful advocacy and some fun.

Our members enjoyed two thought-provoking and well-organized branch meetings.

The fall meeting was hosted by SD19 (Revelstoke). Trustees attended a very interesting brown bag lunch tour and talk on the history of schools in Revelstoke. Janet Stewart from BCPSEA brought a bargaining vision update, Bruce Johnson, Branch Education Representative, along with Mark Regier, BCSTA staff liaison brought an update on the Trustee Learning Guide and spoke on the governance section.

At the winter meeting, hosts SD23 (Central Okanagan) offered a unique opportunity for trustees and staff to attend the district's teacher and support staff professional learning activities. We were treated to trustee fundamentals which was a really fun activity focussed on team building. The following morning, we heard about Harmony Day.

Four letters were sent from the branch this past year. In light of the announcement from Minister Fleming that SD39 would allowed to hold a by-election in the fall, we wrote asking that SD83 be allowed the same courtesy. The reply gave various reasons as to why the request would not be fulfilled.

A letter was sent to the Nova Scotia Minister of Education expressing our dismay with their decision to eliminate locally elected English speaking school boards. No reply or acknowledgment was received.

Two letters were sent regarding the Status Check on Rural Education Report. One was sent to President Swan requesting that BCSTA meet with the premier to discuss release of the report and a second letter was sent to the premier, copied to Minister Fleming, requesting release of the report. The premier's office replied that they had forwarded the letter to the minister. As you are aware, it was not very long after our letter was sent that the full report was released to the public. I believe our advocacy was successful because our branch, individual member districts and many districts around the province worked alongside BCSTA to pressure the government. We are better together.

At the April executive meeting a motion was approved to send condolences, for the tragic loss of team and community members in the recent bus crash, to the Humboldt Broncos Hockey team and the mayor and council. Cards were sent on April 10.

BCSTA reconvened the Election Engagement Committee, chaired by Stephanie Higginson and Donna Sargent along with branch presidents, to craft a Guide For School Trustee Candidates. The guide contains valuable information for anyone considering running for trustee - incumbent or new candidates. A copy of the guide was sent out to all trustees and is also available on the BCSTA website.

All of our meetings, this year, were built around our strategic plan year one goals. Nancy Rempel and Leah Ward will be summarizing in more detail and will speak to year two during the business meeting.

This year two branch resolutions were crafted and submitted for this AGM. Thank you to Resolution Chair, Mavourneen Varcoe-Ryan and Valerie Adrian for your work on these.

The first resolution requests that BCSTA advocate to Indigenous Services Canada to request that Indigenous bands receive an amount in education dollars that matches the average student FTE educational cost in each district.

The second resolution asks that BCSTA publicly support the recommendations contained in the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth entitled Child and Youth Mental Health in BC: Concrete Actions for Systemic Change.

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Both resolutions are in your package.

Thank you to the executive - Nancy Rempel, Leah Ward, Lee-Ann Tiede, Bruce Johnson and Denise Harper for your work and dedication this year - what a great team. Many thanks to SD67 Secretary Treasurer Bonnie Roller-Routley and Executive Assistant Kim Kerr for their work, behind the scenes, to support this branch. Thanks also to the BCSTA Board of Directors and staff for their continual support to the Thompson Okanagan Branch.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for the work you do for the students in your districts. A special thank you to those who have decided not to run in the next election - your commitment to public education over the last years is to be commended. For those who will be running again - best wishes for re-election.

The work of a school trustee is not easy and many challenges come our way but the reward of student success, in public education, makes those challenges worthwhile.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Ginny Manning, *Branch President*

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### VANCOUVER ISLAND

This past year VISTA trustees came together for two professional learning events in the fall 2017 and spring 2018.

In the fall we met in SD71 Comox Valley and heard from Bernard Richard, BC Representative for Children and Youth. Mr. Richards reviewed the preliminary findings and recommendations of his soon to be released document "Room for Improvement: Toward Better Education Outcomes for Children in Care." A number of recommendations are directed at school districts and working with these vulnerable children, so they don't fall through the cracks.

Following this, Renzo Del Negro and Janet Stewart of BCPSEA sought input from all on the bargaining value statements and outcomes proposal. On Saturday we attended the newly renovated and expanded GP Vanier Secondary School with presentations from their fine arts performing arts improv team, technology and coding with Spheros, and engineering and physics working together.

In the spring we gathered at Esquimalt Secondary School in Victoria to spend an evening with Minister Rob Fleming. The following day, the Greater Victoria School District staff and trustees shared their strategic planning document which focuses on meaningful and purposeful learning for students with diverse learning needs, supports for mental health needs and continuing development of understanding and diversity. Key to their work this past year has been having SOGI lead/safe contact in all schools.

At the Spring Business meeting of VISTA we reviewed and referred eight motions to AGM including the motion to reduce the voting age for school trustees from 18 to 16 in the School Act.

April AGM confirmed the Executive positions for VISTA:

- Eve Flynn (SD69) - President
- Candice Spilsbury (SD79) - 1st VP
- Tania Brzovic (SD68) - 2nd VP
- Ian Hargreaves (SD71) - Secretary
- Pam Craig (SD70) - Professional Learning Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** Eve Flynn, *Branch President*

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE REPORT

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Terri-Lynne Huddlestone, Chair - North West Branch
- Bruce Johnson, Vice-Chair - Thompson Okanagan Branch
- Jordan Watters - Vancouver Island Branch
- Pammila Ruth - South Coast Branch
- Cindy Strukoff - Kootenay-Boundary Branch
- Julie-Anne Runge - Northern Interior Branch
- Donna Sargent - BCSTA Board of Directors Representative
- Bob Holmes - Metro Branch
- Korleen Carreras - Fraser Valley Branch

### BCSTA SUPPORT SERVICES FOR COMMITTEE:

- Hugh Blackman - BCSTA, Education Services
- Sara Hunter - BCSTA, Program Assistant, Ed. Services

### MEETINGS

The Professional Learning Committee met four times from April 2017- April 2018:

- May 25 and 26, 2017
- September 11 Teleconference meeting (Learning Guide-PLC sub committee)
- October 26, 2017
- February 16, 2018

The minutes of these meetings can be found on the BCSTA Hub

### THE FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE:

#### BUDGET

The Professional Learning Committee (PLC) is pleased to report that we are on track for the current commitments and expenditures and running a positive budget for the fiscal year.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The committee reviewed the BCSTA Strategic plan and ensured alignment with the PLC and Aboriginal Education Committee work plans with a goal to seek opportunities to work collaboratively on trustee development with a focus on Indigenous content.

#### TRUSTEE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The PLC had good discussions and reaffirmed action plans to support the new Trustee Learning Guide which is on the BCSTA HUB. Trustees are beginning to review and use the resources available. As well this year new resources on Financial Health, Superintendent Evaluation process and Strategic Planning were developed.

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE REPORT

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING EVENTS

The PLC supported the hosting of the Canadian School Boards Association (July 5-8, 2017). The Committee offered suggestions regarding program design, content and speakers for the National Trustee Gathering for Aboriginal Education and the CSBA Congress.

The Trustee Academy Student-Centred Governance (November 23-25) was a resounding success and the trustees were complimentary in their remarks and review of the event. The feedback from the online survey was overwhelmingly positive with high results for the plenary and concurrent sessions.

The 2018 AGM took place in Richmond (April 25-28) at the Sheraton hotel with the theme of Successful Transitions for Students. (Program resources on the BCSTA HUB)

### FUTURE VENUES

A listing of confirmed venues for BCSTA AGM and Academy events has been finalized up to 2022 at the Hyatt hotel and Westin Bayshore hotel in Vancouver and Sheraton hotel in Richmond. The Provincial Council meetings will continue at the Delta Suites hotel in Vancouver and WOSK SFU Centre. The 2018 Academy will be held at the Hyatt hotel at the end of November.

### JOINT MEETING WITH THE ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Joint meetings were held in October, 2017 and February, 2018. The committee chairs codeveloped the agenda, and alternated chairing the meetings. A commitment was made to collaborate on event planning and debriefs, and to embed aboriginal education content into our work. Agendas for both meetings included discussion about Trustee Academy 2017 and AGM 2018. Committee members hosted sessions at both events.

The PLC and AEC received several recommendations to work jointly to ensure there is embedded and relevant aboriginal content in our trustee development and learning opportunities and annual movie event. The committees also reviewed the BCSTA Board of Directors strategic plan goal for the PLC and AEC to work together for greater collaboration.

### ELL CONSORTIUM

Val Windsor continues to meet with the Professional Learning Committee and provides updates regarding ELD events and opportunities for students. Thank you to Val for keeping the committee informed.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Trustees that participated in the online survey of the 2017 Fall Academy. This information helps guide the future learning opportunities for trustees.

### NEXT MEETING

The Professional Learning Committee will meet again on May 25-26, 2018. The agenda will include continued discussion of the trustee professional learning guide and other Professional Learning resources and planning for future professional learning events such as the Trustee Academy 2018 and Joint BCPSEA/BCSTA New Trustee Academy in January 2019.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Terri-Lynne Huddlestone, *Chair*

## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Candace Spilsbury, SD79 (Cowichan Valley), Liaison to Metro Branch
- Cyndi Gerlack, SD44 (North Vancouver), Vice-Chair, Liaison to Kootenay Boundary Branch
- Alvin Azak, SD92 (Nisga'a), Liaison to Northern Interior Branch
- Erin Evans, SD60 (Peace River North), Liaison to VISTA Branch
- Frank Johnson, SD49 (Central Coast), Liaison to South Coast Branch
- Larry Random, SD70 (Port Alberni), Liaison to Kootenay Boundary Branch
- Val Adrian, SD74 (Gold Trail), Liaison to South Coast Branch
- Rick McKamey, SD75 (Mission), Liaison to Fraser Valley Branch
- Gloria Jackson, SD28 (Quesnel), BCSTA Board of Directors Ab Ed Committee Liaison
- Matt Taylor, BCSTA Manager of Information Technology, Staff Support to Ab Ed Committee

The minutes of all Aboriginal Education Committee meetings are available at [bcstahub.org](http://bcstahub.org), located under the Indigenous Committee. Committee documents, calendar and news items are included.

The BCSTA Aboriginal Education Committee met in Squamish in August 2017 to plan the year ahead. They were hosted by School District 48 (Sea to Sky) and the committee met with the Superintendent of the School District to learn about their programs related to Aboriginal Education.

The Committee met again in October 2017 and in February 2018 in conjunction with BCSTA's Provincial Council meetings. At Provincial Council, the Indigenous Education Committee holds a joint meeting with the Professional Learning Committee to discuss topics of mutual concern and to collaborate on BCSTA events. Chairing of the joint meetings is shared.

During their liaison call-outs to Branches over the past year, Indigenous Education Committee members gathered examples of successes and concerns. Questions covered this year are:

- What is your Board doing to support Aboriginal students who are struggling?
- What can BCSTA do to support and advocate for Aboriginal Education?
- Are there any highlights or concerns from your School District you would like to share with the Ab Ed Committee?
- What would you like to see provided or presented at future BCSTA events on reconciliation?
- How does reconciliation impact your school district?
- Where do you feel you are at with reconciliation?

A summary of the provincial response was completed by a committee member, published in the February newsletter, and posted on the BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee hub. The information informs the Committee in moving forward to support Aboriginal students' achievement and success.

At the February meeting, the Committee met with Ted Cadwallader, Director of Aboriginal Education for the Ministry of Education. The Ministry is looking for ways to ensure there is broadband access in all communities across BC and they are continuing to work with Telus to accomplish this. Additionally, they are looking at expanding the Equity in Action project. The Ministry is following the FNESC conversations with the Federal government on equity in funding and Local Enhancement Agreements. Additionally, the Ministry is working on a language policy and they are working on a pathway to an Indigenous Language Degree program. The Ministry is working with the BCTF to continue with Indigenization of curriculum in the classroom and to broaden teaching practices. Finally, transportation is a concern and a top priority; how they can manage with increasing costs.

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At the February meeting, the committee also met with Juanita Coltman, K-12 Policy Manager with FNESC, who spoke about some FNESC initiatives. Juanita distributed some FNESC documents for the committee to consider. One of the documents that was submitted to the committee was a letter drafted by FNESC to the MoE regarding the current strategic plan. FNESC does not support the current document from the government and would like to co-develop a strategic plan to ensure equity for all students. Half of the school districts have Local Enhancement Agreements, and FNESC met with Superintendents in March to discuss LEA's. FNESC is working on transportation – buses, boats, road conditions, etc. Transportation is viewed by the Aboriginal Education Committee and BCSTA as an essential service. FNESC agrees and is lobbying the government for equitable access. There were some great questions back and forth between Juanita and the committee members and both parties are looking forward to a great partnership.

Hoping to further the work of improving Aboriginal Student achievement and success, the Aboriginal Education Committee brought forward the following motions to the AGM which were passed by the Assembly:

1. That BCSTA amend the Bylaws of the Association by deleting each reference to "Aboriginal Education Committee:" and replacing it with "Indigenous Education Committee".
2. That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education develop policy regarding early assessment and intervention and fund all children to have early assessments, interventions, supports and tracking for literacy and numeracy.
3. That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education work with the federal government to provide additional funding to support BC Boards of Education with the development of their Indigenous language curriculum.
4. That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education fast-track letters of permission for local indigenous language speakers whom School Districts wish to employ as instructors.
5. That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education create more local teacher training programs to enhance recruitment and to encourage more Indigenous teachers to work in rural and remote communities.
6. That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Jobs, Trades & Technology ensure that all communities are effectively connected to the internet regardless of where they are situated in the Province of BC.

The Committee has been engaged in reviewing the BCSTA Terms of Reference for the Committee, in supporting the work of the Professional Learning Committee including implementation of the Learning Guide for Trustees and Boards, supporting Boards on their journeys to reconciliation as well as developing a "Best Practices" for Indigenous Education for Boards. These topics will be discussed at the Summer Planning meeting, scheduled for August 22 -24, 2018 in SD92 (Nisga'a).

Finally, one of the committee members has reached the end of her 3-year term: Candace Spilsbury, who will soon be replaced by President Gordon Swan. The remaining members of the Committee wish to thank her for her excellent volunteer work on behalf of BC's aboriginal students.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Candace Spilsbury, *Chair*

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

### ROLE OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The main responsibility of the Legislative Committee is to prepare the motions for the Annual General Meeting. Under Bylaw 11a, the Legislative Committee has the responsibility "to examine, correlate, amend, reject and report upon notices of motions submitted to it." Under Bylaw 7I, the Legislative Committee is also responsible for reviewing motions submitted to Provincial Council to ensure that they are of an emergent nature. The Legislative Committee does not assess the merits of the motions that are submitted to Provincial Council and AGM.

The current 2017-2018 Legislative Committee is comprised of the following members:

- Lenora Trenaman, Chair, SD8 (Kootenay Lake)
- Rick Price, Vice-Chair, SD48 (Sea-to-Sky)
- Carolyn Broady, Board of Directors, SD45 (West Vancouver)
- Bob Holmes, SD36 (Surrey)
- Linda Van Alphen, SD67 (Okanagan Skaha)

Audrey Ackah (Legal Counsel) and Taya Bocking (Program Assistant, Legal) provide staff support to the Legislative Committee.

The Legislative Committee has held five meetings this year:

- four on-line meetings; and,
- one in-person meeting

The Committee is scheduled to hold another meeting on Friday, April 27, 2018 during the AGM.

### REVIEW OF 2017/2018 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MOTIONS

In September 2017, the Legislative Committee reviewed eight motions which were submitted by the motion submission deadline for the October 2017 Provincial Council meeting. The Legislative Committee determined that five of the motions were emergent in nature.

At the Legislative Committee's January 2018 meeting, the Committee reviewed seven motions that were submitted to BCSTA by the motion submission deadline for the February 2018 Provincial Council meeting. The Legislative Committee determined that six of the seven motions were emergent.

### PREPARATION OF MOTIONS FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Fifty-three motions were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer by the deadlines specified in BCSTA's Bylaws for receipt of extraordinary and substantive AGM motions.

Four motions were withdrawn by the motion sponsors. Two motions regarding childcare and capital projects were merged into one motion with the consent of the motion sponsors. Three motions regarding funding for aging infrastructure were merged into one motion with the consent of the motion sponsors. The Legislative Committee rejected two motions as the motion sponsors did not provide the Committee with the information the Committee requested to assist in ensuring that the motions were accurate. The Committee consulted with motion sponsors and recommended revisions to various motions to address issues such as clarity, accuracy and consistency with BCSTA style conventions.

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Committee has approved for debate a total of 44 motions which have been organized into the following categories:

- A. Extraordinary
- B. BCSTA
- C. Boards of Education
- D. Students
- E. Educational Programs
- F. Teachers/Personnel and Employee Relations
- G. Education Finance
- H. School Premises, Facilities, Services

The motion categories are derived from BCSTA's *Policy Book*.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Annual General Meeting consider the motions as printed in the *2018 AGM Handbook*.

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: LATE MOTIONS**

The Legislative Committee met during AGM to review late motions.

The Legislative Committee does not assess the merits of the motions that are submitted to AGM.

According to BCSTA's Bylaws, substantive motions submitted after the February 25th deadline "shall be considered by the general meeting only when such a motion deals with matters arising from events occurring or legislation introduced subsequent to the" deadline.

Five motions were submitted to BCSTA after the February 25, 2018 substantive motion deadline.

One motion was withdrawn by the sponsor and the remaining four motions were reviewed by the Legislative Committee.

One motion was not approved for debate at AGM as the Committee determined that the motion did not deal with matters arising from events occurring or legislation introduced after the motion submission deadline. The motion dealt with early childhood education training for teachers. The motion sponsor did not provide the Committee with information explaining why the motion met the late motion criteria.

This leaves three late motions approved by the Legislative Committee. Electronic copies of the motions were sent to delegates via email and hard copies have been placed on your tables. If you have not received a copy of the late motions, please see a staff member at the registration desk.

## **BCSTA PARTIAL LIST OF COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **BRANCH PRESIDENTS**

Amber Byklum, Kootenay Boundary  
Eve Flynn, VISTA  
Ginny Manning, Thompson Okanagan  
Ian Kent, South Coast  
Laura Dixon, Metropolitan  
Shelley Carter, Fraser Valley  
Tina Last, North West  
Tony Goulet, Northern Interior

### **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Candace Spilsbury, Chair, SD79 (Cowichan Valley)  
Cyndi Gerlack, Vice-Chair, SD44 (North Vancouver)  
Alvin Azak, SD92 (Nisga'a)  
Erin Evans, SD60 (Peace River North)  
Frank Johnson, SD49 (Central Coast)  
Larry Random, SD70 (Port Alberni)  
Val Adrian, SD74 (Gold Trail)  
Rick McKamey, SD75 (Mission)  
Gloria Jackson, Board of Directors Liaison, SD28 (Quesnel)

### **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE**

Terri-Lynne Huddlestone, Chair, North West Branch  
Bruce Johnson, Vice-Chair, Thompson Okanagan Branch  
Jordan Watterson, Vancouver Island Branch  
Pammila Ruth, South Coast Branch  
Cindy Strukoff, Kootenay-Boundary Branch  
Julie-Anne Runge, Northern Interior Branch  
Donna Sargent, BCSTA Board of Directors Representative  
Bob Holmes, Metro Branch  
Korleen Carreras, Fraser Valley Branch

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Alan Chell, Chair, Board of Directors  
Megan Dykeman, SD35 (Langley)  
Janice Caton, SD71 (Comox Valley)  
Marie-France Lapierre, SD93 (Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique)  
Frank Farrell, SD54 (Bulkley Valley)

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### **AGM CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Rosemarie Buchanan, SD70 (Alberni)  
Lora Lee Brekke, SD10 (Arrow Lakes)  
Nancy Rempel, SD74 (Gold Trail)

### **COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

Student Citizenship Award Committee  
Learning Guide Curriculum Working Group  
Government Policy on Cannabis: Response Ad Hoc Working Group

### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

MOE Deputy Minister's Sector Advisory Council  
BC Teachers' Council  
Local Elections Campaign Financing Act Technical Advisory Committee  
Ministry of Education Service Delivery Project Advisory Committee  
Ministry of Education Service Delivery Project Employment Practices Liability Working Group  
Ministry of Education Continuing Professional Development Advisory Committee  
Ministry of Education Student Transportation Working Group  
Ministry of Education Committee On Coding  
Ministry of Education Student Mental Health Working Group  
Provincial Advisory Group for BC's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning  
Ministry of Education SOGI Working Group  
Ministry of Finance Schools Protection Program Advisory Committee  
Employment Practices and Liability Program Technical Committee  
Ministry of Education Emergency Preparedness and Procedures Working Group  
Joint Partner Liaison Meeting Planning Committee  
Government Rural Education Working Group  
Ministry of Education Leadership Development Working Group  
Ministry of Education Financial Health Working Group  
BCPSEA Memorandum of Agreement Implementation Working Group  
Ministry Executive Quarterly Working Group Meetings  
BCSTA Reps to BCPSEA Advisory Committee

## **BCSTA PARTIAL LIST OF COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **INTERNAL WORKING GROUPS**

Guide to School Legislation Writing Review Working Group  
Finance Committee Working Group on Office Lease Options  
Local Election Engagement Committee

### **EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

Canadian School Boards Association Board of Directors  
Teacher Qualification Service Joint Board of Directors  
BCTF/BCSTA Group Life Insurance Committee  
BC School Sports Committee  
K-12 Aboriginal Education Partners' Group  
English Language Learners Consortium  
BC Centre for Safe Schools  
BC Centred Mental Health Coalition Group

## APPENDIX A

E1. Housekeeping Bylaw Amendments			
Item	Bylaw	Proposed Change	Rationale
1.	2(c)	<p><i>Board of Directors' Duties and Powers</i></p> <p>The President shall call meetings of the Provincial Council at least twice in each year between Annual General Meetings and of the Board of Directors at least <u>ten (10) times per year monthly</u>. The President shall be chair of meetings of the Board of Directors, and the President, or such person as he/she designates, shall be chair of meetings of the Provincial Council. The President shall appoint members to the Association's standing and ad hoc committees. The President shall be an ex officio member of all BCSTA committees.</p>	The Bylaw Review Committee (the "Committee") recommends changing this provision to take into account that, over the summer months, the Board of Directors may meet less frequently. The Board agrees with this goal and proposes to reword Bylaw 2(c) to state that the President shall call meetings of the Board of Directors at least 10 times per year.
2.	6(b)	<p><i>Provincial Council</i></p> <p>Each member Board shall elect one (1) trustee as representative and one (1) trustee as alternate representative to the Provincial Council, such elections to take place <u>at least once per year annually between December 1 and the following January 15</u>. Provincial Council members so elected shall take office immediately and shall hold office until successors are elected. Should a Provincial Council member cease to be a trustee or resign, the Board shall elect a new representative.</p>	Bylaw 6 currently requires member boards of education to elect Provincial Councilors annually between December 1 and the following January 15. This timeline was based on trustee elections taking place in November and inaugural meetings taking place in December. Now that general school elections will take place in October, inaugural meetings will occur earlier. The Committee recommends revising Bylaw 6 (Provincial Council) to provide member boards of education with the flexibility to decide when they will elect Provincial Councilors.
3.	8(c)	<p><i>General Meetings</i></p> <p>The President of the Association, or such other person as he/she designates, shall <u>be chair any or all sessions</u>.</p>	This proposed change would make bylaw 8(c) more concise.
4.	9(c)	<p><i>Delegates and Voting Power at General Meetings</i></p> <p>Any member Board which is not represented at any general meeting may, by proxy, in writing, grant to a delegate of any other member Board the right to vote on its behalf <u>with respect to ballot votes</u>.</p>	The Committee recommends revising Bylaw 9(c) to clarify that proxy voting only applies to a board of education's ballot votes.
5.	9(e)	<p><i>Delegates and Voting Power at General Meetings</i></p>	The Committee recommends removing the portion of Bylaw 9(e) which refers to "handicapped delegates." The Committee was of the view that ensuring that delegates with disabilities receive assistance with

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		Voting on substantive motions shall be by show of hands unless a ballot vote is called for by any twenty (20) delegates. <del>Any procedure used to assist in the counting of a vote shall provide for consideration of handicapped delegates.</del>	voting when needed is already embedded in BCSTA practice and protected under the <i>Human Rights Code</i> .
6.	11 (a)	<p><i>Legislative Committee</i></p> <p>a. The President shall appoint a Legislative Committee within <u>thirty (30) days two (2) weeks</u> of the President assuming office. The Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members, <u>one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Professional Learning Committee</u> and one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors of the Association (other than the Chief Executive Officer) who shall also act as a liaison between the Committee and the Board of Directors. The Legislative Committee shall, inter alia, prepare all notices of motion for printing on the agenda of a general meeting, and shall act during a general meeting to prepare late notice of motion for the consideration of the membership. The Legislative Committee shall have the power to examine, correlate, amend, reject and report upon notices of motion submitted to it.</p> <p>All the actions of the Legislative Committee with respect to notices of motion shall be subject to the approval of the membership at the general meeting or the meeting of the Provincial Council and the membership may, upon simple motions from the floor of the meeting, sustain the Committee's action, or refer back the notice of motion to the Committee with special instructions.</p>	<p><i>Timeline for Appointing Members to BCSTA Standing Committees</i></p> <p>The Committee recommends revising the Bylaws to provide the President with 30 days (rather than two weeks) to appoint members to BCSTA's standing committees. The appointment process is lengthy and 30 days is a more realistic timeframe for completing this process.</p> <p><i>Legislative and Professional Learning Committees</i></p> <p>The current Bylaws require the President to appoint one trustee to sit on both the Legislative Committee and Professional Learning Committee. The Board of Directors asked the Bylaw Review Committee to consider whether to keep or eliminate this requirement. The Committee recommends removing the requirement for the President to appoint one trustee to occupy positions on both the Legislative Committee and the Professional Learning Committee. The Committee was of the view that having one trustee occupy both roles was not necessary. In addition, eliminating this requirement would enable more trustees to participate in BCSTA's standing committees.</p>
7.	11(c)	<i>Finance and Audit Committee</i>	<i>Timeline for Appointing Members to BCSTA Standing Committees</i>

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		<p>c. The President shall appoint a Finance and Audit Committee within <u>thirty (30) days two (2) weeks</u> of the President assuming office. The Committee shall consist of not less than two (2) members and a chair, who shall be <u>an officer a member of the Board of Directors</u> of the Association (other than the Chief Executive Officer). This officer shall also act as a liaison between the Committee and the Board of Directors. All members shall have voting privileges.</p> <p>The duties of the Finance and Audit Committee shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to monitor the collecting of all dues, fees, levies and other revenues on behalf of the Association;</li> <li>ii. to recommend reasonable controls for the safekeeping of Association funds;</li> <li>iii. to obtain satisfactory evidence that there is a continuing maintenance of proper financial books and records;</li> <li>iv. to monitor the expenditures of Association monies;</li> <li>v. to cooperate with the Board of Directors in the preparation of an annual budget for the following fiscal year;</li> <li>vi. to supervise the calculation and drafting of an annual membership fee scale, in accordance with budget requirements;</li> <li>vii. to ensure that an inventory statement of the Association's capital assets is completed at the conclusion of each fiscal year;</li> </ul>	<p>The Committee recommends revising the Bylaws to provide the President with 30 days (rather than two weeks) to appoint members to BCSTA's standing committees. The appointment process is lengthy and 30 days is a more realistic timeframe for completing this process.</p> <p><i>Replace "officer" with "member of the Board of Directors"</i></p> <p>This change was recommended for clarity and for consistency with Bylaws 11(a), (e) and (g).</p>

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		<p>viii. to approve BCSTA's draft audited financial statements and to report to the Provincial Council as required on the financial status of the Association, substantiated by the audited financial statements; and</p> <p>ix. to review all accounts payable payments in excess of \$5,000.</p> <p>The Finance and Audit Committee shall report jointly to the Boards of Directors and the Provincial Council.</p>	
8.	11(e)	<p><i>Professional Learning Committee</i></p> <p>e. The voting members of the Professional Learning Committee shall consist of a representative of each branch as elected by each branch, and a member appointed by the President from the Board of Directors of the Association (other than the Chief Executive Officer) who shall also act as a liaison between the Committee and the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint the Board of Directors liaison and any non-voting Professional Learning Committee members to the affirm the members of the Professional Learning within thirty (30) days two (2) weeks of the President assuming office, and them Members of the Committee shall hold office from their election or appointment to the close of the next AGM. Should a vacancy occur among the Professional Learning Committee members elected by a branch, the President may appoint an interim representative from that branch or until the branch is able to elect a new representative.</p> <p>The duties of the Professional Learning Committee shall include:</p>	<p><i>Timeline for Appointing Members to BCSTA Standing Committees</i></p> <p>The Committee recommends revising the Bylaws to provide the President with 30 days (rather than 2 weeks) to appoint members to BCSTA's standing committees. The appointment process is lengthy and 30 days is a more realistic timeframe for completing this process.</p> <p><i>Appointments to the Professional Learning Committee</i></p> <p>This revision would clarify that the President appoints the Board of Directors liaison to the Committee while the other voting members of the Committee are selected by their respective branches. The proposed change also clarifies that the President appoints non-voting members to the Committee (such as a BC School Superintendents Association liaison).</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to formulate the program of the Annual General meeting and make arrangements so as to facilitate and support activities at the AGM;</li> <li>ii. to identify educational issues of concern to Boards of Education and trustees in British Columbia;</li> <li>iii. to share knowledge regarding research and policies related to public school education;</li> <li>iv. to formulate recommendations for action by the Board of Directors, the Provincial Council and the membership at general meetings on education matters of provincial concern;</li> <li>v. to establish opportunities for the discussion of education issues;</li> <li>vi. to recommend topics for leadership development seminars.</li> </ul>	
9.	11(g)	<p><i>Aboriginal Education Committee</i></p> <p>g. The President shall appoint an Aboriginal Education Committee within <b>thirty (30) days two (2) weeks</b> of the President assuming office. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) voting members appointed by the President, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors (other than the Chief Executive Officer) who shall also act as a liaison between the Committee and the Board of Directors.</p> <p>The mandate of the Committee is understood to encompass issues affecting the education of all students who declare their Aboriginal descent.</p>	The Committee recommends revising the Bylaws to provide the President with 30 days (rather than two weeks) to appoint members to BCSTA's standing committees. The appointment process is lengthy and 30 days is a more realistic timeframe for completing this process.

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		<p>The duties of the Aboriginal Education Committee shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. to represent the interests of Boards of Education in Aboriginal education matters in cooperation and liaison with Aboriginal groups;</li> <li>ii. to heighten knowledge, awareness and understanding of Aboriginal values, cultures and perspectives in the education system in order to enhance learning;</li> <li>iii. to disseminate information to relevant constituent groups, in order to foster an atmosphere that will promote dialogue at the local level between Boards of Education and Aboriginal communities;</li> <li>iv. to identify and address issues related to provincial policy and implementation processes that have an impact on Aboriginal education; and</li> <li>v. to develop recommendations on Aboriginal education matters, including consideration of funding implications, for action by the Professional Learning Committee, Provincial Council and/or Board of Directors, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	
10.	15(f)	<p>The election of officers shall be held <b>on the second full day of</b> at the Annual General Meeting. <b>At least three</b> (3) scrutineers shall be appointed by the <b>presiding</b> <b>Chief Returning Officer</b>. Before any ballot is taken, any person nominated may decline office or withdraw his/her name.</p>	<p><i>Election of Officers</i></p> <p>The Committee recommends modifying Bylaw 15(f) by removing the requirement to hold the election of officers on the second full day of the Annual General Meeting. This change provides the Association with the flexibility to make modifications to the AGM schedule.</p> <p><i>Chief Returning Officer</i></p> <p>For clarity, the Committee recommends using the term "Chief Returning Officer" rather than "presiding officer" to describe the person who leads the work of the scrutineers.</p>

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		<p><i>Scrutineers</i></p> <p>The Committee recommends amending Bylaw 15(f) to clarify that there must be at least 3 scrutineers for the election of officers. This modification would enable the Association to have more than 3 scrutineers whereas the current Bylaws limit the Association to having 3 scrutineers.</p>