



Stronger Together

2016 December 14

# VESTA Weekly

Topics Worth Talking about! Please read and discuss with your colleagues

## Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

### January 9

Elections Committee

### January 10

Executive Committee

### January 12

School Design Ad Hoc Committee

### January 16

Professional Issues Committee

### January 16

AE Executive Committee, 2pm



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## Happy Holidays!

Happy Holidays from your Table Officers at VESTA! We hope that you enjoy a relaxing and joyful winter break full of holiday cheer with family and friends. Have a Happy New Year and we will see you soon in 2017!

## Living with Balance Workshop

The VTF is hosting the BCTF series of workshops Living with Balance. This program offers practical skills and strategies to attain goals toward work-life balance. It is a six-week program that will be held every Wednesday from 4–6pm at the VESTA office starting January 25. The workshop will consist of 10–15 teachers and 1–2 group leaders from the BCTF. If you are interested in registering please visit [www.bctf.ca/livingwithbalance](http://www.bctf.ca/livingwithbalance).

## BCTF AGM Delegates Reminder

The BCTF AGM will be held on March 18–21 this year. Anyone interested in becoming a VESTA delegate needs to complete and submit a nomination form by January 10. The forms can be found on the VESTA website under the documents tab [Other Forms](#). Delegates will be appointed at the next VESTA general meeting held on January 17.

## Slippery Conditions – WorkSafe

There are specific WCB Regulations regarding slippery conditions on work sites and employers must remedy any hazardous conditions and needs to make any hazards known to their workers. If you have been injured as a result of the recent snow and ice on the worksite please report this to your employer (using the [6A form](#), in person, or via email). If the injury resulted in time off work or medical assistance beyond first aid then you should file a WCB claim. [Here is the link to file a WCB claim](#).

## VESTA Policy 34.30 – Teachers Do Not Request TTOCs

We currently have a policy stating:

*THAT VESTA eliminate the practice of contract teachers calling out, selecting, or expressing a preference for particular TOCs to fill a teacher absence.*  
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Teachers should not be participating in conversations in which they are choosing or requesting certain TTOCs to replace them when they are absent from work. Participating in conversations that identify preferences of TTOCs can be seen as evaluating a colleague, which is a violation of the [BCTF Code of Ethics #5](#).