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BCSS 2021 Annual General Meeting Results

The 53rd BCSS Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday May 1st, 2021. 295 member schools of the 375 eligible voters (78.6%) cast a ballot. It is important to note that a school could abstain from any particular motion, while submitting a ballot, so the number on each motion may differ slightly.

CERTIFIED RESULTS

Notice 1: Governance - **CARRIED**
Notice 2: Girls Rugby - **CARRIED**
Notice 3: Extending 6th year- **CARRIED**
Notice 4: Transfer due to COVID- **CARRIED**
Notice 5: Transfer Disclosure - **CARRIED**

The BCSS Board of Directors wishes to thank everyone who participated in the 2021 BCSS AGM. Anyone with questions regarding the results can contact the BCSS Office.

Governance Proposal

The Special Resolution on the new governance proposal was carried by a vote of 212 for to 77 against (73.4%).

Thank you to everyone who participated in the governance process over the past 2+ years. The office has already begun reaching out to zones, commissioners and other stakeholders to start putting the pieces into place for the transition to the new model.



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BCSS Esports Trial Season

As the Esports Trial Season winds down, we want to thank the 35 member schools and over 320 students that participated in the two 8-week sessions. Our schools played the League of Legends title and were able to compete against schools across the province to make their way to playoffs and end of trial season match. Although new to BCSS, we are excited to hear from our participating schools on their experience with PlayVS our Esports partner.

We are excited to announce the finals for our trial season, which will have a full production broadcast including commentators, graphics and more. Those interested can tune in at 4:00pm pst on May 20th to watch the action and see what it's all about.



[Final Match Link](#)

Spring Pandemic Challenge

We have had an overwhelming amount of interest in a BCSS Spring Pandemic Challenge, and we want you to know WE HEAR YOU! We are currently working on a BCSS End of Year Pandemic Challenge and the details will be released in the coming days.

This challenge will be open to any member school for students grades 8-12. Keep an eye on your email as the details will be sent to school AD's and Administrators.



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BCSS Merit Award Winner Paul Thiessen

Paul began teaching in 1990 at Okanagan Mission Secondary and has been an active member of the school sport community there for over 30 years. Along with his close to 4 decades of teaching, Paul has been a dedicated volleyball coach not missing a season for the past 33 years, noting that coaching is in his blood, acknowledging that the success is a tangible perk of sport, but the memories and bonds he has creating with students are the most rewarding aspects of the role.

Throughout his career Paul has served on the BCSS Boys Volleyball Commission, the Okanagan Central Schools Athletic Association and continues to serve on the executive of the BCSS Thompson-Okanagan Zone continuing his dedication and commitment to student-athletes not only at his school but across the province.

Congratulations Paul Thiessen, one of the recipients of the 2021 Merit Award.



BCSS Honour Award Winner Sue Thorne



Sue as a student-athlete herself recognized the benefits of school sport and knew she wanted to provide the same opportunities for her own students. Starting her teaching career in 1992 at Prince Charles Secondary, Sue began coaching grade 8 girls basketball which became the beginning of her astounding 28 year coaching career.

Quickly into her career Sue began taking opportunities beyond her school taking on the secretary/treasurer position for the East Kootenay Athletic Association, her involvement has grown over the years becoming the president of the association, a role she continues to hold 24 years later. In addition to her zone involvement, Sue served on the BCSS Board of Directors for 16 years and currently sits as a member of the BCSS Eligibility Appeals Committee which she continues to serve on 22 years later.

The Honour Award is the highest honour in recognition of service to BC School Sports. Over the past 30 years Sue Thorne has been a Local Association President, Zone President, Board Member and Committee members, many of which she has held consecutively for more than 20 years. Sue is the embodiment of a servant-leader and is unques-

BCSS Merit Award Winner Bob Matlock

Starting at Alberni District Secondary School in 1974, Bob began coaching boys volleyball and alter girls volleyball which has been the highlight of his coaching career. When asked what his favourite coaching memory is, it doesn't revolve around the wins are the many accolades to his name but rather the sense of family that was developed with the teams he coached. Along his 47-year coaching journey Bob has been an instrumental part of the BCSS Golf Commission maintaining and heightening the BCSS Provincial Golf Championships, commission members explain that Bob exudes a calm inclusive and professional attitude which players and coaches value and respect.

After close to 50 years within school sports, Bob plans to retire in the near future, although an exciting milestone in his life he explains that he will not retire until he can see his last girls volleyball team complete their season, hopefully this coming fall. A statement that shows his tireless dedicated to student-athletes across the province.

Congratulations Bob for being one of the 2021 Merit Award Recipients.



[Awards Booklet](#)

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BCSS Championship Hosting Opportunities

COVID-19 has created one of the largest challenges for school sport in recent memory. Although restrictions are still in place currently, BCSS is planning that school sports will return for the 2021-2022 school year. We are currently looking for hosts for most of our 2021-2022 school based championships as well as Fall & Winter 2022-2023

We are also looking for committee members for all 2021-2022 centralized championships as well as championships in Fall 2022 and Winter 2023.

The full available championship list, and hosting details for both school based and centralized BCSS Provincial Championships can be found in the Championship Hosting Package.

If you have any questions, or want to know how to get involved, contact BCSS Manager of Sport, Breanne Whyte (bwhyte@bcschoolsports.ca)



[Championship Hosting Package](#)

BCSS Committee Application

As BCSS rolls out the new governance structure, we are looking for members for many Policy & Operating committees. Although there are criteria to sit on BCSS committees, there is a place for everyone, and BCSS encourages all members of the school sport community to get involved in delivering the best school sport experiences to student-athletes in BC.

- * Policy Committee Chairs must be member school AD's or Administrators.
- * Policy Committee Members must be employed by a member school or school district.
- * Operating Committee Chairs must be employed by a member school or school district.
- * Operating Committee Members are open to any member of the BCSS community who has the knowledge and experience to execute the committees purpose and mandate.

If you are interested in being a part of any BCSS committee or what to know more, email BCSS Staff at info@bcschoolsports.ca

[BCSS Committee Application](#)

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CIAAA National Conference & Spring Courses

CIAAA held their annual National Athletic Director's Conference in April, proudly BC had the highest level of participation out of all participating provinces and territories in Canada. We had 67 attendees in various workshops, forums, and LTP courses over the 4 day conference.

As we roll into the spring season, CIAAA plans on delivering 4 LTP courses. If you have taken courses this year or haven't redeemed your free course contact CIAAA Executive Director, Shannon Klassen (shannon@ciaaa.ca) for discount codes.

Visit the CIAAA website to view more information on upcoming courses, and the Masters Degree in Athletic Administration.

[CIAAA Website](https://ciaaa.ca)

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Spring LTP Webinar Schedule



720C: Creating a Character-Based Athletics Program
May 26, 2021: 4:30 - 7:30 PM (Mountain Time)

719C: Leadership, Management and Decision-Making
June 2: 4:30 - 7:30 PM (Mountain Time)

506C: Enhanced Legal Topics for the Athletic Administrator
June 8 and 10th: 4:30 - 6:30 PM (Mountain Time) each night

633C: Creating Inclusive Opportunities for Athletes with a Disability - NEW COURSE!
June 15: 4:30 - 7:30 PM (Mountain Time)

Register at tinyurl.com/CIAAReg - Add all 3 to your Cart for 30% off!

If you have already taken courses with the CIAAA In 2020-21, contact info@ciaaa.ca for your personalized discount code!

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STARS Turnover Reminder

As the end of the school year creeps up, BCSS will begin to prepare for the annual STARS turnover. Please ensure that your AD and Administrator on record is up-to-date and their email address is correct to ensure they receive their opt-in email in the summer.

If you have had an administration change at your school, or know of one planned for next year and it is not updated on STARS please email BCSS Staff (info@bcschoolsports.ca) with the correct information for the change to be made.



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