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CRTA Newsletter

President's Report

Since September of 2017, your Executive Committee has worked hard to revise CRTA Nomination and Election policies. This newsletter introduces several of those revisions beginning with *Section D* of the CRTA Manual:



Executive – D

D1 The CRTA Executive will consist of four Table Officers

(President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), Immediate Past President (hereinafter referred to as Past President), and up to twelve Directors.

D2 The position of Past President will be for a one year term without election, after which the Past President will be eligible to stand for election to the Executive Committee.

D3 All other members will be elected for one year at the AGM.

I invite you to consider running for election at the AGM on June 6th. Our EC meetings are interesting and enjoyable. Furthermore, members often voice appreciation for our efforts and many support us by attending the events we organize throughout the year. We strive to keep you informed, well fed and entertained in addition to providing opportunities to take action on important issues.



After Easter, I look forward to seeing you at our General Meeting on April 4th. It's time to welcome spring in the company of friends and former colleagues.

See you there!



General Meeting April 4, 2018

Gallery Room Winslow Centre 10:00 AM



We have two presenters for the April 4th General Meeting. **Gerry Tiede** from the **BCRTA** will give us an update on our Teachers' Pension Plan. Now that we have had Green Shield Canada as our benefits provider for a year, you may have questions regarding this as well.

For all you travelers, whether it be national or international, we have **Lisa Hansen** as our second presenter. Lisa is a consultant with **Johnson Insurance** and will update us about Medoc Travel Insurance. If you have any questions or concerns about coverage while you travel, please bring them to the meeting.

Coquitlam Retired Teachers' Association

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Interested in Representing Your Retired Colleagues?

Call for Nominations for election to the 2018-19 CRTA Executive Committee:

Revised CRTA Policy *Elections- E2 and E4* inform us that:

A member in good standing wishing to stand for election to the CRTA Executive Committee must signify so in writing or by e-mail to the chair of the nominating committee at least two weeks prior to the AGM, except for nominations made and accepted in person at the AGM. All executive positions are for one year.

If you wish to allow your name to stand in nomination, please contact Audrey Anthony in writing or at louaud@telus.net. To nominate another person prior to the AGM please have that person signify acceptance of the nomination in writing or to Audrey's e-mail address louaud@telus.net

Elections will occur on June 6, 2018.

Deadline for nominations prior to the AGM is May 23, 2018.

Port Moody Rock the Block Reunion

Free Entrance for Retired Educators: Read On!

Saturday July 14th, 2018 at the ice arena in Port Moody.

Here is the link to the website that has more information about the event:

<https://www.portmoodyrocktheblock.ca>

The organizers invite previous teachers and administrators from any of Port Moody's schools to attend the event, including elementary, junior high and senior high staff from 1955 - 2005. We are offering "free" entrance to all former teachers and administrators, as a thank you for all that you did for us (and put up with from us!) over the years. Maureen Jennings is gathering the names of all teachers and administrators who plan to attend, and will have their names on the "will call" list at the door.

Please contact Maureen (Wright) Jennings at 604-613-3624

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Please mark your calendar:



April 4 - General Meeting

June 6 - Annual General Meeting*

*Complimentary lunch will be provided by the CRTA!



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More News on the Election Front

E1. To be eligible for election to the CRTA Executive, a candidate must be an Active or Life Member of the CRTA in good standing. A retiree will be deemed to be a member in good standing upon the BCRTA receiving that person's application for membership in the BCRTA and the CRTA.

E3. A member may hold only one Executive position

E4. All Executive positions will be for one year. The Past President will remain in that position for one year, after which s/he will be eligible to stand for election to the Executive committee.

E5. Election shall be by secret ballot or acclamation at an Annual General Meeting.

E7. The list of received nominees shall be sent by e-mail to CRTA members one week before the AGM.

BC Retired Teachers' Association Award



Do you know of a public school teacher who has a program that involves students and seniors in an "intergenerational program"? Could that teacher use \$1500 to enhance the program, buy additional supplies or add opportunities for interaction between students and senior citizens in the community?

Go to the BC Retired Teachers' Association website <http://www.bcrta.ca/> and click on the Golden Star Awards Program for criteria, application forms and links to past winners! Deadline for completed applications is April 15, 2018.

If you have any questions contact Charan Gill, Chair, BCRTA Excellence in Public Education Committee: charangill@gmail.com or 604.271.8725

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Green Shield (GSC) Coverage Continues to Generate Discussion

The BCRTA has asked us to share the following information with CRTA Members:

The move to GSC was a decision of the Teachers' Pension Board of Trustees, not the BCRTA. The decision was made after an open competition among insurance companies that GSC won. The BCRTA played no role in this as we have no direct contractual relationship with GSC.

The GSC plan is like the former Blue Cross plan both in design and service. GSC has worked to ensure affordability by not increasing premiums this year and has also worked to be more precise, strict and consistent in interpreting the agreement and in accepting or denying claims.

*CRTA note: members can address comments to the Teachers' Pension Board: TPBT@pensionsbc.ca

or by mail: Teachers' Pension Board Secretariat, PO Box 9460, Victoria BC V8W 9V8



CRTA Sunshine Coordinator, Dale Linton, sends cards to those who are ill or to family members in the case of bereavement.

Please update her at (604) 937-5113.

Save the Date!

CRTA members are invited to join retired teachers from Burnaby and New Westminster at a lawn bowling event in New Westminster on June 7, 2018. Details will be available in May but you may wish to mark your calendar now.



The CRTA regrets to announce the passing of these SD 43 colleagues.

We extend heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.



Fernand Bouvier February 17, 2018

Fern was a teacher in the district for 31 years and the founder of Place des Arts in Maillardville. He is survived by his wife Cecile, children David, Anita and Paul and their families.

Muriel Cooke February 26, 2018

Muriel taught physical education and was an elementary counsellor. She was a long-time member of the CRTA bridge club. She is survived by her husband Dale, children Lance and Karen and grandsons Declan & Ben.

Karalee Larsen March 13, 2018

Karalee was a teacher librarian at several schools in the district. During retirement she was a member of the CRTA Phoning Committee. She is survived by her husband Greig and children Andrea and Nicole.