

# NOTEBOOK

Issue #6 December 15, 2017



## NOTICE OF MOTION

*NVTA General Meeting*

*Wednesday, January 31, 2018*

The following motion, passed by the NVTA Executive on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, will be presented for consideration at the NVTA General Meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

*That the NVTA Constitution be changed under section X – Bargaining Committee – to read, in section 10.02, that the Bargaining Committee shall consist of 15 members including 5 secondary, 5 elementary teachers and that “Teachers on Call” be replaced with “Teachers Teaching on Call”. In section 10.04 that “Teachers on Call” be replaced with “Teachers Teaching on Call”.*

## SECOND CALL

### FOR NVTA DELEGATES TO THE 2018 BCTF AGM, March 17 – 20, 2018

The North Vancouver Teachers' Association's BCTF AGM delegation will be elected at the January 31, 2018 General Meeting. The NVTA can elect **15 delegates** who, along with the three NVTA Local Representatives, will comprise our delegation. Please consider putting your name forward as a candidate. Contact NVTA President, Martin Stuible ([martin@nvta.ca](mailto:martin@nvta.ca)) or First Vice President, Robin Deleurme ([robin@nvta.ca](mailto:robin@nvta.ca)) at the NVTA office for more information.

## A Christmas Message from NVTA President, Martin Stuible

On behalf of the entire NVTA Executive, my warmest wish that this coming winter break brings you all a safe and happy holiday with friends and family. I appreciate the level you all have been working at and the challenges you face each and every day in the classroom and in all your capacities as educators in North Vancouver.



Though the Supreme Court ruled over a year ago, we know by the number of classes needing remedy that the full and proper implementation of the restored language is taking longer than we had hoped.

Looking ahead to our next Collective Agreement in 2019, caseloads of our specialist teachers has clearly become a hot button issue. In addition, lack of TTOCs and other recruitment issues should help push our desire for salary gains to the forefront of bargaining in a way that has been sorely absent in the past when the government used the excuse of a surplus of teachers. If we are to compete with higher paying jurisdictions such as Alberta and Ontario, salaries will have to increase substantially, in addition to the challenge we all face living in the Lower Mainland and the incredibly high cost of housing.

In this *Notebook* we have made our first call-out for members of the NVTA Bargaining Committee so that we can prepare in good time for the next round of bargaining. Look to school visits in the new year so that we can begin the process of seeking guidance and direction from the members to what the 2019 bargaining objectives should be both locally and provincially.

For now, make the most of these two weeks, even if that means doing absolutely nothing at all. The holidays can be so busy but I urge each and every one of you to find time to look after yourself. Have a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

## NVTA BARGAINING COMMITTEE CALL-OUT

The NVTA Bargaining Committee, elected at the January General Meeting, is comprised of the following 14-15 members: NVTA President, NVTA Bargaining Chairperson, 4-5 Elementary representatives, 4-5 Secondary representatives, one Social Justice representative, one Professional Development representative, and one Teacher Teaching on Call representative. Committee representatives are elected by their respective committees. To put your name forward, please contact the NVTA office.

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## COMMITTEE CALL-OUT

NVTA representatives are still required for the following committees. Please consider applying.

- Aboriginal Advisory Committee – 2 reps
- Capital Planning Committee – 2 reps
- Communications Committee – 1 rep
- Education Weeks Planning Committee – 1 rep
- French Immersion Review Committee – 2 reps
- JEPIC Steering Committee – 6 reps
- Mentorship – 2 reps
- OH&S Committee – 1 rep
- Safe & Caring Schools Committee – 5 reps
- NVTA Caseload Committee – unlimited
- NVTA MyEd & Reporting Committee – unlimited

Please download the Committee Application form from [nvta.ca](http://nvta.ca), or email NVTA Office Manager, Beth Triggs ([btriggs.nvta@telus.net](mailto:btriggs.nvta@telus.net)) to request an Application Form be sent via email.

## BCTF CONFERENCE FOR NEW TEACHERS, NEW TTOCS, AND STUDENT TEACHERS

March 2 – 3, 2018

Radisson Hotel, Richmond, BC

Keynote Speaker (March 2): Ivan Coyote.

Keynote Speaker (March 3): Verna St. Denis

Registration opens mid-January 2018. Fees as follows:

Registration Fee for New Teachers

\$70 for both days (Friday and Saturday)

\$40 for one day only (Friday or Saturday)

Registration Fee for TTOCs

\$40 (for one or both days)

Registration Fee for Student Teachers

\$25 (for one or both days)

Registration Fee for Non BCTF members

\$150 for both days

**Contact the NVTA for special funding available for the conference, including release time.**

Visit [bctf.ca/NewTeachersConference2018](http://bctf.ca/NewTeachersConference2018) for more information

## NVTA MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

### JANUARY 2018

- 8 Schools reopen
- 17 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 19 Curriculum Training
- 26 BCTF Representative Assembly
- 31 NVTA General Meeting (St. Martin's Anglican Church) - elect delegates to the BCTF Annual General Meeting

### FEBRUARY 2018

- 12 Family Day Stat Holiday
- 21 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 23 District-wide Professional Development Day

### MARCH 2018

- 14 NVTA Representative Assembly dinner meeting (Sutherland Library)
- 17-20 102<sup>nd</sup> BCTF AGM (Hyatt Regency – Vancouver)
- 30 Good Friday

March 17 – April 2 SPRING BREAK

### APRIL 2018

- 2 Easter Monday
- 3 Schools reopen
- 18 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library) - followed by NVTA All-Candidates Meeting

### MAY 2018

- 7 District-wide Professional Development Day
- 9 NVTA Annual General Meeting & Social (elect NVTA Executive & Chairs for 2018-2019) – St. Martin's Anglican Church
- 16 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 21 Victoria Day
- 25-26 BCTF Representative Assembly

### JUNE 2018

- 11 Retirement Tea (Seymour Golf & Country Club)
- 20 NVTA Representative Assembly (Sutherland Library)
- 28 Last day of school
- 29 Administration Day

The North Vancouver Teachers' Association Table Officers thank all members who attended the NVTA Christmas party and donated to North Vancouver's Harvest Project. Congratulations to Wendy Lee from Brooksbank who won the NVTA Annual Turkey Raffle gift card. *Merry Christmas!*

The NVTA office will close at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2017 and reopen on Monday, January 8, 2018.

*Have a safe, relaxing and happy holiday!*

