

Conference Report: Annual General Meeting

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) was held on Friday, January 27, 2017 at the Coast Coal Harbour Hotel, 1180 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC.

This one-day event opened with reports from BCPSEA Public Administrator Michael Marchbank and CEO Renzo Del Negro, as well as greetings from BC School Trustees Association President Teresa Rezansoff.

During the business session, the assembly considered the 2015-2016 audited financial statements as well as the appointment of the auditors, and carried the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that KPMG be appointed auditors to the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Carried

The members then moved into a Representative Council for review of the proposed 2017-2018 BCPSEA budget:

BE IT RESOLVED that the membership approve the proposed BCPSEA budget for April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 as presented.

Carried

The assembly moved back into the AGM business session with debate of the following proposed resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Public School Employers' Association members direct the BCPSEA Public Administrator to write a letter to the Minister of Finance requesting that the association be released from the direction of the Public Administrator and that the Trustee Directors be reinstated to the BCPSEA Board of Directors.

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Public School Employers' Association members direct the BCPSEA Public Administrator to write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting that costs incurred by boards of education from the exempt staff compensation changes be fully funded with new money by the provincial government.

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Public School Employers' Association members direct the BCPSEA Public Administrator to provide an annual tracking report on the disposition of motions passed at previous Annual General Meetings.

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Public School Employers' Association members direct the BCPSEA Public Administrator to request that the BCPSEA Bargaining Committee bargaining with the BC Teachers' Federation on the class size and composition language ensure that any settlement reached is fully funded on an ongoing basis by the provincial government.

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Public School Employers' Association members direct the BCPSEA Public Administrator to write a letter to the Minister of Education to request that assistance be provided to rural districts to address recruitment and retention issues arising from the Supreme Court of Canada decision.

Carried

The AGM program included a panel presentation by Dave Byng, Deputy Minister of Education, Christina Zacharuk, President and CEO, Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat, and Eric Harris, Partner, Harris Workplace Law and Advocacy. Delegates also attended a presentation on Bargaining Preparation 2019 presented by Renzo Del Negro, Janet Stewart and Graeme Norton from BCPSEA.

A closing thank you was provided to all delegates for their engagement and participation in the day's events, and appreciation expressed for the members' support for the ongoing work of BCPSEA.