

**Trustee Professional Development**

**-POLICY-**

The Board encourages the participation of its members at appropriate conferences, workshops, and conventions, recognizing the need for and the value of taking advantage of professional development activities available to trustees.

Trustees shall, each year, have the option of attending the following as a part of the normal day to day business of the Board, and which are part of the Board's normal expectations of all Trustees.

BCSTA Annual General Meeting	All Trustees
Thompson Okanagan Branch Meetings	All Trustees
New Trustee Seminars	New Trustees
BCSTA Fall Conference	All Trustees
Provincial Chairpersons Meeting	Chairperson
BCPSEA, BCSTA, and Other Council Representatives	Appointed Trustee
Trustee Retreats	All Trustees

In addition to the above, the Board shall establish an annual travel budget for each Trustee, in the amount of \$1,500. The purpose of the annual travel budget shall be for relevant professional development in their role as a Trustee. Additional attendance at education meetings by a trustee who has expended their annual travel budget may be approved by a majority vote of the Board. Expenses related to attend the seminar shall be reimbursed in accordance with the Board policy on travel expenses.

Up to two thirds of a Trustee's travel budget not used in a budget year, may be carried forward and accumulated for future use at a major conference. This carry forward balance is subject to a maximum of \$3,000. The Secretary Treasurer will provide each Trustee with their professional development balance in December of each year.