

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Public Session, Tuesday, September 11, 2012**

**BCSTA Provincial Council: Call for Motions**

BCSTA has issued a call for motions to be presented at the next Provincial Council meeting to be held October 27, 2012. The deadline is Wednesday, September 19. BCSTA bylaw 7(m) requires that all Provincial Council motions must be of an emergent nature with emergent defined as “business that, if delayed until the Annual General Meeting, will impact negatively on boards’ ability to influence public policy, or a public education issue”.

A motion template is attached.



## Motion to October Provincial Council

Deadline for submission: September 19, 2012

**MOTION TITLE:** [A BRIEF TITLE THAT CAPTURES THE MAIN POINT OF THE MOTION]

**SUBMITTED BY:** [BOARD OF EDUCATION NAME AND SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER; OR  
STANDING COMMITTEE NAME; OR BRANCH NAME]

Please indicate if the proposed resolution relates to an existing Foundational Statement or Policy Statement in our BCSTA Policy Book: [http://www.bcsta.org:8080/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-70822/2012\\_BCSTA\\_Policy\\_Book.pdf](http://www.bcsta.org:8080/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-70822/2012_BCSTA_Policy_Book.pdf))

- Relates to Foundational Statement # \_\_\_\_\_
- Relates to Policy Statement # \_\_\_\_\_
- Propose to make this resolution a new interim policy statement
- This is an Action Resolution and has no relevance to any existing Foundational or Policy Statement.

### **BE IT RESOLVED:**

That BCSTA .....

### **NOTES:**

1. Motions must be **emergent** – i.e. business that, if delayed until the Annual General Meeting, will impact negatively on boards' ability to influence public policy, or a public education issue.
2. The motion should clearly indicate the action requested **of BCSTA**, rather than an action for some other body or organization.
3. Wording should be as succinct as possible. Do not use "Whereas" statements. Instead, provide the required background information in the rationale statement below.

### **RATIONALE:**

Provide a brief, succinct description of why this motion is needed, plus any relevant background information. Include why the motion is considered emergent (This motion is emergent because...).

## Types of BCSTA Resolutions

Statement Categories	Description	Example	Who can Enact/Amend?	Process to Enact/Amend
Foundational Statements	Fundamental beliefs of the Association. Intended to guide future policy and action resolutions. Meant to be long-term/long standing	BCSTA believes that, recognizing individual differences, all children should be challenged and encouraged to attain their maximum possible development. (existing Policy 1.1)	BCSTA members in General Meetings	Extraordinary resolution: 2/3 ballot vote.
Policy Resolutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Resolutions that support and expand Foundational Statements. Reflect context and guide the advocacy of the Association</li> <li>▪ Resolutions explicitly reflect that they be considered policy of BCSTA</li> </ul>	BCSTA adopts as policy the following principle: BCSTA supports the use of a variety of instructional strategies for addressing student differences, including... (existing Policy 1.2)	BCSTA members in General Meetings  Provincial Council (on interim basis)	Substantive (ordinary) resolution: simple majority
Action Resolutions	Define an action that the Association will take, usually on a specific issue. (Note: This makes up the majority of resolutions currently passed at AGM and PC)	That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education to review the transportation funding formula .... (Resolution L29 AGM 2010)	BCSTA members in General Meetings, and Provincial Council	Substantive (ordinary) resolution: simple majority