

The Parliamentarian



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The Premier

Welcome to a new year of BCYP! I hope that for all of you school/work/life has been going well, and that you're still feeling that post-sessional spirit of enthusiasm. I can't reflect enough on how amazing session was: the debate was informative and interesting, and I'm positive that the members this year set a record for the number of PMRs written and printed in the journal. To properly reflect on how awesome of a week we all had, please find the Sessional Photo included in this Parliamentarian!

I've also been incredibly impressed by all the activities we've undertaken since the end of Session! A successful bowling fundraiser in the Lower Mainland, a number of individual fundraisers as well, and a whole number of other events as well! All of our Regional Committees have met, and the creativity and variety of the proposed events I've seen is a true testament to the quality of members in this organization. I'm so excited to see what you all have in store for the rest of the year!

Senate Legislative Review happened just this past weekend (please see attached Report on Senate Legislative Review), and while positive overall, it was another opportunity for sobering discussion about our current financial situation. Senate is extremely supportive of our plans in general, I cannot stress enough that continuing efforts to fundraise is vital to the viability of our projects. If you have any ideas for any projects, be they service or fundraising in nature, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself or your Regional Minister! There is a special form to fill out that explains the project and allows us to provide the support that you need to be successful!

Coming up on February 6th there will be our first Cabinet meeting. This is an important opportunity to meet, check in with each other's activities, offer feedback, and provide any assistance that members of Cabinet may need. That being said, Cabinet meetings are open for any member of BCYP to attend, and we would love to have you present! We may also be appointing some additional Cabinet ministers on this day as well, so if you are interested in seeing this, don't hesitate to come out Times and locations are yet to be determined, so please get in touch with me if you want more information!

This next month coming up is going to be crazy: three back to back RYPs, as well as tons of service, social, and fundraising projects! BCYP is only what you make of it - I look forward to seeing all of you at our activities!

Finance

Congratulations to all Members for surviving Session! I am really pleased to report on the multitude of fundraising projects that are in the works, as well as individual member efforts. On January 15, the Minister of Community Fundraising held a very successful bowling fundraiser at Rev's Bowling Alley, raising more than \$250! Another bowling fundraiser is scheduled for February 14, and I cannot encourage members enough to bring all their friends and family out for an afternoon of fun and fundraising! Regional Committees have also come up with some amazingly inventive ideas for fundraisers, and I can't wait to see those come to fruition.

February 7th is an important date for all members to remember, as it is the first Donation Total Deadline! \$40 is the minimum amount we are expecting to collect from each of you, and I cannot express how many ways you can accomplish this amount. If you are short on inspiration or time, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me as I can give you tons of suggestions for raising that amount. Also, expect a call from me in the next week or so checking in with you! A number of members have also requested Donation Slips - rest assured, those are in the mail and on their way! If you want some/need more, don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an e-mail (but not on facebook please!). Please remember when you collect them to return the **white slip** to me and leave the **yellow slip** with the person donating.

And one last reminder to those who are looking for donations from MPs/MLAs/Community Organizations: please run this by me first! I already have a couple of people soliciting members of their community, and wouldn't want anybody to ask the same person twice!

Good luck to each of you, and I look forward to receiving your hard-earned donation totals!

Karen Ratchford

IMPORTANT DATES!

ISP – May 21s

Camp Training May 20-22

Donation Total #1 February 7th

NSYP – Feb 18-20

VYP – Feb 25-27

KYP – March 4-6

Minister of Camp

Hi everyone!

All is wonderful and good in the world of Camp! I am happy to announce that I have been appointed Camp Administrator for this year! This means I will be playing a double role in that I not only look after the BCYP-related aspects of Camp, but also the day-to-day (read: fun) parts of it too. This also means I am in charge of staffing! Yes, that's right, the Camp Phoenix Staff Application is in the works, folks, so stay tuned for that! You can expect to have it mailed to you in March.

If you intend on applying to be a staff member, please be aware that you are required to attend Camp Training. It is taking place in Vancouver **May 20-22nd**, 2011. Book it off work, schedule your super fun parties around it, and mark it on your calendars! I want to see a lot of people there :-)

In the mean time, if anyone is looking for ways to help me out with camper recruitment, give me a shout! Remember: helping out with Camp is fulfilling the commitments you made in December, and is a great way to help you pass Membership Review so you can come back for more sessional goodness next year! You can reach me through email (emily.gage@bcyp.org) or through my cellphone (250-480-8456) anytime if you have comments, questions or suggestions.

Want to check out some more Camp videos?
<http://bcyp.org/campphoenix/videos.html>

Yours in Camp,Emily

CAMPFIRE!!



Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments

Hey everyone!

I hope you're all getting excited about the Regional Youth Parliament season and are ready to get back into parliamentary dress! If you're a high school aged student who just can't wait for session in December then RYP's are definitely for you! Our first RYP of the season in the North Shore Youth Parliament coming up February 18-20th. Application forms will be available and posted soon! Remember even if you're not from the area you can still apply to be an ambassador and participate in the fun filled session! The weekend following NSYP (the 25th-27th) the Vancouver Youth Parliament is scheduled to run bringing us to the end of February. But never fear! KYP (newly renamed the Southern Interior Youth Parliament) will be taking place the first weekend of March! After that keep your eye's peeled for NBCYP, LMEYP and VIYP application forms!

Hope to see you on the RYP circuit!

Allie Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments



**<< LAST YEAR'S
LMEYP.**

**GO SEE HOW MUCH
FUN IT IS!**

Minister of the Lower Mainland

Hey everyone, here are some events that I have planned in the Lower Mainland:

1) Regional Planning Committee: please read the minutes from this meeting to find out about where the next meeting is and what needs to be done before then. Contact Karen Jia if you're on the committee and didn't receive a email

2) Bowling Fundraiser

Where: Town and Country Bowling, 745 Marine Drive Se

Time: 1:30 PM

Goes towards: Your donation totals. So bring your friends so more money goes to your donation totals. Around \$10-11 will go to your donation totals

Cost: \$15, this covers only one game so if you want to play more than one game it costs you an additional \$4 for each game

Note: If you are bringing other people please write on the facebook event wall how many additional people you're bringing.

3) Grouse Grind Pledge

What: In June we're going to climb the Grouse Grind twice on the same day! So get people to pledge you for doing so.

Pledge forms are attached.

4) We're planning to do cash4clothes in which we're paid \$3 for each bag of clothes we gather (minimum=151 bags). So start gathering old clothes now and ask your friends and family for donations. We want to finish this in May. For more details see:

<http://www.develop.bc.ca/contribute/donate-clothes/cash-4-clothes.html>

-Karen Jia

Minister of the Island

Hello everyone!

The island is off to a great start. Our first committee meeting was very successful and we will bringing you many great events over the course of the next year!

Our first one will be serving dinner at Our Place at 919 Pandora Avenue in Victoria, from 3:30-5 pm, which will be followed by a restaurant dinner social (so don't forget some money if you'd like to attend that). Please dress comfortably and don't be afraid to contact me with any questions.

-Jenelle

Minister of Public Relations

Hey Everyone! So glad to see you all back home and safely recovered from the madness and mayhem of Parliament. Now that you are back however, I'd also love to remind you to **contact the media** of your area, and help spread the story of BCYP. We've already have several members interviewed for their local newspapers and radio stations, but it would be wonderful to reach all corners of the province. Media sources genuinely want your stories, and with the passion and conviction that each of you possess, we should be able to spread our message to all corners of the province!

Just remember...

-Contact me before you talk to media, if possible. I have a package of BCYP information and resources that I can send you, to ensure accuracy, or at least consistency ;). I also need to "proof" all media sources, to ensure they will reflect positively on BCYP, and if you can send me the eventual article then I can add it to our permanent archives or website!

Congratulations also to Tasha Johal, whose article on BCYP was published in the BC-Alberta Teen Magazine Youthink. To check out this article, go to <http://www.youthink.ca/yt/features/schoollife/british-columbia-youth-parliament>

All the best my friends!
Good luck, and thanks
for your help,

Graham May

**BIG THANKS TO
RYAN WEI FOR
THE USE OF HIS PHOTOS!
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Minister of Corporate Relations

Hey members,

Yes, I am still having an affair with the internet and a relationship with corporations. As for camp grants, I'm the middle of applying for the Vancouver Sun Children's Fund.

Remember to contact me before approaching (or after being approached by) corporations about donations to BCYP. Thanks to those who remembered to do so.

Bye for now,
Percy

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YET?**



WANT TO SEE YOUR PHOTOS HERE? EMAIL ME AT natalie.gage@bcyp.org!!!

Minister of New Member Relations

Hello everyone,

I hope you have all had a fantabulous time getting back to school! Just a reminder that if you have any questions please ask your mentor, they will be more than happy to answer. Remember to stay in touch, and that you get what you give to the organization so GET INVOLVED! See you at events,

NMR- Emilie Mercier

Senate

Hello and congratulations for surviving Session!

I trust that you all got a lot of sleep, actively participated, met lots of new people, engaged in debate and loved every minute of it. Okay, well I hope at least four out of five of those is right.

Over the year there will be many opportunities for you to get to know BCYP's Senate and I hope you give us a shout, come to Senate meetings and keep in touch when you can. We are really excited to see you all so enthusiastic and engaged thus far!

The first thing is that if you are interested, drop by a Senate meeting. Obviously it's not possible for every one of you, but if there are meetings that coincide when you are in Vancouver, or Victoria then you are welcome. We want to hear what you have to say about the future of BC and about what we can do to help make your Sessional experience better. Feel free to send me an email if you have any burning questions or suggestions ([REDACTED])

We will be letting Karen and Cabinet know of the Senate meeting schedule after legislation review and they will make sure to pass that on to all of you.

In the mean time,

Happy New Year and Happy Parliament!

Emily-Anne Paul, Chair of Senate



As in previous years, Lower Mainland and Interior members travelled between Vancouver and Victoria with Pacific Coach Lines. This year as in the past, PCL was able to give us a discounted charter rate that allowed members to continue to be able to travel to and from Session efficiently and comfortably.

Thank you for your support!