



TO: All ADTA Members
FROM: Doug Smuland, ADTA Labour Relations Officer
DATE: Wednesday, September 26, 2018
RE: 2018 General Meeting

Dear ADTA Members,

The following amendment to the ADTA constitution is being considered at the upcoming General Meeting (October 10, 2018) and members are encouraged to attend to cast their vote on the issue. If you have questions, please direct them to *Doug Smuland, Labour Relations Officer*.

From the Constitution:

3. AMENDMENTS to Constitution and Bylaws

3.1 The By-Laws: The constitution and By-Laws of the Association may be amended by a seventy-five percent (75%) majority vote of the members present at any general meeting, provided notice of such amendment shall have been considered by the Executive, and that the ADTA membership is informed about the amendment by bulletin or newsletter at least fourteen days prior to the general meeting dealing with such amendment, where the amendment is considered.

Current Language:

1.1 The name of this Association shall be "Abbotsford District Teachers' Association" (ADTA), a local Association of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF).

1. Motion of Amendment:

That the name of this Association shall be "Abbotsford Teachers' Association" (ATA), a local Association of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF).

Rationale:

Currently, the name of this Association is the "Abbotsford District Teachers' Association" (ADTA), a local Association of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF). The use of the word "District" has long had the adverse effect that our Association is often erroneously construed as being a division or department of the District rather than the independent union that it ought to be viewed as. This leads to people sending correspondence, which at times is confidential in nature, to the District rather than to the ADTA. There are also issues of confusion for parents, press, and other external organizations in having the term "District" within our name. Finally, the name Abbotsford identifies where we are located and the use of "district" is simply superfluous.

2. Motion of Amendment:

Should motion #1 pass, that there be an amendment to all other sections of the Constitution to reflect the new name of the union.

Rationale:

The Constitution would need to be consistent throughout.