

January 2019

President's Message

Kristie Oxley

Happy New Year! As we enter a new year, it's time to reflect on our successes and look forward to our new challenges.

I am happy to report that we had one of the most successful conferences in recent years. Over 300 people attended "Challenge Accepted." A heartfelt thank you to all that assisted in the planning and execution of this event. Special thanks to Jennifer Fox of Dawson City who was the Conference Chair and winner of the New Teacher-Librarian of the Year and Betty Chung, teacher-librarian of Richmond Secondary School who assisted with the copious last minute details of hosting a conference and recruited a great team of student volunteers.

It seems like we hadn't even finished with this year's conference when we began with the organization of next year's conference. Sarah Tait, Social Media Chair, came up with our theme, "From Dewey to Diversity," while at our executive retreat. Tammy Le, Recording Secretary, will host next year's conference at her school, Salish Secondary in Surrey.

In the new year, several of our executive members will be attending the American Library Association Midwinter meeting in Seattle. If you see any of the executive members, please feel free to come and say hello.

I hope you all had a restful Winter Break, full of time to read a good book and reconnect with family and friends.

Awards and Grants

Do you know a teacher-librarian deserving of one of our awards or grants? Check out our awards and grants page on our website. Links to the nomination packages will open soon. All nominations must be in by February 28.

<https://bctla.ca/member-services/awards-grants/>

BCTLA Conference – October 19, 2018

Our 2018 conference in Richmond was a huge success. Thank you to the organizing committee and presenters who were so giving of their time. Special thanks to Betty Chung of Richmond Secondary and all the Richmond teacher-librarians who assisted in the last minute details.

The keynote address by Dr. Toni Samek of the University of Alberta was videotaped and will be available on our website in short order. All other conference materials can be found at <https://bctla.ca/resources/conference-materials>



Dr. Toni Samek, our keynote speaker



Marilyn Lunde, winner of the 2018 Val Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Award Winners

Our conference was also a time to hand out our awards.

Jennifer Fox from Peace River South was named our BC New Teacher-Librarian of the Year.

Leisbet Beaudry from Prince George was named BC Teacher-Librarian of the Year.

Marilyn Lunde from the Kootenays was given the Val Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award.

Other award winners include:

- Heather Daly from Coquitlam who was given an Honorary Life Membership.
- Kanako Suzuki from West Vancouver was given the BCTLA Distinguished Service Award.
- Lindsay Ward was awarded the Ken Haycock Professional Development Award.
- Andrea Langelaar from Surrey was awarded the BCTLA Representative Speaker Grant.
- Finally, Melissa Park from Peace River South was awarded the William H. Scott Memorial BCTLA Conference Grant

Jennifer Fox, BC New Teacher-Librarian of the Year



Leisbet Beaudry, BC Teacher-Librarian of the Year



BCTLA Fall Chapter Councilors' Meeting

October 20, 2018

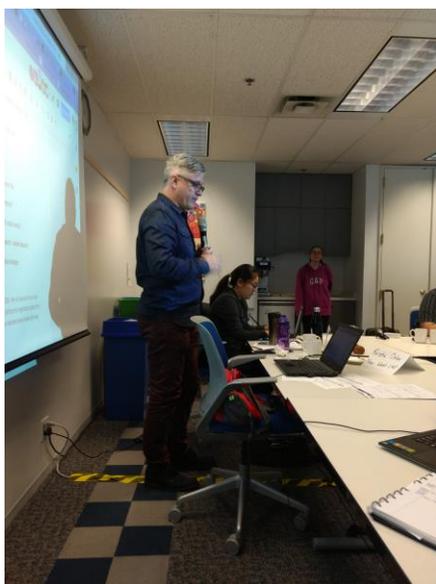
The day after our successful conference, chapter councilors from across the province met for our fall chapter councilors' meeting.

Among the topics discussed were our budget, our conference for next year, and changes to our awards and grants.

Our 2019 conference will be held at Salish Secondary in Surrey and our theme will be "From Dewey to Diversity."

BCTF President, Glen Hansman came to speak to us about this year's bargaining objectives. He listened to our call for improved ratios for teacher-librarians and the need for a significant pay increase.

For more information about our meeting, including our new chapter councilor handbook, please visit our website.



CHAPTER CONSTITUTIONS & WORKING AND LEARNING CONDITIONS SURVEY

Is your chapter constitution older than most of your members? Then you should update your chapter constitution. If this seems like a daunting task, then go to our website and download a constitution template created by Sarah Wethered, vice president. On the same page, you will find our constitution archive so you can check on when your constitution was last updated.

<https://bctla.ca/chapter-services/chapter-constitutions/>

Each year the BCTLA collects information on Working and Learning conditions for Teacher-Librarians and their schools. The reports generated from this data are useful advocacy tools for our members.

Please take time to fill in this important survey:
<https://admin.psasuperconference.ca/surveys/index.php?s=S&v=QP8WNSY&p=0>

Due date is February 28th, 2019.

