



2012 BCCPAC NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – FAQs

Q. What if I don't live close to Vancouver or Victoria?

Most of our board meetings are held via teleconference. About every three months we hold an in-person Board meeting, usually in the Vancouver area. With the technology we have today it is very easy to communicate with e-mail. Many of the committees and external representations can be done via teleconference as well. Any travel expenses are reimbursed quickly.

Q. How much of a time commitment will I need to give?

- Board members need to devote time daily to e-mails. Some e-mails have documents attached that must be read and commented on. Board members may be tasked with composing letters to respond to correspondence or to comment on arising issues.
- Board members are assigned internal committees; most of these committees meet via teleconference a couple of times a month while they are active. External representations to other organizations occur a few times a year, but may have ongoing issues, on which the member must stay current. The BC College of Teachers representation comes to mind!
- Attendance to the AGM and Fall Conferences is mandatory for board members. This year we are holding Regional Conferences instead of a big Fall Conference and Board members will be asked to facilitate at some of these.
- The term of office is two years.
- All of us are parents and understand when family has to take priority. You couldn't ask for a group of people to work with that understand this any better!

Q. Isn't there a lot of information that I need to know?

One thing for sure, you will learn a lot working on the board! So while it is great if you already know a lot about education, what is more important is that you join ready to learn. If you would like to prepare, there is a lot of information on the BCCPAC website.

Q. What kind of skills do I need?

A thirst for knowledge, the ability to work as part of a team, consensus builder, respect for fellow board members and education partners - these are some of the most important skills. Because paid professional staff run many of the organizations that we work with, we must be able to communicate at their level. Therefore strong written and verbal skills are helpful. If you are running for one of the named positions – such as Secretary you will need a background in that area. In the case of Secretary, experience keeping accurate meeting minutes with timely publication and other organizational experience is required. It is also helpful if you are comfortable speaking in public, especially if running for President or 1st Vice President.