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Positions for election at the Spring Representative Assembly

The following [vacancies](#) are to be filled by the Representative Assembly:

- Alternate Nominating Chairperson—Please see Standing Rule 11.D (pg. 187)
- [BCFED Executive Council](#)—Please see Procedure 5.10 (pg. 38)
- [Judicial Council](#)—Please see 31.C (p.130)
- Nominating Chairperson—Please see Standing Rule 11.D (pg. 187)
- RA Agenda Committee—Please see Procedure 25.D.12 to 25.D.16 (pg. 106)
- RA chairpersons—Please see Standing Rule 11.C.1—a. (pg. 186)
- RA health and safety representatives—Please see Procedure 25.D.62 and 25.D.66 (pg. 107)
- RA ombudspersons—Please see Procedure 25.A.26 (pg. 100).

The noted pages indicate where to find the relevant information for each position in the [BCTF Members' Guide](#).

[Please submit your CV by Friday, May 29, at 2:30 p.m.](#)

BCTF committee postings

The following BCTF committees currently have vacancies posted. Please visit each posting for details on the work of the committee and application information. Deadline for committee applications is May 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

- [Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee](#)
- [Adult Education Advisory Committee](#)

- [Advisory Committee on French Programs and Services](#)
 - [Committee for Action on Social Justice—Anti-Racism Action Group](#)
 - [Committee for Action on Social Justice—Economic Justice Action Group](#)
 - [Committee for Action on Social Justice—Status of Women Action Group](#)
 - [Finance Committee](#)
 - [G.A. Fergusson Memorial Award Trustees](#)
 - [Internal Mediation Service](#)
 - [Peer Support Service](#)
 - [Pensions Committee](#)
 - [Professional Issues Advisory Committee](#)
 - [Teacher Qualification Service Board](#)
 - [Teachers Teaching on Call Advisory Committee](#)
 - [W.R. Long International Solidarity Fund Committee](#)
 - [Working and Learning Conditions/Bargaining Advisory Committee.](#)
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Embracing Menopause and Beyond workshop

We're excited to invite you to Starling Minds' upcoming women's health workshop. It will focus on the hormonal shifts that occur during perimenopause and menopause, and ways to support long-term health during midlife and beyond. The sessions will be led by Mindfulness Advisor Tara Achkar and Naturopathic Doctor Paola DeCicco. This two-part series will provide practical tools and strategies to help you navigate women's health changes with confidence and vitality. In a supportive and practical space, you'll learn strategies to restore balance, protect your energy, and build resilience that lasts. During this two-part webinar series, taking place on May 12 and 19, 2026, from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. PT, attendees will:

- learn valuable tools to care for your mind, body, and hormones.
- receive guidance on navigating perimenopause, menopause, and postmenopause.
- gain strategies to restore balance and build confidence through change.
- be provided with a compassionate space to learn, reflect, and connect.

[Register today](#)

Not a Starling Minds member yet? Register at member.starlingminds.com and enter your access code: BCTFMEMBER. To register for the first time, you'll need your BCTF Member ID, which can be found:

- on the front of your BCTF Member Card
- on your [BCTF Member Profile](#)
- by calling the BCTF's Member Records department at 1-800-663-9163.

This resource can also be shared with a family member using the family access code: BCTFFAMILY.

Last chance to register for Kelowna New Teachers' Conference

The Kelowna New Teachers' Conference will take place on May 9, 2026. Registration closes at 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2026. Don't miss your chance to connect with new teachers from across the province and participate in a variety of workshops. Information about workshops, pricing, and registration can be found on the [conference's website](#).

New episode of SOURCE podcast discusses climate change

The latest episode of the Canadian Teachers' Federation podcast explores the various angles of climate change and discusses:

- Canadians' perceptions of climate change.
- direct impacts of climate change on teaching and learning.
- an example of how teachers' unions are advocating for improved classroom conditions.

From building climate change awareness to adapting classrooms and advocating for better learning and working conditions, this episode underscores that we all have a role to play in addressing the effects of climate change. [Listen now](#).

Hands-on sailing lessons with SALTS

Give students the learning experience of a lifetime. Based in Victoria BC, the Sail and Life Training Society (SALTS) offers multi-day field trips rich with experiential learning in biology, physics, and math. Students operate a traditional tall ship under the guidance of professional crew—no prior experience is required. Concepts come to life through hands-on sailing lessons. The supportive onboard community provides students an opportunity to expand their comfort zone, grow in confidence, and deepen their care for the surrounding world. Occasional free learning days for educators are offered as space is available. For more information and current availability, visit salts.ca/group-sails.

BC Teachers' Mortgage Savings Program

EMC Mortgages is a proud key Advantage partner of the BCTF, helping teachers across BC secure better mortgages for over 28 years. BCTF members can access:

- exclusive savings
- volume discounts on mortgage rates

- multiple top lenders
- purchases, renewals, and refinances
- debt consolidation and equity take-outs
- simple process with expert guidance.

Many BCTF members have already benefited, [see their testimonials](#) and find out what we can do for you. Click [here](#) to connect with an EMC Mortgages professional today and take advantage of our 3.7% (APR 3.734%) rate special.