

## 2010 Delegates Assembly State President Report

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**Division:**  Elementary  Middle Level  Secondary  Higher Education  Museum Education  Supervision/Administration

### Significant Past State Activities – March 2009 - March 2010:

- April –BC Arts & Culture Week
- May –Representation at the Provincial Specialist Association Council (advisory body to the BC Teachers' Federation)  
-recreated the BCATA website; new address: bcata.wikispaces.com  
-incorporation of the photo educators special interest group into our provincial association
- Aug. –Representation at the BCTF's Summer Leadership Conference (advocacy)
- Oct. –provincial conference combined with the national conference of the Canadian Society for Education through Art (Keynote speaker: Olivia Gude)
- Nov. –representation at PSAC
- Dec. –application for grant from the BC Ministry of Education (through the BC Teachers' Federation)
- Jan. –successful applicant—received \$7500 grant to engage in a teacher inquiry project as part of BC's Program for Quality Teaching  
-representation at PSAC
- Mar. -Teacher Inquiry is initiated. Focus question: "How can formative assessment be used to promote visual literacy and enhance best practice?"  
-representation at the New Teachers' Conference in Vancouver to promote membership in the organization
- NAEA – representation at the Delegates Assembly and the Pacific Region awards/business meeting
- Ongoing -Art in Public Places program. Student art from around the province is displayed in Victoria (provincial capital) in the Ministry of Education offices, as well as in Vancouver at the BC Teachers' Federation building. Excellent advocacy program, and each student is given an excellent quality sketchbook  
-participated in the curriculum revision process for Fine Arts K-7 curricula
- Produced a teacher resource called "Art and Sport", with art lessons and other resource materials in response to the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games
- Produced 4 newsletters and 2 journals

### Significant Planned State Activities - March 2010 - March 2011:

- PQT Teacher Inquiry project continues throughout the year; panel discussion at our provincial conference in October; final celebration/publication in December; website will be created to share individual inquiry projects; April – first face-to-face meeting with participants from around the province, with a variety of levels and experience represented
- BC Arts & Culture Week, April 2010
- June-August, art exhibit by BC's art educators at the BC Teachers' Federation building in Vancouver
- October, provincial art conference in Salmon Arm; representation at the CSEA conference in Toronto

- November, February, and May – representation at PSAC
- production of a new resource to support K-7 teachers in curriculum implementation
- lobbying the Ministry of Education to improve the curriculum revision process in the anticipated revision of Visual Arts 8-12 curricula
- continuation of advocacy poster program and other advocacy initiatives
- produce 4 newsletters and 2 journals
- maintain and update website
- continue operating the listserv

#### **Upcoming Conference/Professional Development Activities:**

October 21-23, Provincial Conference ("Pots, Paints, and Pixels") in Salmon Arm  
 Continued support of local specialist associations throughout the province and support of school district professional days and other professional development initiatives  
 Continuation, completion, and publication of our Teacher Inquiry Project on formative assessment and visual literacy

#### **Association Work on NAEA Strategic Plan Initiatives**

*Learning* – develop effective leadership, teaching, and advocacy for art education

- participate in summer leadership conferences
- share advocacy ideas from various states/provinces with our advocacy chair & brainstorm new ideas
- include several members of the BCATA executive in the Teacher Inquiry project; provide ongoing feedback to the rest of the executive; this initiative is led by 2 BCTF-trained inquiry project facilitators as part of a professional learning community
- publish 4 newsletters with lesson plans and other articles of particular interest to art educators

*Community* – build a professional community

- maintain the listserv
- include teachers from the membership-at-large in our Teacher Inquiry project
- develop an additional website to share our findings/experiences in this project
- continue and strengthen our relationship with the CSEA and the NAEA, and to promote participation in these organizations
- continue to liaise with local specialist associations

*Research/Knowledge* – assess programs/services and provide access to information on policy

- publish 2 journals annually
- maintain and update constitution and policy on our website
- continue to be informed by CSEA and NAEA policy
- participate in the development of NAEA's platform/position statements

*Advocacy* – communicate the value of the visual arts

- continue our Art in Public Places program at the Ministry of Education in Victoria and the BCTF in Vancouver
- continue our advocacy poster program ([bcata.wikispaces.com/Advocacy](http://bcata.wikispaces.com/Advocacy))
- lobby groups outside the visual arts on the importance of education in the visual arts (e.g. continue the advocacy program with administrators, politicians, and parent advisory groups)
- continue participation in the BC Arts & Culture Week, and publish the activities of our members

#### **Other New Information from your State/Province**

New website: [bcata.wikispaces.com](http://bcata.wikispaces.com)

New resource: *Art and Sport*

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