

## Conference Report: Annual General Meeting

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) was held January 28, 2021. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, the AGM was held virtually via Zoom. Data on the Spot/Simply Voting provided specialized support, including voting procedures.

The AGM opened at 9:00 am with reports from BCPSEA Board Chair Alan Chell, BCPSEA Interim CEO Rebecca Maurer, and greetings from BC School Trustees Association President Stephanie Higginson.

### Business Session

#### ❖ Finance Matters

The business session opened with the report of the 2019-2020 audited financial statements. The members were reminded that KPMG was appointed auditors to BCPSEA for the 2019-2022 fiscal years at the 26<sup>th</sup> AGM in 2020.

In accordance with the BCPSEA bylaws, the session then moved into a Representative Council for review of the proposed 2021-2022 BCPSEA budget. Following presentation of the budget, which included an update on the current fiscal year (year ending March 31, 2021), the members adopted the following motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the membership approve the proposed BCPSEA budget for April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 as presented.

*Carried*

#### ❖ Proposed Resolutions

The assembly moved back into the AGM business session to debate resolutions proposed by the members.

- **Ordinary Resolution O-1** submitted by School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that BCPSEA perform a review of the governance structure implemented in the revised BCPSEA Bylaws in 2018, with a specific focus on the effectiveness of electing Trustee Directors on a regional basis, to ensure optimal capacity to achieve the mandate and purpose identified in the BCPSEA Constitution, and further

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the review shall be conducted by a committee composed of Trustee Representatives from boards of education and members of the BCPSEA Board of Directors with the majority of the committee being comprised of BCPSEA board of education Trustee

Representatives. The number of representatives to the committee and appointments to the committee shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The committee will report back to the BCPSEA AGM 2022 with any recommendations for changes in governance structure recognizing that such changes, if approved by the members, would require the approval of the Minister responsible for the *Public Sector Employers Act*.

*Carried*

- **Ordinary Resolution O-2** submitted by School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) and School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that BCPSEA work with the sector to develop and present a business case to the Minister responsible for the *Public Sector Employers Act* outlining the implications and effect of the BC Public Sector Executive Compensation Freeze Policy on School District operations and requesting that the Provincial Government exempt School Districts from the BC Public Sector Executive Compensation Freeze Policy in recognition of Executive Staff performance, efforts, and resiliency in maintaining quality public education during the pandemic.

*Carried*

#### ❖ **Nominations from the Floor and Elections**

The members were advised prior to AGM that they would be electing one Trustee Director from each of the following regions based on the staggered three-year election cycle as set out in Schedule 3 of the BCPSEA Bylaws:

- Vancouver Island/Coastal
- Fraser Valley.

Candidates **MUST** be a trustee from one of the boards of education in the specific region as noted above.

The candidates nominated through the pre-nomination process — Eve Flynn in the Vancouver Island/Coastal region and Shirley Wilson in the Fraser Valley region — were elected by acclamation. Both Trustee Directors took the opportunity to deliver their remarks and thanks to the members.

The Trustee Directors on the 2021 BCPSEA Board are:

#### **Kootenay Boundary Region**

Dawn Lang, School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)

#### **Northern Interior Region**

Sharel Warrington, School District No. 57 (Prince George)

#### **Metro Region**

Terry Allen, School District No. 36 (Surrey)

#### **Fraser Valley Region**

Shirley Wilson, School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)

**Northwest Region**

Margaret Warcup, School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains)

**Thompson Okanagan Region**

Alan Chell, School District No. 19 (Revelstoke)

**Vancouver Island/Coastal Region**

Eve Flynn, School District No. 69 (Qualicum)

The Government Representatives to the BCPSEA Board are:

- John Davison, President and CEO, Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat
- Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education
- Keith Godin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education
- Michael Marchbank, Board Chair, Post-Secondary Employers' Association.

A formal motion to destroy all ballots was adopted by the members.

**Closing and Adjournment**

Alan Chell thanked all attendees and particularly BCPSEA Trustee Representatives for their participation in the AGM events, and expressed appreciation for the members' support of the ongoing work of BCPSEA.

A motion to adjourn the AGM was carried.