

# THE NCTCA NEWS

The official newsletter of the North Central Teachers Convention Association



## President's Message

Written by C. Bennett

Convention 2024 season will soon be upon us! SCHED is live, pre-registered sessions are open, and planning for Partners in Education luncheon is well underway. We are very excited with the feature speakers that are lined up such as Chief Cadmus Delorme, Tina Varughese, Mike Duffy, Dr Phil Mcrae, Vanessa Vakharia and Caleb Dahlgren. For something new, check out our Math panel discussion! And, don't forget to check out some of the tours at Fort Edmonton, the Art Gallery of Alberta, the Royal Alberta Museum and Telus World of Science. This year's President's social will be held at the Westin from 7-10pm - join us for appies and karaoke.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [president@nctca.ab.ca](mailto:president@nctca.ab.ca).

Over Christmas break, please take time to rest, rejuvenate and relax. Happy holidays to all of you and we look forward to seeing you and serving you shortly after your return in January!

Carryl Bennett

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# Session Scheduling

With the exception of CTS/CTF and some Fine Arts, all sessions are 1 hour in length without overlapping times! Sessions will run on the following schedule:

- 9:00 - 10:00
- 10:15 - 11:15
- 11:30 - 12:30
- 12:45 - 1:45
- 2:00 - 3:00



## Venues

In addition to our two main venues, ECC and Westin, we will also have sessions at the Art Gallery, Saville Centre as well as some off-site CTF classrooms.



## *Pre-registration*

and Sessions Requiring Tickets

Both SCHED and Eventbrite are now live for this year's convention

Eventbrite sessions include the sessions that have a limit to the number of attendees and/or are off-site for example.



### REMINDER

**Saving a pre-reg session in SCHED**

**does not register you for that session.**

**If you wish to attend a pre-reg session you must obtain a ticket through Eventbrite!**

# Tech Corner

- Please note that there will not be dedicated NCTCA wifi at the Edmonton Convention Centre again this year.
- It is better to build your convention schedule in SCHED using a computer browser (rather than on your phone). Then at convention you can easily access your list of saved sessions using your phone/mobile device

REMINDER

- When attending a session requiring a device, it's always a good idea to ensure that your device is fully charged before the session. Although we try to ensure every session is in the best location sometimes the number of electrical outlets is limited.

## Booking Accommodations Downtown?

If you are booking accommodations downtown for the convention we have a room block, and group rates available at the Westin. When booking please make sure to use the link below in order to access the group rates.

Room Type	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
<b>Deluxe Wing 1 King</b>	\$239.00	\$239.00	\$260.00	\$285.00
<b>Traditional 1 King</b>	\$189.00	\$189.00	\$214.00	\$239.00
<b>Traditional 2 Doubles</b>	\$189.00	\$189.00	\$214.00	\$239.00



[Book Here](#)



# Convention Highlights

Interested in purchasing a printed copy of your local travel poster?

The travel posters that were created for each of NCTCA's 18 locals are available for purchase through Eventbrite. You can find the listing in the same location where you purchase tickets for pre-reg sessions.

You can purchase an 11" x 17" full-colour print on 12 pt glossy paper for \$5. (At checkout you will be prompted to select which local you would like)

Printed posters will be available for pickup from the NCTCA Convention office at the Edmonton Convention Centre: Salon 8 (at the bottom of the escalator) during Convention hours.

## DID YOU KNOW?



Explore the Indigenous Peoples Experience at Fort Edmonton Park.

Join Indigenous Education Interpreters as they take you through a tour and hands-on activities for your students to participate in.

**THIS SESSION WILL ONLY MOVE AHEAD AND BE ADDED TO EVENTBRITE ONCE THE SCHED CAPACITY HAS HIT 50 ATTENDEES**

If you are genuinely interested in this session, add it to your SCHED. Once capacity is met, you will receive an email from NCTCA directing you to go to Eventbrite to pay for the session. You will have 72 hours to pay to ensure your spot; otherwise, it will go to the next person in the queue. Check the email that you have used for SCHED regularly for this notice.



## YOUR 2024 CONVENTION EXECUTIVE

Carryl Bennett - President

Janet Vader - Past President

Cindy Christou - Director of Program

Shauna Swerda - Co-Director of Program

Carolyn Korolischuk - Director of Exhibits

Tia Martini - Secretary

John Murphy - Director of Facilities

Nicole Lueke - Director of Communications

Robyn Oldham - Assistant to the Executive

Simon Christou - Finance Manager

# FEATURE SPEAKERS



**Elizabeth Shen**



**Kaleb Dahlgren**



**Wade Sorochan**



**Brigitte Lessard**



**Dr. Phil Mcrae**



**Phil Osincup**



**Vanessa Vakharia**



**Cadmus Delorme**



**Stephen Robinson**



**Mike Duffy**



**Dr. L J Ducksbury**



**Tina Varughese**



**Connie Jakab**

# SOCIAL EVENTS



**Partners in Education Luncheon featuring Cadmus Delorme**



**Wednesday Night Social at the Westin featuring Karaoke with DJ Rudy Roman and Marc St. Jean**