

# **The Last Parliamentarian**

**84<sup>th</sup> BCYP 2012-2013**

## Premier

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Hi everyone,

Thanks for such a great Session and great Sessional Year. As you may or may not know, this is the final Parliamentarian that will be going out to the Membership and included in the submission are the names of the Members who passed Membership Review and are eligible to return next year. If your name is not on the list below and you would like to return next year, you are more than welcome to appeal the Membership Review decision. For information about that, or to inquire as to why you did not pass Membership Review, please email me.

Fatima al-Fahim  
Darya Ali  
Srishti Arya  
Kelvin Au  
Jesse Bartsoff  
Tim Beales  
Seamus Benwell  
Christopher Coulson  
Allie Dickson  
Cecile Favron  
Madeline Gallard  
Danika Hammond  
Nathan How  
Tameen Imran  
Rowan Jang  
Mackenzie Lockhart  
Angus Lockhart  
Choong Jin Ng  
Sarah O'Connor  
Lee Ramsey  
Lindsay Veenstra  
Rachael Vey  
Mariaye Vickery  
Ian Wen  
Taavi Wickman-Ratthe  
Ambrose Yung  
Tony Zhao  
Jason Zhou  
Sisi Zhou

It's been a fun year and this is a little sad for me as it is the final Parliamentarian submission I will be composing as a Member of BC Youth Parliament. Best of luck and stay in touch.

Yours in Parliament,

Sarah O'Connor

## **Deputy Speaker/ Lower Mainland/ Community fundraising/ Service**

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Hi everyone,

Congratulations to those who have passed Membership review! I had an awesome year working with many of you in all aspects of the organization. Whether if you participated in RYPs or in service projects, I hope you had a wonderful time! I hope to work with all of you in the near future!

Also, please find attached with this letter the Application of Cabinet Ministers for the 85th Session as well as the job descriptions. The application deadline is September 27, 2013. I hope to see your applications in my email inbox soon!

Yours in Parliament,

Ambrose Young

## **Deputy Premier/ Regional Youth Parliaments/ Archives**

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Hey Everybody,

As the Sessional year draws to a close, and our last Parliamentarian goes out, I've been told to address you all about my "thoughts and feelings on this year's accomplishments and progress." Well.. I have a lot of thoughts and feelings. Many about Parliament, many more not about Parliament. Regardless, I thought this year was great. I think many of you stepped up into roles that you were either not prepared to take on, or were 100% sure how to take on - but did so gracefully. I also believe that although project planning and facilitation wasn't as high scale as some of you may have hoped, the projects that were put on were put on well and were incredibly educational or incredibly entertaining, depending on where you stood. The four regionals that ran garnered numerous new Members who are excited about youth parliament and our organization in its entirety. We've also trained numerous returning Members on the art form that is clerking and in the positions that are CRO and Chair of a regional.. so, at the end of the day.. for an organization that is "rebuilding" with its newer set of Members, it's a definite start.

So all and all, good work everybody. You rock, don't ever change. My new array of Sessional dresses and I are excited to see you in December.

Yours for another year,

Darya Ali

## **Attorney General**

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Dear members of the 84th British Columbia Youth Parliament,

If you are reading this, congratulations - you're doing better than 90% of our membership and for that you have my thanks. It probably means you attended one of our RYPs this year, which is absolutely

fantastic. I know this wasn't the easiest year to stay involved without too many events going on, but for those of you who stuck with it that shows serious commitment. I hope you choose to stay with us for another year. It could be you who brings this organization back to its glorious roots and gets more activities, more volunteering and more fundraising going again. If, for some reason, you are reading this and didn't have any thoughts of returning and/or didn't stay involved during the year, I understand. However, if you could take the time to give us your feedback with specific commentary that would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Nathan How

## **Provincial Secretary**

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Dear Parliamentarians,

Most of you, if not all, have heard about the wonderful news of the birth of Prince George of Cambridge.

Therefore, as the Provincial Secretary, I wrote a letter on behalf of the 84<sup>th</sup> BC Youth Parliament to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, congratulating her of the joyful occasion.

Soon we had the pleasure of receiving a thank you letter from Her Majesty (please see attached).

Thank you very much for making this a great year. I look forward to hopefully see you again on the 85<sup>th</sup> BCYP. Good luck in your school year and wish you all the best.

Sincerely yours,

Fatima Al Fahim

## **Public Relations**

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Hello parliamentarians!

It has been great working with everyone who was adding stuff to the webpage, whether it was photos or media reports, and everyone who was talking to the media! It was an awesome year from my side of things. I hope everyone who has passed review comes back next year, and if you didn't don't forget about the appeal process. The application for the 85th BCYP is now on [bcyp.org/joinus.html](http://bcyp.org/joinus.html) under stuff to download. Don't miss the deadline, do it now!! Thank you everyone for making this a memorable year.

Yours in parliament,

Seamus Benwell

## Registrar

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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.bcup.org/joinus.html](http://www.bcup.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 Wednesday, October 23, 2013. 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, 2013. 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 Sarah 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. I will not be able to let you know if your appeal has been successful until early November, though, because it is the entire Committee on Elections that considers appeals, not just me.

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](mailto:registrar@bcyp.org) or phone me at 604-728-0446.

Yours in Parliament,

Dora Turje