

**CTA ANNUAL MEETING****Tuesday, May 16th, 3:45pm****Sardis Secondary School****On the agenda: Executive Elections/CTA Budget/ICPDF Grant Draw****Lee-Anne Clarke - for President**

This has been an exciting and busy year! We finished melding the 2013 - 2019 Collective Agreement and now all of our members have a paper copy of it. Having a copy of the CA is important because it helps us all protect our contractual rights. The BCTF won our court case in November which means that the language the Liberals ripped from our CA in 2002 is now restored. It means non-enrolling specialist ratios are restored, class size and composition limits can be enforced and our school based teams will have more options to help students and the teachers who teach them. It means that finally students will get more supports that will help them learn. I have been involved with our union since I started working here in 2001 and I was a Staff Rep at ADRMS for more than a decade. During the past sixteen years, I have held a variety of CTA Executive positions including President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Local Representative, and Member at Large. For three years (2007-2009) I was a BCTF Staff Union Representative Trainer and currently sit on the BCTF Income Security Committee. I would like to continue to serve as your president for another year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email, [lvclarke@telus.net](mailto:lvclarke@telus.net). I hope you will consider voting for me and I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on May 16th!

**Ed Klettke - for 1st Vice President**

I am grateful to serve as your First Vice President and the last two years have been rewarding. My previous experience as a Staff Rep, Staff Committee Chair, CTA Member at Large and CTA 2nd Vice President was helpful, however this year has involved a higher level of detail. Part of my learning has involved the details of all the services the union provides, such as Pensions, Salary Indemnity Programs, Health and Wellness options, pregnancy leaves, EFAP, grievances, and investigations. Highlights of this year have been the school visits that Lee-Anne and I have enjoyed as we see the amazing work of teachers despite the changes of curriculum and restored language. I've continued the development of important relationships with CTA committees (Aboriginal Education, Constitutional Review, Health and Safety, Social Justice and TTOC). I seek your ongoing support in my bid for re-election as CTA First Vice President as I hope to further my focus on providing timely, efficient, ethical and effective service to members. Please forward questions/comments to [eklettke@shaw.ca](mailto:eklettke@shaw.ca). Join me in continuing to build our union, to involve our members and to support each other, with your vote on May 16th.

**Danielle Bennett - for 2nd Vice President**

I have been an active member of the Chilliwack Teachers Association Executive for the past three years. I have worked on members behalf as a Member at Large, Local Representative, and one year as Second Vice-President. During this time I have had the opportunity to attend a variety of training opportunities including Summer Conference and Federation Leadership Institute. Currently I am a member of the Bargaining, Professional Development, and Constitutional Review Committee. I have also attended four AGMs as well as many Representative Assemblies. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue working on your behalf in our local. Thank you for considering me for Second Vice-President.

To all members,

Consider putting your name forward, or nominating a colleague (with their permission), for an executive position as we need and appreciate many levels of viewpoints and experience in the CTA. Candidates are needed for the following: Assistant Treasurer, Member at Large (4) and ProD Committee. Please contact the CTA Office for more information.

**Elizabeth MacKenzie - for ProD Chair**

I am running again for the position of Professional Development Chair. Chilliwack has a unique Pro-D model, one that we have worked hard to maintain over the years. I would like to continue the work I started this year to improve opportunities for members to be involved in Pro-D that meets their needs and to review our policies and procedures so that all teachers have resources for attending Pro-D.

**Tammy McKinley - for ProD Chair**

I have been a member of the executive for 10 years and have held the positions of Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, First Vice President, and Local Rep. In addition, I have been an active member of the Pro D committee, helping last year's chairperson pull the conference together. It is important that we protect our professional development rights, and I would be a strong advocate in protecting them.

**Shelley Jones - for Treasurer**

As Assistant Treasurer last year, I was able to get an understanding of how the CTA finances work. With my background in the accounting field, I feel I can use my skills and knowledge to further help the CTA in the coming year as Treasurer.

**Jennifer Thiessen - for Local Representative**

I have been involved with the Chilliwack Teachers' Association for the past 7 years and have held a variety of positions including: TTOC Chair, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, Member at Large, and 2nd Vice President. During my time on the Executive I have learned much about the daily operations of our local. I have been a part of the Mentoring Committee and the Constitutional Review Committee and attended several BCTF Annual General Meetings. Through the many positions I have held and committees I have been a part of, I have learned about the processes that guide our organization and understand my role as a member in our union. I have now come to a point where I would like to try a new role as Local Representative and learn more about our union, as well as represent out local at the provincial level.

**Angela Woods - for Recording Secretary**

I have had the privilege of serving on the executive committee several times over the last 18 years (Assistant Treasurer, ProD Chair, Recording Secretary). I enjoyed participating in supporting Chilliwack Teachers.

**Jacqui Higginbottom - for Member At Large**

I have enjoyed the past year on the Executive Committee. I have been teaching for over twenty years, in a number of subject areas. I have been the Staff Rep and am currently the ProD Rep and new curriculum liaison for my school. I would like to represent my colleagues at a district level again. It would be an honour to receive your vote for the position of Member at Large again for the 2017/18 school year.

**Rick Joe - for Member At Large** (*unavailable at press time*)

**Mollie Lofthouse - for Member At Large** (*unavailable at press time*)



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**Rick Joe - for Aboriginal Education Committee Chair** (*unavailable at press time*)**Tammy McKinley - for Bargaining Chair**

I have served this past year as Bargaining Chairperson. I have organized monthly meetings, and helped our table officers find information about our restored language. This year is going to be a very busy one for our local and we need people that are informed and dedicated to ensuring all parts of our collective agreement are upheld.

**Jody Raabe - for Communications Committee Chair**

This is my 20th year in SD33, mostly at the middle school level. I have been the staff rep at Mount Slesse for the past six years. I am finally ready to give more of my time to the CTA, so I have decided to put my name forward for Communication Chair. For a brief time in 2011, I was part of the CTA Communication Committee, and I have a vision about how we can open up communication within our local. I am the admin for our G-Suite Portal at MSMS, and the Tech Coordinator at our site, so I regularly update our staff about the latest apps and tools available. That said, I am behind using social media and more familiar avenues so that members are comfortable. I believe that I have the skills, knowledge, and experience to facilitate communication within the CTA, so I would appreciate your support for the opportunity to join our executive for the upcoming year.

**Vicki Willis - for Health & Safety Committee Chair**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity this past year to represent the CTA as the Health and Safety Chair. It has been a year of growing this new position and I would like to continue to work for the members in the coming year. I have also taken on the position of Health and Safety Facilitator with the BCTF for next year, giving me access and experience to other locals that I can bring back to benefit ours as well. At the upcoming Annual Meeting, I would appreciate your support for the position of Health and Safety Chair for the upcoming year.

**Reid Clarke - for Social Justice Chair**

As a teacher in the Chilliwack School District for over two years, I have dedicated much of that time, at both the elementary and secondary levels, to share my enthusiasm and belief in a social justice pedagogy. I have always believed that teachers play an essential role in ensuring students achieve personal excellence and can do so by learning about the issues that surround them. I accept as true the school of thought whereby all teachers should provide students the tools necessary to achieve excellence, learn to be curious about the world around them, and ultimately become caring and knowledgeable citizens who value learning, democracy, and, of course, social justice. Being part of the Chilliwack Teacher Association's Executive has been a goal of mine since I was hired in 2015. I have always been an advocate for public education, as well as the role of a public-sector union in our society. As the Social Justice Chair for the CTA, I look forward to promoting these ideas with all our great members.

**Jasjit Gill - for TTOC Committee Co-Chair**

I have been on the CTA Executive for two years as a TTOC co-chair. Before, I had been on the TTOC committee for 3 consecutive years. With my experience as a co-chair and being a TTOC myself I have learned a great deal about the pros and cons of being a TTOC. I have enjoyed guiding my fellow colleagues through their various questions and concerns, and connecting them to the CTA. Also, I have worked hard to consistently provide valuable information and resources through our TTOC/New Teacher socials. Being a TTOC can be tough at times and I will try to continue to work with my co-chair to ensure we can guide and support all TTOC's. I am looking forward to continuing my journey as a TTOC Co-Chair.

**Shelley Jones - for TTOC Committee Co-Chair**

I have only been part of the CTA as a TTOC for two years. Prior to this, I was a staff rep for various schools in VESTA (Vancouver Elementary School Teacher's Association) and a full-time classroom teacher for more than 10 years. It has been an interesting learning curve to become a TTOC once again. I feel I bring both the experience of teaching and the newness of being a TTOC. I look forward to working with Jas and the CTA Executive to be able to support and guide all TTOCs and to continue to provide information and resources to TTOCs.

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**BCTF Advantage Program**

We are pleased to announce a new partner, IRIS. Members and employees of the BCTF, as well as any family member who lives with them in the same household, can receive: \$150 towards the purchase of complete prescription eye wear and prescription sunglasses, \$50 towards the purchase of an annual supply of contact lenses, \$50 towards non-prescription sunglasses valued at \$100 or more.

For further information about this offer, as well as to discover what other offers are available to BCTF members, please visit [www.bctf.ca/advantage](http://www.bctf.ca/advantage)

**Retired Teachers' Benefits Plan**

The Teachers' Pension Plan Board of Trustees has made the transition from Pacific Blue Cross to Green Shield Canada for retirees' voluntary extended health and dental benefits. They have experienced some transition pains but we have been advised most of those have been resolved. The coverage is to be the same as the previous plan with general information found here: <http://www.pensionsbc.ca>

Please note that effective April 1, 2017, the extended health care and dental coverage monthly rates have changed.

The plan booklet may also be found online at: <https://onlineservices.greenshield.ca/publicbooklets/tpp.pdf>.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

May 11 -Aboriginal Resource Fair, CTA 3:45pm  
 May 16 -Annual Meeting, SSS 3:45pm  
 May 19 -District ProD Day in lieu  
 May 22 -Social Justice Meeting, CTA, 3:45pm  
 May 26/27-BCTF Rep Assembly, Vancouver  
 May 29 -Bargaining Committee, CTA 3:45pm  
 May 30 -SJ Movie Night, CTA 6pm  
 June 6 -Executive Meeting, CTA 3:45pm  
 June 12 -Bargaining Committee, CTA 3:45pm  
 June 13 -Ab Ed Committee Meeting, CTA 3:45pm  
 June 14 -TTOC EI Workshop, CTA 3:45pm  
 June 26 -Social Justice Committee, CTA 3:45pm  
 June 30 -Schools close  
 July 14 -CTA Office closes



CHILLIWACK TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

**PLEASE POST****EI Seminar**

June 14th  
 CTA Office  
 3:30 - 5:30pm

This BCTF seminar provides Teachers Teaching on Call and temporary teachers with the information they need to:

- make effective, error free applications for Employment Insurance
- navigate through the red tape surrounding EI
- maximize their EI benefits
- maintain their EI claim throughout the school year

If you are interested in applying for EI, this workshop should not be missed!

Please RSVP the CTA Office by June 2nd  
 in order for us to have enough EI packages!

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**World Environmental Education Congress**

BCTF members interested in environmental education and social justice are invited to apply for funding to attend the 9th World Environmental Education Congress—*Cultureenvironment—Weaving New Connections*. This annual event brings together researchers and practitioners from around the globe who are committed to supporting high quality environmental and sustainability learning. The BCTF will fund one member from each the eight zones in the province to attend the “teacher-friendly” sessions, which take place on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10, 2017, in Vancouver. More information on this congress can be found on the WEEC website at [weec2017.org](http://weec2017.org)

To download an application, visit the BCTF [Opportunities for Members web page](#) at the following [link](#). The deadline for applications is Friday, June 2, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Barb Ryeburn ([bryeburn@bctf.ca](mailto:bryeburn@bctf.ca)).