

District Representative Dec. 2022 Report
Provincial Executive Council Meeting
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Provincial Executive Council (PEC) met Thursday Dec. 1 and Friday Dec. 2, 2022.

Phase 2 of Election Readiness

The Association hosted the first in-person roundtable discussion on Dec. 1. Despite the weather, the event had a positive turnout and the conversations that took place were rich and hopeful. I encourage everyone to try and attend one of the other in-person or virtual roundtable events. There are also many locals planning on hosting their own roundtable event. Please feel free to utilize the hired mobilizers to assist with these events. There is also an online toolkit (similar to rally) available to sub-groups.

Professional Development

PEC approved and are thrilled to announce the hiring of Gail-Anne Wilson (Edmonton Public) and Terra Kaliszuk (Black Gold) as our new executive staff officers in the Professional Development program area. Both individuals are incredible educators and bring immense experience and expertise to the Association.

Updated Land Acknowledgments are being created to reflect traditional indigenous names. These will be accompanied with pronunciation guides and audio assistance.

For any subgroups that are utilizing Event-Wizard, the Association's supported event registration software, has advised staff that they will be shutting down operations on 2023 04 18. In the short-term to medium-term, councils with spring 2023 events can use Event-Wizard to register delegates for their events until early- to mid-March at which time they will be transitioned to an ATAPD.CA Communities-based system. Staff have begun to identify companies that can meet the Association's registration and privacy needs in the long-term.

Government/Research

The recent pulse survey concluded and has given us some conclusive evidence on current class conditions. We have developed a one page double sided infographic that highlights key findings in regards to class sizes and complexities. These are available on the ATA website and I will be sure to send them to local secretaries for distribution.

Grants

Just a reminder there are many grants available to the ATA, many of which have approaching deadlines. The Strategic Planning grant deadline for the next round of applications is January 15th. We also have the political engagement grant, election readiness grant, DEHR grant, and community relations grant. All of these are available for viewing on the website.

Bill 15 updates

Teachers are now required to submit updated criminal record and vulnerability sector checks. As per one of the recent "Worth Knowing" If you have not provided a criminal record and vulnerable sector check to your division in the last five years, you will be required to do so within 16 months of this new section coming into force. Some divisions, however, may be asking teachers to comply sooner than the 16-month legislative deadline of January 1, 2024. If this is the case, please contact TES so that they may rectify this with the employer. Costs are not to be incurred by teachers and should be reimbursed by divisions. This would also include substitutes.

We are still fielding many concerns around the registry and the information that is displayed there. If you have any concerns with your information on the registry, please contact TES.

We are continuing to work through the transfer process of the discipline/regulatory file as well as awaiting what the minister decides for the new teaching professional code of conduct. As a result of Bill 15, PEC needed to make some very major decisions on the future role of the ATA. The ATA has confirmed that it will be pivoting to a representative role for members subjected to the commissioners unprofessional conduct/practice process. A meeting with local presidents as well as a memo will be coming in the near future explaining the detailed process and changes that we will be making. We are being told that there should be an announcement regarding the new professional code of conduct in the near future.

ARA

A reminder of the ARA deadline to submit local resolutions as well as nomination for honorary membership is December 15th, 2022. The resolutions bulletin will be mailed out on Mar. 15th and deadline for local vote is Apr. 14th.

Finance Committee is meeting Dec. 8 and 9, 2022 to generate the initial budget. This will then come to PEC in January and after approval will be sent out to locals for review and voting.

Three pre-ARA info sessions are scheduled again. The purpose of ARA will be on April 24th, Rules and Procedures will be on May 8, and Budget 101 will be on May 15th. All sessions are virtual and will be from 7-9:30 pm.

Summer Conference

Planning is well underway for summer conference and an early draft schedule has been generated. The biggest change of note, based on delegate feedback, was to move the WIL breakfast to a plenary session at 1:00 pm.

PEC Elections – open for nomination

Respectfully Submitted,

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