

NOTEBOOK

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SECOND CALL FOR CANDIDATES

NVTA Delegates to the 2025 BCTF Annual General Meeting

Be part of the decision-making process of the BCTF at its Annual General Meeting. Please consider putting yourself forward as a candidate and participating in the democratic processes of the Federation. The NVTA can elect 15 delegates who, along with our three NVTA Local Representatives, comprise our delegation.

WHEN: Sat., March 15 to Tues., March 18, 2025.
WHERE: Hyatt Regency in downtown Vancouver.
Delegates will be provided with a hotel room, per diem for meals and childcare, if needed.

The North Vancouver delegation will be elected at the January 29, 2025 NVTA General Meeting.

If interested, nomination/candidate's forms should be completed **no later than January 20, 2025** in order to have your statements typed and circulated to voting members before the General Meeting. Candidates can also be nominated from the floor at the General Meeting. Click [HERE](#) for a nomination form.

For more information, please email office@nvta.ca.

Dear NVTA Members,

As the days grow shorter and the skies darken, we find ourselves in the familiar embrace of winter at the foot of the North Shore mountains. While these long, dark days can sometimes weigh heavily on us, they also signal the approach of the holiday season—a time to rest, recharge, and find joy in the activities that bring us happiness. I hope you all are able to take full advantage of the upcoming two week break with your friends and families.

When you do return to your schools on January 6, I will be embarking on a new chapter in my career at the BCTF. Making this decision was not easy, as it comes with mixed emotions. Serving as the NVTA president has been deeply meaningful and fulfilling, and stepping away from this role is bittersweet. However, I'm excited to take the knowledge and experience I've gained here to help strengthen other locals across the province. I am confident that with Vickie and Robin leading the NVTA, the organization is in excellent hands.

As you prepare for the year ahead, I hope you come back from the holidays feeling refreshed and inspired. Rest assured, both the NVTA and the BCTF remain steadfast in their commitment to supporting teachers, safeguarding and enhancing your collective agreement rights, and advocating for better resources for students and manageable workloads for educators. With bargaining on the horizon at both local and provincial levels, we'll keep you informed every step of the way.

In the meantime, I wish you a joyful and peaceful holiday season. Whether you're celebrating the solstice, ringing in the new year, or partaking in other winter traditions, may your break be filled with warmth and happiness.

Happy Holidays!

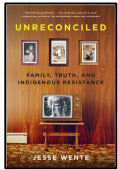
Katrina Russell, NVTA President

Save the Date! NVTA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 29, 2025
4:00 – 6:00pm
Location: Presentation House
(333 Chesterfield Avenue)

SAVE THE DATE!
February 14, 2025
NVTA Pro D
Conference 2025

*Innovate, Educate, Inspire:
 Transforming Teaching and
 Learning for Tomorrow*



We are looking forward to welcoming Jesse Wenté, author of *Unreconciled*, as the keynote speaker at our district-wide conference in February.

“Wenté is an Anishinaabe writer, broadcaster, and arts leader. He's best known for the more than two decades he's spent as a columnist for CBC Radio's Metro Morning. After working at the Toronto International Film Festival, he was named the first executive director of the Indigenous Screen Office in 2018 and was appointed chair of the Canada Council for the Arts in 2020.”

www.cbc.ca/books/reconciled

**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 6, 2025
 ON BOOKING CENTRAL!**

**NVTA OFFICE WINTER
 CLOSURE DATES**

The NVTA Office will
 be closed for winter break
Friday, December 20, 2024 @ 3pm
To Monday, January 6, 2025 at 8 am.

Thank you to everyone who attended the NVTA Holiday Party. Congratulations to Colin Young who won the “Turkey” Raffle.

FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
NVTA FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

To be elected at the NVTA Rep Assembly
 Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Please send your candidate statement to
office@nvta.ca by 8:00am January 10, 2025.

**Upcoming NVTA
 Meetings & Events**

Dec 21, 2024 – Jan 5, 2025 – WINTER BREAK

JANUARY

- 6 Schools reopen
- 15 NVTA Representative Assembly – elect NVTA First Vice President
- 29 NVTA General Meeting (elect delegates to the BCTF Annual General Meeting)
- 31 BCTF Winter Representative Assembly

FEBRUARY

- 1 BCTF Winter Representative Assembly
- 14 NVTA District-wide Pro-D Conference
- 17 Family Day Stat Holiday**
- 19 NVTA Representative Assembly

MARCH

- 12 NVTA Representative Assembly meeting with BCTF AGM Delegates

Mar 15 – Mar 30, 2025 – SPRING BREAK

- 15-18 109th BCTF AGM
- 31 Schools Reopen



Wishing everyone in
 our community best wishes
 for the new year!

