

# WVMEA NEWS BULLETIN

## March 11, 2026



### A WORD FROM YOUR UNION

As we look ahead to the arrival of spring, we're reminded of the strength that comes from renewal, growth, and working together toward a common purpose. Just as the new season brings fresh energy and new beginnings, our union continues to move forward with determination, unity, and a shared commitment to supporting one another.

### UPCOMING AGM

Our **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:00pm**. This will be an **in-person** meeting, held in the **Cafeteria of West Vancouver Senior Secondary School**, located at 1750 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver. **Elections for the WVMEA First Year Trustee** position will take place at the AGM. All members attending the entirety of the meeting will have the opportunity to win one of **two \$100 door prizes**. This will be the first meeting of five meetings for the 2026-2027 year. Use the following link to access the meeting agenda: [AGM April 13, 2026 Meeting Agenda](#)

### TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

A reminder that we are **currently accepting nominations** for **First Year Trustee**. A call for nominations notice was shared with members via email last month. The notice contains details about nominations and acceptance, it is posted below for reference. Nominations must be submitted by email to [membership@wvmea.com](mailto:membership@wvmea.com). Nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the AGM. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the WVMEA office if you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more about this position. **The deadline for nominations is Monday, March 23, 2026.**

- [Call for Trustee Nominations](#)

### BARGAINING UPDATE

Bargaining is now underway for the Municipal, Library, and Police contracts. The Bargaining Committee has met with the Employer group three times, with additional dates scheduled in the weeks ahead.

For the Schools group, the Provincial Bargaining Committee will return to the table with the BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA) on March 25 and 26, 2026, with dates held for April 9 and 10, 2026, should further sessions be required. Once the Provincial Framework Agreement is completed, local bargaining will begin.

### NEW! CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

We are pleased to share that the Amendment Package for the WVMEA Constitution and Bylaws, was approved by members at the General Meeting on February 2, 2026. Printed copies of our new Constitution and Bylaws are now available. This document is attached below and will also be posted on our website. If you would like your own printed version, please email your request to [pvanrhyn@wvmea.com](mailto:pvanrhyn@wvmea.com).

- [WVMEA Constitution and Bylaws](#)

### SHOP STEWARD TRAINING

Shop Steward training will be held at the end of April. This full-day session will be led by Stephen von Sychowski of the Vancouver & District Labour Council. This training will equip our Shop Stewards with essential skills in advocacy, representation and understanding the Collective Agreement.

Shop Stewards are typically the first point of contact for members with questions or concerns about their position, the Collective Agreement, or workplace issues, serving as the union's onsite representative. If you are interested in becoming a Shop Steward or would like to learn more, please reach out to Catalin Fota [cfota@wvmea.com](mailto:cfota@wvmea.com).

### 2026 WVMEA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are working on finalizing the 2026 WVMEA Scholarships. Details will be shared at the AGM and a notice will be sent to all members after the meeting. Scholarship Packages will be available mid April with the deadline for submissions in June, 2026. If you have any questions please reach out to the office at [info@wvmea.com](mailto:info@wvmea.com) or call 604-925-7447.

### MARKS DISCOUNT CARDS

The WVMEA Marks discount cards expire on March 31, 2026. New cards have been ordered and will be distributed once received. In the meantime, we are providing members with a reusable [digital card](#) that offers the same 10% discount.

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