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British Columbia School Trustees Association • AGM 2008

# BCSTA Annual General Meeting and Conference

Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, BC  
Thursday, April 3 to Sunday, April 6, 2008

## AGM schedule

### Thursday, April 3, 2008

4:00 pm	Registration Desk open
7:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies (Nominations for Board of Directors)
8:00 pm	Opening Plenary <i>Keynote: Honourable Bob Rae</i>
9:00 pm	President's Reception

### Friday, April 4, 2008

7:00 am	Registration Desk open
7:30 am	BCSTA Branch Breakfasts (provided)
8:30 am-5:00 pm	Board-Ministry Meetings (by appointment)
9:00 am	Plenary Session: Canadian School Boards Association Presidents' Panel
10:45 am	AGM Plenary Session: Candidates Forum
12:00 pm	Lunch Break with Keynote Speaker
1:30 pm-4:30 pm	AGM Business Meeting – Part I (Extraordinary Motions, Substantive Motions)

### Saturday, April 5, 2008

7:00 am	Registration Desk open
7:30 am	Full breakfast provided for all delegates
8:30 am	AGM Business Meeting – Part II
12:00 pm	Lunch and Installation of the New Board
1:30 pm-2:45 pm	Concurrent Workshops (offered once)
3:15 pm-4:30 pm	Plenary Presentation: The Impact of School Boards on Student Achievement – The Lighthouse Inquiry <i>Mary Delagardelle, Executive Director, Iowa School Boards Foundation</i>
6:00 pm	Reception, Gala Dinner and Dance – Long Service Awards

### Sunday, April 6, 2008

8:30 am	Registration Desk open
9:00 am	Completion of Business Meeting (if required)
Followed by:	BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting
Followed by:	BCSTA Board of Directors Meeting
Noon approx.	Adjourn

## Features

As we move into an election year, our 104th Annual General Meeting will focus attention on the value of locally elected boards of education and the importance of citizen participation. Throughout 2008, BCSTA will be working to help school trustees prepare for the November polls and to promote voter interest in the work of boards.

- Keynote presentation by the Honourable **Bob Rae**, who served as Ontario's 21st Premier (1990-95). Mr. Rae was elected eight times to federal and provincial parliaments and is the Liberal candidate in the federal riding of Toronto Centre.
- A **Canadian School Boards Association Presidents' Panel** – Trusteeship, governance and local elections across Canada – the state of the nation.
- Plenary Presentation by **Mary Delagardelle**, Iowa School Board Association, reporting on the Lighthouse Project study of school board influence on student achievement.
- Concurrent **workshops** (no pre-registration necessary):
  - The Chuntoh Education Society: A Community Partnership for Cross Cultural Environmental Education  
*Renel Mitchell, Program Coordinator and George Morris, Tl'azt'en Cultural Instructor.*
  - The Community Intervention Program  
*Jim Crowley, President of Community Intervention, Inc., has traveled over 4 million miles in his 25 plus years of training adults who work with at-risk youth.*
  - Assessment: The Sequel  
*Monica Pamer, Assistant Superintendent, SD38 (Richmond)*
  - Encouraging Local Democracy: The Alberta Experience  
*Suzanne Lundrigan, Director, Communications, Alberta School Board Association.*
  - District Literacy Plans: The Pilot Districts  
*Alan Chell, Chair; Anne Cooper, Superintendent, SD19 (Revelstoke), Jacqui Taylor, Ministry of Education, Tracy Spannier, Literacy BC*
- AGM business meetings, including the election of the new Board of Directors and debate on motions.
- Gala **dinner and dance**, including long service awards and dancing to the live band *Wager*.