



WEST VANCOUVER Teachers' Association

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Notes from your President – *Spencer Capier*

Dear Colleagues,

Just time for a quick newsletter at the start of the year, mostly to remind you of our **General Meeting Thursday January 25th at 3:45 at the Kay Meek Centre**. There will be lots of things to discuss, including the next round of bargaining, elections for delegates to the upcoming BCTF AGM, and reports from the various portfolios of your executive. I will also present a state of the union.

After our GM there will be a **wine and cheese social** in the lobby. It's always a great time, and it's a chance to hang out with colleagues from across the district.

Oh yes, as always, there will be **DOOR PRIZES**.

Speaking of bargaining, your union is looking for volunteers for a bargaining working group. From that working group your bargaining team would be created. If you have interest in this work, please contact the office.

The WVTA is pushing out a provincial bargaining survey in the next few days to determine what local members' priorities are for the next provincial round of bargaining. Please take a few minutes and fill it out. Your voice matters.

Yours in solidarity, *Spencer*

WVTA General Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2024

3:45, Kay Meek Studio Theatre

AGENDA

- **President's Report**
- **State of the Union**
- **Election of WVTA Delegates to the BCTF AGM** (March 16-19, Hyatt Regency Hotel)



*Wine & Cheese Social
following the meeting.*

You can be a delegate!

BCTF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **March 16-19, 2024, Hyatt Regency, Vancouver**

Attend the AGM and learn about your BCTF, debate issues that matter to you and your colleagues, elect Executive Committee members, and meet and hear from teachers around the province. We will elect our WVTA Delegates at our WVTA General Meeting, **Thursday January 25th**. All BCTF members, regardless of union experience, can let their name stand as a delegate.

Interested? Email president@wvta.ca.

ProD Opportunities



Refracting the Light:

AI and Technology in Education

**January 27, 2024 – Coast Coal Harbour
Vancouver Hotel, 1180 W. Hastings**

Keynote speaker – Dr. Vanessa Andreotti

An optional welcoming reception will be held at Preston's Restaurant (in the hotel) on Friday, January 26th, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Places are limited, and participants must select the welcoming reception during the registration process to get access to the restaurant.

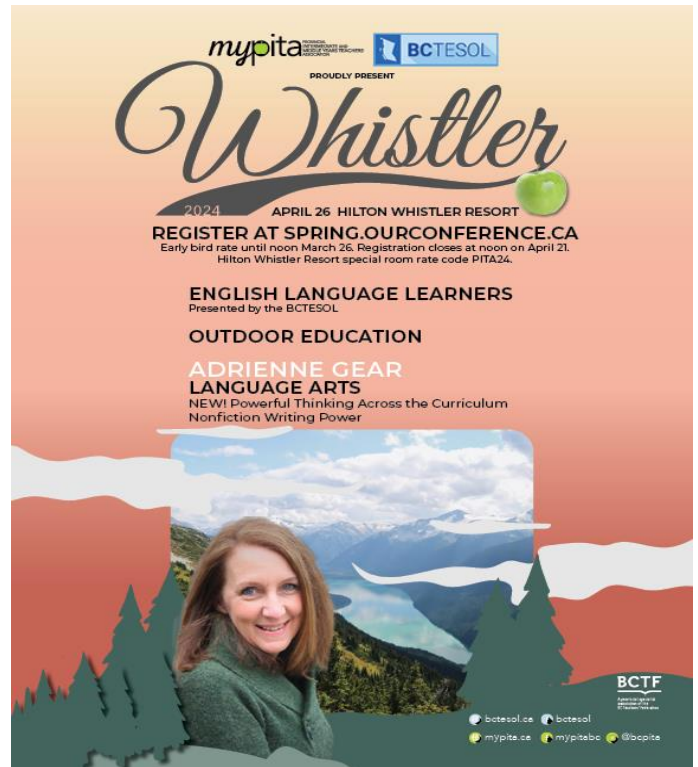
Registration is open [here](#) on the BCTF website. \$75 for BCTF members in their first five years of teaching \$60 for BCTF members who are TTOCs.

Feb. 9th Deadline for Nominations G.A.Fergusson Memorial Award

The G.A. Fergusson Memorial Award may be made annually at the BCTF AGM to a BCTF member (or former member) who has made an outstanding contribution to public education. Exemplary service through activism in the BCTF is a major consideration. Nominations of candidates may be made by any member of the Federation or by a local.

The nomination should consist of a summary of the basis for the nomination as per the aforementioned criteria and should not exceed three pages in length. The nomination may be accompanied by no more than three supporting letters.

Nominations should be sent by mail or email to [Amber Mitchell](#), Executive Director at the BCTF by February 9, 2024. Complete the [nomination form](#) and send it by email to the attention of [Amber Mitchell](#), Executive Director amitchell@bctf.ca



myPITA Spring Conference 2024

Friday, April 26, 2024, Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa Workshops will be relevant, immediately applicable, and many will include hands-on participation plus interaction with other attendees.

Conference details:

- 6 great sessions to choose from
- Lunch time socials, discussion topics, and work alikes

Early bird fees until noon, March 26th. This event has a limited number of seats, and it will quickly sell out.

Conference information and link to registration [here](#).