

Conference Report: Annual General Meeting

The BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) conference, including Professional Development Sessions and the 19th Annual General Meeting, was held January 25-26, 2013 at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel in Vancouver.

The Professional Development sessions opened with plenary speaker Joan Axford, Retired Secretary Treasurer, on *Organizational Planning*, followed by a presentation on *Pension Plans and the Competitive Advantage*, by Brendan Dick, Chair and Richard Taylor, Vice Chair of the Municipal Pension Plan.

Delegates attended professional development working sessions in the afternoon, including:

- Organizational Planning
- Employee Development
- Recruitment
- Leadership Development
- Recruitment of Aboriginal Educators.

Annual General Meeting

The 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) opened Friday evening with reports from BCPSEA Chair Mel Joy and CEO Hugh Finlayson, greetings from BCSTA President Michael McEvoy, as well as nominations from the floor for elections to the Board of Directors.

Elections

The Trustee Directors on the [BCPSEA Board](#) for 2013 are:

Chair

Alan Chell, School District No. 19 (Revelstoke)

Vice-Chair

Silas White, School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)

Directors

Ken Denike, School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Eve Flynn, School District No. 69 (Qualicum)

Michel Saab, School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

Gerald Watson, School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)

Pete Williams, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)

Shirley Wilson, School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)

Sheryl Yaremco, School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley)

The assembly moved into a Representative Council on Saturday morning, for review of the association's 2011-2012 financial statements and proposed 2013-2014 BCPSEA budget:

BE IT RESOLVED that the membership approve the proposed BCPSEA budget for April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that BDO Dunwoody be appointed auditors to the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Carried

Proposed Resolution

Delegates also debated the following proposed resolutions:

Submitted by School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha):

BE IT RESOLVED that BCPSEA proposes that the provincial government implement a prescribed, time-limited resolution process for collective bargaining between teachers and public school employers to minimize the impact of the negotiations on student learning.

Tabled

Submitted by School District No. 57 (Prince George):

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the BC Public School Employers' Association recommend that the proposed Agreement in Committee between the BC Teachers' Federation and BCPSEA be approved by the BCPSEA Board of Directors.

Carried

The remainder of the AGM program was dedicated to presentations and discussions on teacher and support staff bargaining.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of the delegates for your energy, hard work, dedication, and informed and engaged dialogue. The Board of Directors appreciates your feedback and support. Please feel free to contact any member of the [Board](#) for further information.