British Columbia Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages Association (BC TESOL)

Elections Policy - October 23, 2026

1. Purpose

This policy establishes the procedures and timelines for the nomination and election of BC TESOL Executive and Director positions to ensure a transparent, fair, and democratic election process.

2. Positions Eligible for Election

Each year, BC TESOL shall identify all Executive and Director positions that are eligible for election and publish a list of these positions to the membership.

The list of positions eligible for election must be published no later than the **second Friday of June** each year.

3. Candidate Nominations

Any BC TESOL voting member in good standing may stand for election to an eligible position subject to the requirement that the President, Vice President and the majority of Executive positions must be held by BC TESOL voting members who are also voting members of the BCTF, including members who are currently serving as Executive Officers or Directors and are seeking re-election or election to another position.

Candidates interested in standing for election must submit their intention to run by email no later than the **third Friday of September** to:

[Insert Email Address]

The nomination email must include:

1. A clear statement of intent to stand for election for the specified position; and
2. A candidate biography and/or statement of no more than **250 words** outlining the candidate's qualifications, experience, and reasons for seeking election.

4. Distribution of Candidate Information

All candidate statements received by the nomination deadline shall be distributed to the membership prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to allow members to review the qualifications and platforms of all candidates.

5. Elections and Voting

Elections for all eligible positions shall take place during the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, which is typically held in October.

Only members eligible to vote under the BC TESOL bylaws and membership policies may participate in the election.

Voting shall occur during the AGM. The candidate receiving the highest number of valid votes for a position shall be declared elected to that position.

6. Acclamation

Where only one eligible candidate has been nominated for a position, that candidate may be declared elected by acclamation at the AGM.

7. Election Administration

The Board may appoint an Elections Officer, Elections Committee, or other designated individual(s) to administer the election process, verify candidate eligibility, oversee voting procedures, and announce election results.

8. Amendments

This policy may be amended by the BC TESOL Board in accordance with the Association's bylaws and governance procedures.