

Local Chapter Constitution

Dated on **December 12, 2023**

The name of this association shall be **"Kamloops Environmental Educators Provincial Specialists Association" (KEEPSA)**, subsection of the **"Kamloops Thompson Teachers Association"** and chapter of the Environmental Educators' PSA.

Goals

The goals of this association shall be:

- Sharing ideas & resources related to outdoor education in our region
 - Regularly add resources to the Facebook page
- Bolstering existing projects and initiatives related to outdoor education within our school district.
- Creating a safe space for conversations that pertain to overcoming challenges to integrating more outdoor education at both the individual school and overarching district levels
- Facilitating making resources available for teachers in the district
 - See what the HGECenter has (resources)
 - Facilities - park, etc close by.

Base of operation

The operations of the association are to be carried out in **Kamloops, BC (SD73)**.

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 **2024**.

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, vice-president, past president, secretary, treasurer, professional development chairperson, and 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 in early October at a 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.