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Conference 2018—October 19th



Fraser Heights Secondary—Surrey, BC

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President's Final Report

Why I wanted to be president of the BCTEA



I ran for president of the BCTEA for one reason, and that was to influence the direction that I thought Technology Education should go. I had goals. The main one being getting more funding for our shops and the second showing the value that access to

shop programs can have in meeting the skilled trade shortage. I tried many different avenues to achieve my goals with the first by working with the Career Education Society being a regional director for Vancouver Island and then stepping up to Vice President. In that capacity I created a close connection with staff on the Ministry of Education and the Industry Training Authority. I quickly learned that the Ministry of Education was there to guide what we teach, but it was the ITA that had the dollars. The challenge was how to direct some of the dollars heading for post-secondary (which there seems to be a lot more than ministry) down to where kids get a start and interest in skills for the trades. Once I had the connections it was obvious to me that the best way I could effect change was to become president of the BCTEA.



We have received millions of dollars; the most notable is the Youth Capital Equipment grants to the tune of over 15 million. Additionally, the \$100 per student shop teachers receives to run skills exploration classes. But there has been one trend that I saw that needed attention. That was/is Train in Trades and Trade Sampler students coming out of our shop classes and going to college programs. We would often lose our top students to these post-secondary programs. I could see that this would erode the value of shop class. There needed to be some connection to shop class. Thus I worked at and still do, see Trade

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As you have read, you can see the current reason why I volunteered to be president. The historical background that got me to that place is why I love doing what I do. That being helping build kids their skills tool box. That is what shop teachers do. They use projects to build skills that kids take away with them and go on to their own great things. In other words it helps them achieve whatever makes them feel good at the end of the day. The new ADST curriculum should not diminish what we do in shop classes, which is building skills. The acronym should look like this.

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Here is one of my first projects that I ever built. I was five, lived with a single parent (mom) so I must have found the tools (borrowed from a friend's dad's tool box and hopefully returned). I liked working with my hands at an early age. All through high school I took many different shop classes even though I was going to university (again a single mom trying to give me the best advantage for a career) and built more skills and confidence to tackle larger projects.

5 year old builder



My most notable project is the boat that now takes me on many adventures. It all starts at an early age, but those high school shop classes are what keeps the spark alive.

50 year old builder



Deciding to run for the president ended up being a joint decision. I have many limitations, some I probably don't even know, but luckily I have a friend and colleague, Steve Claassen that joined me in this adventure as a 2 for the price of one admission. He is a tireless worker with an excellent skill set and has done so much for the BCTEA. He is a genius with computers and data. Thanks to his work, we now know every shop teacher in the province, what courses are being taught, and can connect with any shop teacher willing. The Facebook page is icing on the cake, as it allows you the ability to get help or to give help to other members. He is not the only one that has allowed me to stay energized. I want to also thank all of you that contributed when shoulder tapped to provide something for the BCTEA such as run a workshop at our conferences, join the BCTEA exec, or who have posted help to other members on Facebook, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

It has been great serving for our cause and I hope that the new executive sets and achieves goals that excite them. It has been a pleasure working hard with our executive over the years and the rewards will be the continuation of shop classes around the province.

Sincerely

Randy Grey

Executive Reports

Steve Claassen

Communications: EVIEW Editor & Webmaster



As my role as the BCTEA's Media/Member Relations executive member comes to a close, I think back over the past 4 years and I am proud of what I have accomplished. My goals were to improve the image of the BCTEA (to the public, educational community, Ministry of Ed, ITA, and to its own members) and improve communication of Tech Ed teachers around the province. I think I succeeded.

[BCTEA Website](#) – This is the public face of the BCTEA. Over the past 3 years, it has grown to have very valuable resources on it (conference info, subject resources, safety info, etc). The structure is all in place and just needs resources (the hardest part of building a website) to make it a great resource and to show the public and the BCTEA members what we are all about. When you look at the website from behind the scenes,

you see people use it everyday, having over 40,000 views and an all time best of 700 views in one day.

[BCTEA Facebook Closed Group page](#) – Going on just over 3 years now, this has been such a great success and I hope people keep contributing to it. As it has turned out, it is the most effective way to have members communicate. It currently has over 400 teachers that teach Tech Ed subjects on it and has turned into the go to source for inspiration and help.

By the time the conference roles around, I will have updated the database of Tech Ed teachers around the province for 2018/2019. It is always interesting connecting with each district rep and seeing/hearing of the changes that are happening in each district. Some are very good, others not so good.

Thank you to Randy Grey, my colleague and friend, and everyone else for supporting me in this role over the past 4 years.

Martin Lim

Vice-President



Over the past year I have been working on updating the BCTEA constitution to reflect the more modern practices of the BCTEA. The plan is to bring this to the membership at the District Reps meeting and at the AGM during the conference for feedback. We will release the proposed revised/revamped constitution prior to the conference for members to review.

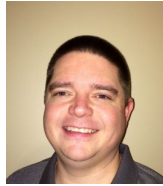
Over the past few months, I have also been working on the 2018 conference as it is being hosted at my school. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

A blue rectangular graphic with a yellow starburst at the top. The starburst contains the text "Now OVER 400 Members". Below the starburst, the text "Facebook Page Update" is written in white. Underneath, in smaller white text, it says "The BCTEA Facebook page has hit over 400 MEMBERS!!!. You will now be able to 'JOIN' and post to the group. Only members of the group will see the posts. The old Facebook Page has now been removed. Please 'JOIN' the new group @". At the bottom, the URL "https://www.facebook.com/groups/bctea" is provided in white.

Executive Reports

Brad Purves

Treasurer

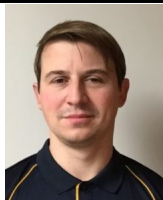


We closed the financial year of July 2017 to June 2018 with a balance of \$25,966.23. You can see the Year End Report in this issue of the EView. We were fortunate to have received profits from the Super Conference of \$19,484.37. Without this profit sharing, our accounts would be very low. A proposed budget will be presented at the AGM for members to see and vote on for the coming year.

Aside from the duties of Treasurer, I have been working along side the LSA from Surrey to organize the upcoming conference at Fraser Heights. I have also been working with Martin Lim to update our constitution to better reflect our needs as an association. Please look for a copy of the proposed changes coming via email no later October 5. This will be reviewed and voted on at the AGM.

Russell Evanisky

Member At Large - Conf. Registrar



My name is Russell Evanisky and I am the newly elected Conference Registrar for the BCTEA. I am a Tech-Ed Applied Design, Skills and Technologies teacher at Alpha secondary where I teach robotics and electronics. My industry background is in aircraft gas turbine engine overhaul, metal fabrication, manufacturing/machining and technical communications through mechanical drafting and design. I am also a member of the Ministry of Education ADST curriculum design team where the group of us have been creating the new curriculum drafts for the province.

One of my goals for this year was to act as a liaison between our BCTEA members, Executive and the ADST writing team. I also will be working on collecting and adding resources and learning materials to the Subject Resources tab on BCTEA website.

Heather Elliott

Secretary

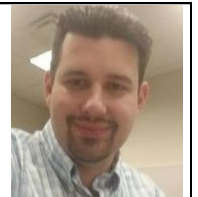


After a busy year we have made significant progress on the Heads up for Safety documents and they are now ready to be used in classrooms. We have created both an Elementary Safety document and a revised Middle/Secondary Document. We kept the language regarding best practice and due diligence similar to the old document, we then changed the formatting for the information and tests to be more user friendly. We made the decision to go with a multiple choice tests and some combined tests for similar tools together. It is hard to know when to quit but overall this is the most detailed document that has been produced for Tech ed. Teachers to use. The document covers all areas of our discipline including Electronics & Maker, Woodwork, Automotive and Metalwork. The documents will be available on the BCTEA website in both PDF and Word.

As we move forward into next year, my goals are to continue to advocate for funding supports in our programs. To keep strong partnerships with BCIT, UBC the ITA and the Career Ed society. I would like to see our constitution revised and published and an updated roles and responsibilities for our Exec. members to ensure we are accountable to our members.

Eric Banks

Member At Large - Marketing Member Liason



I am the member at Large of Vendors for the BCTEA. I have been teaching robotics, woodworking, and metalworking for the last 9 years. Working with the BCTEA executive has been an amazing learning experience and during this conference, I would like to provide this opportunity to somebody else. So this year, I will not be reapplying to the BCTEA executive. I would like to especially thank Martin Lim, Brad Purves and the rest of the executive for their mentorship. If you are interested in my role, I will be happy to support you in any way I can. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Executive Positions Up For Election

President, Member at Large (Communications) , Member at Large (Marketing)

The BCTEA has at least half of the executive positions come up for election each year. The intention is that there is always enough experience on the executive to keep it stable. We are elected by the members, or as is often the case, nominated and volunteer to do the job. Each time someone new comes onto the executive they bring about new energy and ideas. This can often help the organization to do a lot for the members. Each person on the executive brings a skill set and they contribute to the organization.

Elections for executive positions will take place at the 2018 Conference AGM during lunch (11:15—12:15) in the gym. Positions are open to current BCTF members and members of the BCTEA PSA who are in good standing.

We are coming up for elections and you are being given some time to look at what each position is required to focus on, and see if you are in that stage of life where you are prepared to give back to an organization that has hopefully served you well. It will be encouraging to see more than one person being nominated for a position so we are not stagnating. Elections for executive positions will take place at the Conference 2018AGM @ 11:15am. Positions are open to current BCTF members and members of the BCTEA who are in good standing.

The following positions will be up for election this year and nominations are welcome for all positions.

President (2 year term)

Randy Grey is stepping down as president this year and the position will have to be filled.

Member at Large – Communications (2 year term)

Steve Claassen is stepping away from this position and it will have to be filled.

Member at Large – Marketing (2 year term)

Eric Bankes is stepping away from this position and it will have to be filled.

Please refer to the [BCTEA Website Executive Page](#) for the FULL descriptions of each executive position

District Reps Meeting

Thursday, October 18th

As of Oct 1st we have half of the 50 districts attending the annual District Representative's meeting in Surrey that will take place on Thursday, October 18th from 10am—4pm. Lunch will be provided.

Agenda

- District Reporting out
- Shop Floor Plan
- Heads Up for Safety
- Trends in Tech Ed teachers
- ITA Report
- Job Ready Project
- BCIT/UBC Accelerated Program
- Summer Skills Exploration Workshop
- TBD—Open discussion

If your district is not represented, and you have no LSA, then consider “stepping up to the plate” and come to the district reps meeting.

We look forward to hearing from your district.

The full agenda for the district reps meeting is located [HERE](#) on the BCTEA web.

People that have put their names forward to attend the district reps meeting this year are listed below

Doug Shaw	SD# 08 Kootenay Lake
James Ross	SD# 23 Central Okanagan
Andy Closkey	SD# 28 Quesnel
Heather Elliott	SD# 33 Chilliwack
Brad Purves	SD# 34 Abbotsford
Kaitlyn deVries	SD# 35 Langley
Martin Lim	SD# 36 Surrey
Eric Bankes	SD# 36 Surrey
Brian Tivy	SD# 37 Delta
Allqn Byres	SD# 38 Richmond
Nigel Reedman	SD# 39 Vancouver
Karin Krueger	SD# 40 New Westminster
Russell Evanisky	SD# 41 Burnaby
Andy Strothotte	SD# 42 Maple Ridge
Ryan Harmon	SD# 42 Maple Ridge
Mike Roest	SD# 43 Coquitlam
Mark Fortin	SD# 44 North Vancouver
Victor Lo	SD# 45 West Vancouver
Vicki Schenk	SD# 48 Sea to Sky
David Baugh	SD# 51 Boundary
Perry Rouse	SD# 60 Peace River North
Jessica Doule	SD# 61 Greater Victoria
James Cox	SD# 68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith
Randy Grey	SD# 71 Comox Valley
Steve Claassen	SD# 71 Comox Valley
Courtenay Rimaldi	SD# 75 Mission
Michael Karr	SD# 78 Fraser Cascade
Joel Dyck	SD# 85 Vancouver Island North
Tyler Bradford	Yukon
Alex Caverly	BCIT - Year 2
Roger Bortignon	BCIT (Teachers in Training)
Janine Dickie	UBC Student

Proposed BCTEA Goals for 2018/2019

GOAL	OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION (method & criteria)
Heads Up for Safety	To promote people using it	Eview, facebook, BCTEA website, resource on BCTF website	Survey Monkey, Website Data
Shop Floor Plans	Finish & Promote awareness of Floors Plan & safety zone webpage	Eview, website, District reps AGM?	Website Data
Constitution Completion	Finalize the updated constitution	Have constitution passed by members & forward to BCTF	Approved by BCTF
Increase Enrollment at BCIT and UBC TTED Program	Shoulder Tapping High-school past/present Grads	Working with outside agencies such as ASTTBC, Construction Foundation, Trades Unions	BCIT Enrolment
To develop the Conference Guidebook	Streamline Conference planning and attract relevant presenters	Survey Members, Create Guidelines and Parameters, Scope and Sequence Documents, Transport	Conference organizers have a successful conference
Elementary ADST Presence/ Help	Increase elementary presence & see us as a place to go for help	Build a web based elementary ADST resource <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • project based • potential safety articles • equipment use & practices • Family of Schools inclusion workshops • Promote and Recommend Heads up for Safety • Contact elementary PSA to communicate BCTEA resources 	Establishment of elementary ADST section in the E-View Providing information pamphlet of resources to elementary PSA's

