

The Last Parliamentarian

Year End Edition

The Premier

Hello Everyone,

This past weekend, the Lieutenant Governor and Council met for Membership Review. At this meeting, we reviewed the participation of each individual member and determined whether such individual should be allowed to stand for re-election to this coming session. This process was done completely anonymously with no names and was based on their completion of the returning requirements as outlined in our legislation.

To be allowed to return, a members must have completed their donation total of \$145, done their Individual Service Project of 20 hours, and helped or participated in at least one of our two majour projects (Regional Youth Parliaments or Westerns).

This are names of the people who passed membership review and will be allowed to stand for re-election for this coming session:

Fatima Al-Fahim

Darya Ali

Seamus Benwell

Kelvin Chung

Arctica Cunningham

Allie Dickson

Madeline Gallard

Nathan How

Vincent Hui

Adrianna Knuth

Annalise Lueder

Jessica McElroy

Sarah O'Connor

Randy Roy

Melinda Soles

Deidre Suhr

Jenelle Yonkman

Ambrose Young

Congratulations to everyone named on the list and thank you for your hard work.

Members who did not pass are not permitted to stand for re-election for a period of one year. If you did not pass membership review but would still wish to stand for re-election for this coming session, you are allowed to appeal to be reconsidered by the Standing Joint Committee on Elections. To do this, you must submit a letter of appeal to the Registrar along with a completed nomination form. You must also communicate via phone with the Standing Joint Committee on Elections to answer any questions the committee deems necessary. In the letter of appeal, you must explain why you did not fulfill your requirements and what you will do in this coming sessional year to do better.

If you would like to know why you did not pass membership review or would like more information on a letter of appeal, please feel free to contact me at premier@bcyp.org

Thank you everyone for a great year!

Sincerely,

Jessica McElroy

Premier 83rd BCYP

Deputy Premier/Minister of External Affairs

Wow! I cannot believe another year of BCYP has gone by! Where has the time gone? I really enjoyed this year, getting to know everyone who attended Westerns and RYPs and am looking forward to another great one next year! For those who are wanting to return and be on Cabinet, please see the Cabinet Application and Job Descriptions attached to this email. If you have any questions about any of the positions, please feel free to contact me (sarah.oconnor@bcyp.org) or read the continuity report in your journal from the 83rd BCYP for information about the position written by the former Minister. I look forward to working with you next year!

Yours in Parliament,
Sarah O'Connor

Minister of Regional Youth Parliaments

Hey everybody!

The end of the sessional year is upon us! I hope you enjoyed participating in everything this year and plan to return to us for the next one! We had a great season of RYP's with 5 out of a possible 6 being successfully completed. I hope that everyone who had the chance to participate in an RYP had a great time! From a service point of view, I would like to thank everyone who got their ISP into me! From the looks of the reports that I've read, all of the members who completed their service hours found excellent ways to volunteer in their communities and surrounding areas. These contributions to the community are what BCYP is all about and I hope that everyone continues to volunteer in the future!

It's been a great year and I hope to see everyone back in BCYP in the future!

Allie Dickson

Minister of Public Relations

Dear fellow members,

Before I forget to do this later, I want to say thank you for the many emails I have received to review Public Relations articles.

If you are wondering how a sample article could look like, our absolutely fantastic minister Darya has written one here: <http://www.youthink.ca/yt/events/community/what-it-be-young-parliamentarian>.

Kashmir Kaur

Registrar

Dear Parliamentarians,

As you know, the results of Membership Review have been released and are included in this edition of the *Parliamentarian*. Please find below information on the application process for returning members, both those who passed membership review and those who wish to appeal Cabinet's decision. A soft copy of the application form is attached with this *Parl*, or the form can be downloaded from www.bcyp.org/joinus.html. If you need another copy of the application form and cannot download or print the soft copy, please contact me directly.

Members eligible to return:

Those people who have passed membership review are eligible to apply to return to BCYP. In order to be accepted to return, you will need to complete an application form. The only part of the nomination package you do not need to complete is the one-page personal statement; you still need a valid sponsoring organisation with the signature of a teacher or group coordinator and the signatures of five members of the school or group, and of course the registration fee.

All members who have passed membership review and wish to return to BCYP must submit a **complete application form** with a cheque or money order for the **\$270 registration fee**, or a detailed request for financial assistance (with a cheque or money order for any part of the fee you can afford to pay), to the address on the form by **Tuesday, October 23, 2012**. Eligible returning members with complete, on-time applications will be automatically accepted to return. Members whose forms are received late or incomplete (e.g. no valid sponsoring organisation, missing a parent/guardian signature, or incomplete contact information) will be placed on a waiting list or not accepted to return.

Appeals to the Committee on Elections:

Those members who have not been deemed to have satisfied their returning requirements at membership review may appeal by submitting a **detailed explanatory letter** along with a completed application form, including the registration fee, to me at the address on the form by **October 23, 2012**. The letter should contain details on where you fell short in your returning requirements, and how you plan to avoid repeating any shortcomings in your participation in the upcoming year if your appeal was to be successful.

You can contact Jess if you are wondering which specific aspects of the returning requirements you need to address in your appeal letter. In order to increase the likelihood of appeals being successful, it is recommended that applications and appeal letters be sent to me as soon as possible. That way, I can

contact you if there is any immediately obvious information missing from your letter which would be relevant to the Committee's consideration of your appeal.

If you have any questions about the application or appeals process, including how to apply for financial assistance with the registration fee, please email me at registrar@bcyp.org or phone me at 604-728-0446.

Yours in Parliament,
Dora Turje
Registrar

Message from the Senate

Dear Parliamentarians,

On behalf of the Senate Awards Committee, it is my pleasure to request nominations for the BCYP awards. I encourage you to take the time to recognize the contributions of your fellow members by nominating them for one (or more) of the awards.

The INSPIRING NEW MEMBER AWARD is awarded each year to a second year member who made exceptional contributions to BCYP's projects during his or her first year. Recent recipients include Michael Thejomayen, Michael McDonald and Nicole Berthelot.

The FISI AWARD FOR SERVICE is awarded each year to a member who has shown exemplary dedication to serving the youth of British Columbia. Special consideration may be offered to Parliamentarians who have overcome personal adversity in undertaking their service projects. Recent recipients include Sasa Pudar, Karen Ratchford and Emily Gage.

The DONALD FERGUS PAYNTER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP is awarded at Senate's discretion, to a member of the previous Parliament who, during his or her years of membership, has demonstrated both exceptional leadership and noteworthy dedication to all aspects of Parliament's activities, and has made contributions to Parliament which are either substantially in excess of that expected through the normal course of activities, or which, because of their innovative nature, are likely to have an enduring impact. Recipients include Dora Turje, Emilie-Anne Paul and Julia Lockhart.

For more information on all three awards, see pages A-16 to A-18 of your journal.

If you'd like to nominate a fellow member for an award please compose a short write-up with:

- the individual's name and position(s)
- the name of the award for which you are nominating him/her
- specific examples of how he/she met the award criteria during the past year

Write-ups should be between 500-1000 words in length. You may nominate someone for multiple awards and/or multiple people for one award. Submissions should be emailed to danica.wong@telus.net by October 15th.

Yours in Parliament,

Danica Wong

Vice-Chair, Senate