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
- ABCDE   Association of BC Drama Teachers
- APPIPC  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
- BCSCA   BC School Counsellors’ Association
- BCsCTA  BC Science Teachers’ Association
- BCSSTA  BC Social Studies Teachers’ Association
- BCCTLA  BC Teacher-Librarians’ Association
- PAGE    BC Teachers for Peace and Global Education
- BCTELA  BC Teachers of English Language Arts
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.