

Local Chapter Constitution Template

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The name of this association shall be *Réseau Francophone pour l'Éducation Environnementale* (RFEE) subsection of the SEPF and chapter of the Environmental Educators' PSA.

Goals

The goals of this association shall be:

- 1. Building a strong francophone community of environmental and outdoor educators**
 - Encourage the sharing of resources in French (e.g., lessons, activities, books) among colleagues across the province to build capacity in the francophone community.
- 2. Promoting collaboration and resource sharing**
 - Foster a culture of collaboration by creating platforms for sharing teaching materials, best practices, and innovative approaches to environmental and outdoor education in French.
- 3. Offering mentorship and professional development opportunities**
 - Develop and provide mentorship programs for new and experienced educators.
 - Organize professional development opportunities, including workshops, seminars, and conferences, to enhance the skills and knowledge of members.

Base of operation

The operations of the association are to be carried on in Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (SD#93).

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 2024-2025.

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, communication 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 at a 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.