

NOTEBOOK

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BCTF AGM REPORT

Thank you to the following NVTA members who, along with our Local Representatives, Robin Deleurme, Tammy Daley and Owen Howell, volunteered to serve as NVTA delegates to the BCTF AGM over Spring Break: Stephanie Anderson, Taj Badesha, Angelee Bulsara, Edie Chang, Ben Gregson, David Murton, Marta Orellena and Katrina Russell.

The BCTF AGM took place over four days from March 18-21 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver. Elections to the BCTF AGM were held and several recommendations from the BCTF Executive as well as resolutions from various locals were debated and voted on.

The results of the BCTF Executive elections are as follows:

- President – Clint Johnston
- First Vice President – Carole Gordon
- Second Vice President – Robin Tosczak
- Members at Large – Mariah Franzmann, Rick Kumar, Marilyn Ricketts - Lindsay and Katherine Trepanier

The BCTF Member fee for the 2023-24 school year has been set at 1.69 percent and 1.59 percent for TTOCs which is the same as it was for the current school year.

The Salary Indemnity Plan fee has been set at 2.09 percent, which is an increase from this year's rate of 1.99 percent. This shows up on your pay statement under deductions as "S.I. Fund." There is an additional two percent added to the salary of all teachers to cover the SIP deductions. This appears on your pay statement under earnings as "SIP Allowance." The SIP fund helps support teachers who are in need of medical leave but are out of employer issued sick leave so it is an important and valued fund.

The policies and decisions from the BCTF AGM are available to all BCTF Members on the BCTF website. Click [HERE](#).

NVTA

Annual General Meeting Wed., May 10, 2023

Second Call for Candidates!

The following NVTA Executive Committee and Standing Committee Chair positions are available for the 2023-2024 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).

Committee Chairpersons:

Professional Development and Social Justice.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM, however, in order to have a Candidate Statement included in the AGM booklet, and to be included in the NVTA All-Candidates' Forum immediately following the April 19, 2023 Rep Assembly, a completed nomination form and statement must be received by Tuesday, April 18, 2023. For more information or to receive a nomination form, please email beth@nvta.ca.

BCTF is pleased to announce

Neurodivergent Virtual Monthly Meet-ups

Join us on the last Thursday of the month!

Dates: March 30, April 27, May 25, and June 29, 2023

From: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

These are new monthly gatherings for BC public school teachers who identify as being neurodivergent. Join us in building community and connection with peers throughout the province centered on the unique needs and experiences of neurodivergent teachers.

Please watch the promo video [here](#).

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BCTF Pension Seminars Every Wednesday 4:30–6:00 pm

From April 5 to the end of June 2023, members can join an online pension seminar to learn about your pension plan, your pension options, and the factors to consider when planning for retirement.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87344950598?pwd=YWVqNkVvN25mRDBJTTA4aUJSZ1h3QT09>

(Please include the Zoom link below when communicating this information to your members.)

Members who cannot attend the live online sessions may watch the recorded pension seminars at their convenience on the BCTF YouTube channel in the [Playlists](#) section.

NVTA APRIL EVENTS

Spring Staff Rep Training (SURT)

April 17, 2023

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Lynn Valley Village - Community Room
1277 Lynn Valley Road

NVTA AGM All Candidates' Forum

April 19, 2023

Following the Rep Assembly (4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
Location: ZOOM

NVTA TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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 was sent in the milkrun this week to school scholarship committees and Principals.

REMINDERS

Teaching Certification Fee Deadline: May 31

Teachers on unpaid leaves such as parental leaves, unpaid medical leaves, childcare leaves, or personal leaves of absence must pay their teaching certification fee by May 31 or incur a late fee. If the fees go unpaid past November 1st, teachers risk losing their teaching certification and will have to reapply to the teacher qualification service.

Information about paying the fee can be found [HERE](#).

Mentoring Mondays

Mentoring Mondays, hosted by the Teacher Mentorship Network, are Professional Growth workshops geared toward new teachers, but open to everyone.

Next workshop:

Teaching Split Classes, Grades 5/6 and 6/7.

Sign up on Booking Central and search for Mentoring Mondays.

Leaves Deadlines 2023

- **April 30** – Part-time/Increase to FTE requests (Article C.24.3) p.79 (This deadline is not for part-time medical leaves.)
- **April 30** – Job Share Requests (Article C.24.4) p.79 For teachers in full time and part-time assignments, including those currently in Job Shares.
- **May 1** – Intra-District exchange request (Article E.23.2.b) p.103
- **May 31** – Committed Transfer Requests (Article E.23.1.h and E.23.2.d) p. 103-104
- For teacher resignation/retirement - 30 days' notice for resignations, and as much notice as possible for retirements in order to aid in staffing.

