

Hospitality Committee 2023-2024 Annual Report

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Several meetings were held, both virtually and in-person, to plan three major events—New Teachers’ Induction, Annual Representative Assembly, and the Annual New Horizons Banquet.

ATA Bargaining Unit General Meeting 2024 January 24—Glenmore Inn, Calgary

The Hospitality Committee was thrilled to see so many engaged members turn out for the BUGM at the Glenmore Inn. Committee members worked alongside the Calgary Public Teachers Office Staff to register attendees for the meeting.

New Teachers’ Induction 2024 April 25 – Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre, Calgary

The New Teachers’ Induction, co-emceed by Sandi Nichol and Caitlin MacDermott, Vice-Presidents of Local 38, took place at the Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre. Attendees enjoyed an engaging program and a delicious dinner. The program included welcome messages from Stephani Clements, President of Local 38; Laura Hack, Chair, CBE Board of Trustees; Joanne Pitman, Chief Superintendent of CBE; and Provincial ATA President, Jason Schilling. The Edwin Parr nominee, Jason Harding-Doherty (Valley Creek School), delivered a memorable address. Jason Schilling was able to lead the induction and pledge of the teachers new to the ATA. Teachers also played some games and won a variety of prizes.

Annual Representative Assembly 2024 May 18-20—Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary

Local 38 had 82 delegates who attended ARA during the May long weekend. During ARA meetings, delegates enjoyed opportunities to engage in professional discourse and debate with members of other ATA locals. In the evenings, delegates networked and socialized with members of ATA locals from all over the province in the Hospitality Suites (Local and Provincial), which were hosted in the Stephen Room. The Hospitality Committee provided snack bags to delegates again this year which were filled with a variety of treats, door prize tickets, special notes from students, and a fun Bingo card; fresh fruit was also passed around. The Hospitality Committee also hosted a luncheon for delegates on May 19.

New Horizons Banquet

2024 June 21 – BMO Centre, Calgary

Plans are underway to celebrate the many teachers and administrators who are retiring from CBE during the 2023-2024 school year. We will acknowledge our retirees with an upscale event that recognizes their hard work, dedication, and years of service. The June New Horizons Banquet will take place at the BMO Centre and will include a champagne reception, a photobooth, dinner, slide shows, and a gift presentation. Leaders from the ATA (Provincial and Local), CBE, and Board of Trustees will offer speeches of congratulations and recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

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