Provincial Specialist Associations

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Overview
The BCTF encourages and supports over 30 Provincial Specialist Associations (PSAs). As an integral part of the Federation, the PSAs operate in accordance with BCTF policies and procedures and their own constitutions.

All BCTF members are encouraged to become members of one or more PSAs to share expertise and to gain information and experience.

Each year, the BCTF provides a complimentary PSA membership to each new member at the induction ceremony in the member’s local.

Each PSA is unique—its strength determined by its members and its executive. PSAs promote communication among members through journals, newsletters, conferences, workshops, websites, email lists, and other activities.

Individual PSAs are represented on the PSA Council through their presidents. The PSA Council provides advice to the BCTF Executive Committee on matters of concern to PSAs and on working and learning conditions, curriculum, professional development, and educational leadership.

Visit the PSA website at bctf.ca/PSAs.aspx.

PSAs
AEA Aboriginal Education Association
AOEC Anti-Oppression Educators Collective
ABCTA Association of BC Drama Teachers
APPIIPC Association provincial des professeurs d’immersion et du programme francophone
BCAEA BC Alternate Education Association
BCATA BC Art Teachers’ Association
BCAMT BC Association of Mathematics Teachers
BCATML BC Association of Teachers of Modern Languages
BCBEA BC Business Education Association
BCCLA BC Co-operative Learning Association
BCCASA BC Culinary Arts Specialist Association
BCDEA BC Dance Educators’ Association
BCECTA BC Early Career Teachers’ Association
BCEDL BC Educators for Distributed Learning
BCMTPSA BC Montessori Teachers PSA
BCMEA BC Music Educators’ Association
BCPTA BC Primary Teachers’ Association
BCSCSA BC School Counsellors’ Association
BESCSTA BC Science Teachers’ Association
BCSSTA BC Social Studies Teachers’ Association
BCTLA BC Teacher-Librarians’ Association
BCTELA BC Teachers of English Language Arts
BCTESOL BC Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
Join a PSA—Benefits to members

• educational policy change updates
• networks via local chapters
• specialty publications
• support for exemplary practice
• support for new teachers
• teacher awards
• teaching resources and learning materials.

PSAs host for members

• annual conferences
• annual general meetings
• local or regional conferences.

PSAs provide a collective voice to

• help develop BCTF directions
• influence curriculum and assessment policies
• provide advice to the BCTF Executive Committee in order to influence the Ministry of Education.

PSA conferences

The October PSA day is especially for, and organized by, PSAs. Many PSAs offer discounted conference rates to members. PSA conferences are featured on the BCTF’s PD Calendar: bctf.ca/PD-days.aspx.

PSA websites and publications

Many PSAs maintain web pages and email lists and produce publications. More information bctf.ca/psawebsites.aspx.

How to join

You can register or renew your membership online. Go to www.bctf.ca/joinapsa.

For further information

Contact the BCTF at psa-coordinator@bctf.ca.