

NOTEBOOK

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Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Retirees

We are pleased to acknowledge and congratulate the following teachers who retired after June 30, 2020, or plan to retire at the end of this school year.

Gary Albright (Norgate)
Terry Brown (Carson Graham)
Stephen Bruno (Argyle)
Sally Chan (Queensbury)
Lia Cove (Handsworth)
Jullie Desmarais (Blueridge)
Judith Galpin (Queensbury)
Ieke Giese (Upper Lynn)
Vicki Gilbert (Blueridge)
Patrick Johnson (Cove Cliff)
Mary Klausen (Braemar)
Marina Kowalchuk (Norgate)
Heidi Kruz (Carson Graham)
Frederick Lackmance (Ridgeway)
Denise LaPrairie (Westview)
Susan Megahy (Upper Lynn)
Laurie Reichert (Brooksbank)
Wendy Saunders (Cove Cliff)
Elisabeth Scharnagl (Capilano)
Janet Scott (Montroyal)
Brian Sheffield (Argyle)
Helle Simonsen (Leave)
Susan Thompson (Lynnmour)
Laurel Whatley (Learning Services)
Mahshid Yaraghi (Handsworth)
Monique Young (Ridgeway)

If you intend to retire, and your name is not on this list, please call (604.988.3224) or email NVTA Office Manager, Beth Triggs at beth@nvta.ca

NVTA AGM

May 12, 2021, 4 p.m.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor

A Message from the NVTA President

I will be leaving the NVTA at the end of April for a term position at the BCTF. Public education is the cornerstone of a just society and it has been my privilege over the last nine years, in my various roles, to represent NVTA members as you make a difference in the lives of students every single day. While I am excited to work at the provincial level, I am also saddened to leave our local. Thank you all for the trust you have put in me over the years; it has truly been an honour to get to know and work with so many of you. However, I am confident that I am leaving members in excellent hands with Katrina Russell stepping up as Acting President and a strong team at the NVTA to support her and all members in the years ahead.

Carolyn Pena

2021-2022 NVTA EXECUTIVE

Declared Candidates

The following is the list of declared candidates who will stand for election to NVTA Executive positions at the NVTA AGM on May 12, 2021.

President:	Katrina Russell
First Vice President:	Kristen Gill
Second Vice President:	Alexa Bennett-Fox
Local Representatives: (elect three)	Alexa Bennett-Fox Tammy Daley Owen Howell
Alternate Local Rep:	Charlene Wilson
Secretary:	Heidi Postl
Treasurer:	Andrew Shobridge
Member at Large: (elect three)	Angelee Bulsara Jessica Duckles Dave Murton
Bargaining Chair:	No Declared Candidate
Professional Development:	Tammy Daley
Social Justice:	Alexa Bennett-Fox

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SPRING POSTING ROUNDS

Round One:	April 28 – May 5
Round Two:	May 20 – May 27
Round Three:	June 2 – June 9
Round Four:	June 18 – June 25

All NVTA members are welcome to apply for any postings in May, June and July.

Postings will continue through the summer, as needed.

Making Sense of Your Pension, CPP, OAS and Group Benefits

An Essential Workshop from the BC Retired Teachers' Association

The important decisions that will determine your retirement lifestyle should not be made at the last minute as you fill out your forms.

This seminar will prepare you to confidently make choices that are right for you.

All teachers age 50+ should plan to attend one of BCRTA's Pre-Retirement online (Zoom) workshops. The workshops are free. You get great planning materials along with answers to questions you have about your retirement.

Please pre-register at <https://bcrt.ca/workshop>

The agenda includes: Teachers' Pension Plan, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and voluntary group benefits (dental, extended health and travel). We show some of the differences between the plans and help equip you to select the plan that best suits your needs.

Upcoming Sessions

May 12	4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
May 26	7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
June 2	4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Feel free to attend more than one session if needed or sign up as a refresher. Teachers are welcome to join the BCRTA prior to retirement and qualify for membership advantages.

NVTA RETIREMENT TEA POSTPONED

Once again, the COVID pandemic will impact the NVTA's ability to properly celebrate the retirements of our teaching colleagues.

The NVTA Executive has decided to postpone this year's Retirement Tea, in hope that it will be rescheduled when we are once again allowed to gather in groups.

Members who are retiring will be contacted by the NVTA in order to gather private email information so we are able to reach out to retirees when the event has been rescheduled.

Thank you for understanding.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DATES 2021-2022

Friday, October 22, 2021
Friday, February 4, 2022
Monday, May 9, 2022

NVTA MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2020-2021

MAY 2021

10	District-wide Professional Development Day
12	NVTA Annual General Meeting – elect NVTA Executive & Chairs 2021-2022
19	NVTA Representative Assembly
24	Victoria Day

JUNE 2021

14	Retirement Tea – POSTPONED 🙄
16	NVTA Representative Assembly
29	Last day of school
30	Administration Day