

Local Chapter Constitution Template

Dated April 24, 2025.

The name of this association shall be River City Outdoor Educators, subsection of the CRDTA and chapter of the Environmental Educators' PSA.

GOALS

The goals of this association shall be:

To promote environmental and outdoor education and learning opportunities in the Campbell River School District.

To encourage and support CR teachers to take their students to learn outside.

To support equitable and inclusive opportunities for students to engage with and learn about place and nature.

To support school districts in making decisions and educational opportunities that align with environmental stewardship.

To support teachers in establishing partnerships with Indigenous communities, guardians and knowledge keepers to provide land-based and 2 eyed approaches to understanding the natural world.

Base of operation

The operations of the association are to be carried on in Campbell River and the North Central Island and school district 72.

By-Laws

Article 1—Membership

Membership shall be open to any person who is a member of the local teachers' union and the PSA. The membership year shall be April-March

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Article 2—Fees and Financial Records

a. Membership fees shall be established by resolution at each annual general meeting of the association.

b. The financial records of the association shall be maintained by the treasurer and shall be open to the membership and to the executive of the parent provincial specialist association.

3—Officers

The officers shall be:

President: Sheldon Etheridge

Secretary: Flora Wood

Treasurer: Jen Sheiles

Members at Large: Steve Joyce, Lindsay Veenstra, Alana Bliss

professional development chairperson

membership coordinator.

Officers shall be elected for a term of one year at the annual general meeting.

Article 4—Committees

- a. The executive committee shall be the officers of the association.
- b. Committees may be appointed by the executive committee from among the members of the association. Such committees shall be responsible to the executive committee.
- c. Wherever a vacancy occurs in the executive committee through any cause, the executive committee shall name a member to fill the vacancy until the next general meeting.

Article 5—Meetings

- a. The annual general meeting of the association shall be held each year at the time and place to be designated by the executive committee.
- b. Other general meetings of the association shall be held from time to time as ordered by the executive.

Article 6—Representations to outside agencies

Any representations made by the chapter to an authority outside the local teachers' union (on a local issue to the school board) or PSA (on a provincial matter to the Ministry of Education) should be conducted through the local teachers' union or the EEPsA executive.