

NOTEBOOK

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NVTA TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

One Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) scholarship is available for each North Vancouver secondary school: Argyle, Carson Graham, Handsworth, Mountainside, Seycove, Sutherland and Windsor.

Each school's scholarship committee will choose their recipient of the NVTA Teacher Education Scholarship. Students are not required to complete a special NVTA application form.

In order to be eligible, the student must be graduating from the Grade 12 program of one of the secondary schools during the calendar year of the award. The student must also be planning to enter a teacher education program that would qualify the graduate to teach in the public schools of British Columbia.

Teacher Education Scholarship information will be sent to the scholarship committees and Principals after Spring Break.



NORTH VANCOUVER TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Second Call for Candidates!

The following NVTA Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chair positions are available for the 2022-2023 school year. All are one-year terms, unless otherwise indicated.

Executive Committee: President, Local Representatives (two or three elected – the President may choose to be an LR automatically), Alternate Local Representative, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Members-at-Large (three two-year term positions available), Member-at-Large (in the first five years), Professional Development Chairperson, Social Justice Chairperson, and Bargaining Chairperson.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM, however, in order to have a Candidate Statement included in the AGM booklet, to have the statement published in the *Notebook*, and to be included in the NVTA All-Candidates' Forum immediately following the April 20/22 Rep Assembly, a completed nomination form and statement must be received by **Tuesday, April 12, 2022**. For more information or to receive a nomination form, please email beth@nvta.ca.

REPORT FROM THE BCTF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to the following NVTA members who, along with our Local Representatives Alexa Bennett Fox, Owen Howell, and Dan Storms, volunteered to serve as NVTA delegates to the BCTF AGM over Spring Break: Kyle Brown, Edie Chang, Tammy Daley, Danny Einhorn, Sacha Lee, Heidi Postl and Katrina Russell.

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The results of the BCTF Executive elections are as follows:

- President—Clint Johnston
- First Vice-President—Carole Gordon
- Second Vice-President—Robin Tosczak
- Member-at-Large—Racialized—Bénula Bunjun
- Member-at-Large—Aboriginal—Rick Joe
- Members-at-Large—Jelana Bighorn, Lisa LaBoucane, Katherine Trepanier, and Winona Waldron. Violette Baillargeon, Mariah Franzmann, and Jody Polukoshko are completing the second year of their two-year terms.

The BCTF member fee for the 2022-2023 school year has been set to 1.69% and 1.59% for TTOCs, which is the same as it was for this year.

The Salary Indemnity Plan fee has been set at 1.99%, which is an increase from this year. For many years, there has been an additional 2% added to the salary of all teachers to cover SIP deductions. This shows up on your pay statement as “SIP allowance,” the SIP fee can be found under deductions as “S.I. Fund.”

The objective for the BCTF bargaining defence fund, which covers strike pay, has been increased from \$40,000,000 to \$115,000,000.

There were a total of 28 BCTF executive committee recommendations carried. Some of these relate to fees including status quo fees for various categories of members, for example members on leave, affiliated members etc. Others were to align the members’ guide with current educational terminology or practice. There were some changes made to the language for accessing SIP, and the rest were housekeeping items.

There were 4 local resolutions carried. One was to limit the time available to amend the agenda during the BCTF AGM, one was for the BCTF to lobby the government to provide training in compassionate systems leadership, one was to encourage members of the advisory committees to attend additional BCTF zone meetings, and the final one was to direct the pension board to create policy to divest from fossil fuels and to invest in green technology.

The policies and decisions from the BCTF AGM are accessible to all BCTF members on the website <https://www.bctf.ca/services-guidance/governance/minutes-and-decisions>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All-Candidates Meeting

Come and hear from the candidates running for positions on the 2022-2023 NVTA Executive!
Held immediately following the Wednesday, April 20, 2022 Rep Assembly – 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. All members are welcome to attend.

New Teachers’ Conference 2022

Saturday, May 14, 2022

For more information: www.newteachersconference.ca

NVTA Retirement Tea

Monday, June 13, 2022

Seymour Country Club

Details will be sent out soon.

NVTA Office hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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