



Executive Report - 2019/2020

The BCMEA is a provincial specialist association of the BC Teachers' Federation and has a mandate to act in defence and support of music educators and their students. Four main goal areas guide us: Outreach and Communication, Service, Education, and Advocacy.

Our 2019 conference was once again an exceptional professional development opportunity and one for us to reconnect with each other and with reflection of why we do what we do. At that time we celebrated the achievement of BC colleagues with awards recognizing excellence in classroom instruction and support for the music education community – Stephen Horning (Outstanding Elementary Music Educator), Kelly Montgomery (Outstanding Middle School Music Educator - first recipient), Tina Horwood (Outstanding Secondary Music Educator) and Charlotte Diamond (Distinguished Service).

Membership numbers held strong as a result of another highly attractive and comprehensive conference. We would like to recognize and thank those on the Conference Planning Committee for their excellent work and thank Jaymi Daniels and Cheston “CJ” Kumar for their efforts. We are happy to have Jaymi & CJ return as Conference Chair for our 2020 online conference.

The BCMEA has worked this year on a number of issues and projects. We have continued to support and stand up for music programs in the province. In particular, we were vocal with the Ministry of Education regarding the proposed Education Funding Model, which was tabled by the BC Government. As the COVID-19 pandemic became a reality, Janet Wade (BCMEA Member-at-Large), along with Christin Reardon MacLellan (President - Coalition for Music Education in BC) co-authored the living-document “Guidance for Music Education in BC during COVID-19”. This document has been a guiding light for many of our music educators, as we returned to in-person education.

Another ongoing project that will also continue to develop stronger ties with and improve our communication with our Local Specialist Associations, (LSA) throughout BC. Each



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school district is encouraged to have an LSA for music that is under the umbrella organization of the BCMEA. We have found this is a great way to disseminate information, keep aware of developments in all of BC and maintain a sense of community.

The BCMEA is proud to continue supporting CMEBC and their national counterpart, Coalition Canada. We are excited to have worked with this enthusiastic group and look forward to our continued partnership. We are also proud to support our national the Canadian Music Educators' Association.

Communication continues on social media sites such as Facebook (BC Music Educators' Association), and Twitter (@bcmea). I would like to encourage all of our membership to share about your program highlights, performances, and events on social media so that we can help you share it with the province and our country.

As president for the past year, I would like to thank the BCMEA executive for their support and dedication to Music Education in British Columbia. It has been a pleasure to work with such wonderful colleagues in the pursuit of excellence in music education.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mandart Chan', is positioned above the typed name.

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