

Annual General Meeting First Notice: Call for Proposed Resolutions

The 24th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) is scheduled for **January 25-26, 2018** at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel, Vancouver, BC. Detailed program information will follow in the coming weeks.

Please note: This AGM will address governance issues, including debate of any proposed resolutions, as well as discussions in preparation for 2019 collective bargaining.

A block of rooms is being held at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel at a special rate of \$155 per night (not including taxes). The special rate will be honoured based on availability and will be in effect until January 8, 2018. After January 8, 2018, the hotel will continue to accept reservations on a space available basis at current available rates.

Delegates are required to make their own reservations as soon as possible and arrange payment directly with the hotel. When calling the hotel, delegates must request the central reservations department and indicate they are attending the **BCPSEA 2018 AGM** to ensure they receive the special conference rate. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel's Central Reservations number at 1 800 663 1144 or calling locally at 604 682 6278 or clicking the Booking Link [here \(BCPSEA Annual General Meeting\)](#).

Attendance at the AGM

Each board of education is represented by a Trustee Representative who must not be in a conflict of interest situation as defined by the association's bylaws:

- "2.4 No person with a direct or indirect pecuniary interest, within the meaning of the *School Act*, in teacher or support staff collective bargaining is eligible
- a. to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Association,
 - b. to represent a member at any general meeting of the Association,
 - c. to represent a member at any other function of the Association."

The Trustee Representative carries the vote of the Board at the AGM.

Submission of Proposed Resolutions

The submission of proposed resolutions to the AGM is governed by the following rules:

1. There shall be two kinds of resolutions for conducting the business at a general meeting: special and ordinary.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS are for:

- a. a change in the bylaws of the association (note: all bylaw changes must be approved by the Minister of Finance)
- b. a change in the objectives of the association.

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS are for providing direction to the Board of Directors for conducting BCPSEA business.

2. Resolutions may be submitted by member boards or the Board of Directors to the Governance Committee, which shall be appointed each year by the Chair.
3. Resolutions must not be inconsistent with the legislation governing the association; e.g., *Public Sector Employers Act*, *Public Education Labour Relations Act*, *Society Act*.
4. Notice of all special and ordinary resolutions to be dealt with at a general meeting shall be submitted to the Governance Committee no later than 50 calendar days prior to the general meeting (by December 6, 2017). The Governance Committee will forward the resolutions to be presented to the general meeting to the members no later than 30 calendar days prior to the meeting.

The deadline for submitting special and ordinary resolutions for consideration at the AGM is December 6, 2017.

Please e-mail the resolutions to donnav@bcpsea.bc.ca or fax to 604 730 0787.

5. Notices of resolutions submitted after the requirements in 4. above must arise out of an event subsequent to the deadline (i.e., an event subsequent to December 6, 2017). The decision to present a late resolution to the general meeting shall be made by the Governance Committee; a negative decision may be appealed to the general meeting.

If you have any questions on the process of submitting proposed resolutions, please contact Donna Verones at 604 730 4501 or donnav@bcpsea.bc.ca; or Deborah Stewart at 604 730 4506 or deborahs@bcpsea.bc.ca.

PSEC Consultation Process on BCPSEA Governance

Further to BCPSEA *NewsLink Express* [No. 2017-08](#) dated September 5, 2017, the Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat (PSEC Secretariat) advised BCPSEA that the Minister of Finance, as the Minister responsible for the *Public Sector Employers Act*, was commencing a process to wind down the responsibilities of the Public Administrator and "...transition to a structure that continues to deliver good governance consistent with BCPSEA's statutory mandate while restoring a more direct role for elected school trustees."

The PSEC Secretariat further advised that this process would include a focused consultation with all four of the major public sector employers' associations:

- BCPSEA
- the Health Employers' Association of BC
- the Post-Secondary Employers' Association, and
- the Community Social Services Employers' Association

with a view to identifying potential enhancements to each of the' employers' association governance structures, constitutions and bylaws.

The PSEC Secretariat has engaged in targeted consultations with relevant stakeholder groups in each sector to review potential governance structure changes. The consultation with respect to BCPSEA is facilitated through the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA); it is our understanding that this matter was the subject of discussions at the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting on October 28 with PSEC Secretariat President and CEO Christina Zacharuk in attendance.

We will communicate further information on this matter — as it may relate to our upcoming Annual General Meeting — as events progress.

Program and Registration

The AGM program will follow in the coming weeks. Although specific timing for each day has not yet been finalized, it is anticipated that January 25 will open with registration at 9:00 am and sessions running between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm; January 26 will open with breakfast between approximately 7:15 am – 8:30 am, and sessions running between 8:30 am and adjournment at approximately 3:00 pm.

Registration is now open. The registration fee is \$250 plus GST (this fee applies to attendees other than the "Designated Voting Trustee Representative" as referenced on page one). To register for the AGM, please visit our [online registration site](#).