



*Stronger Together*

2015 May 20

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated*

### May 25

UBC M.Ed. Cohort  
Learn about program!

### May 26

Executive Committee

### May 27

Health & Safety Committee

### June 9

Executive Committee

### June 16

Staff Rep Assembly  
at Tupper

### June 17

EI Workshop for TTOCs



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## Your New Executive for 2015–2016

At the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, May 19 the following nominees were elected to represent you for the 2015–2016 school year: **President:** Dan Graves; **1st Vice-President:** Chloe McKnight; **2nd Vice-President:** Heather Allison; **3rd Vice-President:** Jill Barclay; **Secretary-Treasurer:** Allan Haley; **Local Reps to the BCTF:** Jody Polukoshko, Leslie Roosa, Joanne Sutherland, Donna Brack (VESTA Adult Educator LR); **Members at Large:** Elizabeth Bion, Elisha Bonnis, Greg Canning, Anne Miller, Gloria Roque, Laura Rudland; **Communications Committee:** Suzie Mah; **Professional Issues Committee:** Allison Jambor and Patricia Gudlaugson (Co-chairs); **Health & Safety Committee:** Karin Bernauer; **TTOC Committee:** Kevin McPherson and Andrea Joseph (Co-chairs); **Social Justice and Solidarity Committee:** Kavan Johal, Kathryn Mazzone, Robyn Wharram; **Working & Learning Conditions/Bargaining Committee:** Melissa Elliott

## Important Reminder – Make sure you have paid your dues Teacher Regulation Branch Fee and VSB Pay

Members should have seen, before the end of April 30, an \$80 deduction appear on their VSB PeopleSoft pay statement. This would be the annual fee paid to the TRB to maintain your teaching certificate. If you did not see this deduction, contact VSB payroll ([payrollandbenefits@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:payrollandbenefits@vsb.bc.ca)) to ensure payment is made.

## Thinking of doing your Master's Degree? – This could be the exciting M.Ed. cohort you are seeking

UBC Critical Pedagogy & Education Activism M.Ed. Cohort—Begins July 2016. Consider participating in this 30-credit, part-time UBC M.Ed. program. Bring your questions and meet the professors supporting this new program. **Come to the information session on Monday, May 25, 4pm at the VESTA office.**

This CPEA cohort will support the creative combination of scholarship and activism within education, encouraging critical reflection on both the conceptual and practical potential and limitations of that tradition. The core themes of CPEA cohort are: Solidarity, Engagement; and Critical Analysis and Research.

This cohort blends face-to-face instruction and online learning; includes two key intensive experiences; and culminates in an M.Ed. Graduating Project.

Learn more and sign up to be notified when information sessions are scheduled at [pdce.educ.ubc.ca/CPEA](http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/CPEA).

## New Committee!

At the VESTA AGM held on May 19, members voted to consolidate six committees into one new committee. Therefore, the aboriginal education committee, anti-poverty committee, anti-racism committee, pride committee, status of women committee, and sustainability committee will now be the "Social Justice and Solidarity Committee". This new committee will be in effect for the 2015/16 school year. There will be a review at the end of this period to determine the effectiveness of this committee, with a report back to the May 2016 Annual General Meeting.

### STAFF REPS

The last  
Staff Rep Assembly  
for the 2014/15  
school year  
Tuesday, June 16  
Tupper Secondary