

REPORT TO BRANCHES

HUB and Online Learning Guide

For those new to BCSTA, we encourage you to log on to the BCSTA HUB once access is provided via your school district email address. As we have seen a nearly 50% turnover in trustees, the rolling out of new user names and passwords has been staggered. We are updating our lists as they are provided to us and look forward to seeing you on the HUB. As our members' only area, you will find many relevant tools for trustees within, including our Learning Guide, orientation materials, calendars and online collaboration spaces for committees and branches. Please contact feedback@bcsta.org with questions and concerns related to the HUB.

Professional Learning and Development

BCSTA's Education Services department has been working diligently to provide unique learning experiences and support for boards of education through 2019. As part of these initiatives, Hugh Blackman, BCSTA's Director of Education Services, has been establishing several leadership workshops across the province.

It is hoped that school boards can send at least three trustees and available senior management to the two-day regional workshops. The materials shared at the workshops will also be provided for trustees who cannot attend with an expectation that the trustees attending will share information covered at the sessions. BCSTA will support expenses for up to three trustees (max \$500/trustee). Expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with BCSTA's Policy on Travel Expenses. Registration for the sessions will start January 8.

- Jan 30-31 | Abbotsford
- Feb 6-7 | Vancouver
- Feb 11-12 | Prince Rupert
- Feb 11-12 | Prince George
- Feb 12-13 | Victoria
- Feb 28-March 1 | Campbell River
- March 7-8 | Fort St. John
- March 7-8 | Nanaimo
- April 4-5 | Kamloops
- April 11-12 | Kelowna
- April 11-12 | Castlegar
- April 15-16 | Cranbrook

More information will be sent out soon.

Upcoming Events

BCSTA is hosting several key events in the coming months. Mark your calendars and prepare yourself for several important events featuring professional development sessions, networking opportunities, platforms for your local communities voice, and more. The following events will take place at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC.

- BCSTA/BCPSEA Joint Trustee Orientation
 - January 25 - 26, 2019
- Meeting of Board Chairs
 - February 21, 2019
- Joint Partner Liaison Meeting
 - February 22, 2019
- Annual General Meeting
 - April 25 - 28, 2019

BCSTA Motions

During the 2018 Trustee Academy, BCSTA's Legislative Committee will lead an interactive plenary session on motion writing on Saturday, December 1 from 1:15 - 2:15 pm. If your board or branch would like further assistance with motion-writing (such as having someone attend a branch meeting to provide training and support) please contact aackah@bcsta.org.

Please note that February 14, 2019 is the deadline for motion sponsors (BCSTA member boards of education, branches, the Professional Learning Committee and Indigenous Education Committee) to submit extraordinary motions for consideration at the 2019 BCSTA Annual General Meeting. An extraordinary motion is submitted to change or add to BCSTA's Bylaws or the Foundational Statements within BCSTA's Policy Book. February 24, 2019 is the deadline to submit substantive motions for consideration at the 2019 BCSTA AGM. A substantive motion may call on BCSTA to take a particular action or adopt a policy that defines the long-term objectives, positions or beliefs of the Association.

Most motions which are submitted to AGM are substantive motions. Motions should be sent to motions@bcsta.org on the appropriate BCSTA motion form which is available in the BCSTA HUB. Please refer to BCSTA's Motion Guide for information about submitting motions to BCSTA. ■