



**Alberta Teachers' Association
CALGARY SEPARATE SCHOOL LOCAL No. 55**

**2012 ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
2012 May 19 to 21 (Westin - Calgary)**

The Annual Representative Assembly (ARA) is the yearly general meeting of the Alberta Teachers' Association. This meeting determines the goals, objectives, policies and budget of our professional association. This assembly truly sets the philosophical direction for our association.

The teachers of Calgary Separate Local #55 are represented at this assembly by the members of the Policy and Resolutions Committee, the Executive Committee and informed teacher volunteers. Members of our ARA committee have a responsibility to ensure that they are prepared to have meaningful input into discussions concerning policy and budget. As such the Local convenes several pre-ARA meetings to discuss important issues. Information meetings have been planned for:

- **Wednesday, February 29, 2012 – 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.**- BUDGET meeting
- **Monday, March 19, 2012 – 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.** – RESOLUTION 1st review meeting
- 2nd resolution review meeting if necessary – Tuesday, April 3, 2012

The ARA meets on the long weekend in May. The opening sessions commence 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 19 and run concurrently until Monday, May 21 with adjournment between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. One of the major items of business is discussion and approval of the budget. This discussion takes place on Sunday evening with the possibility of a late adjournment. Delegates are expected to attend all sessions fully, unless extraordinary events require an absence. If you wish to be a delegate, **you must be prepared to honor that commitment.**

Delegates have three roles to play:

1. To represent the teachers of Calgary Separate Local #55.
2. To collectively represent the teachers of Alberta.
3. To provide leadership to the teaching profession in Alberta.

There are positions available - apply early.

If you are interested in acting as a Local #55 delegate, please complete the form and send it to the Local office Attention: Rita via the PONY, fax or email 403-263-7830, office@ataloc55.ab.ca by Thursday, November 24, 2011.



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DELEGATE APPLICATION
2012 ARA Calgary – May 19 - 21, 2012
Westin - Calgary

NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____ HOME E-MAIL _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

1. I have acted as an ARA delegate in the past. Yes _____ No _____

2. I did attend last year's ARA. Yes _____ No _____

3. I am a member of the following committees:

4. I am a CSR Rep _____ I am a CSR Alternate _____

5. As an ARA delegate, I am prepared to attend the following meetings in preparation for the ARA (please check).

Budget meeting – **Wednesday, February 29, 2012** (Room 213, 3016 5th Ave. NE) 4:30 p.m.
Yes _____ No _____ (*Dinner will be provided.*)

1st Resolutions meeting – **Monday, March 19, 2012** (Room 213, 3016 5th Ave. NE) 4:30 p.m.
Yes _____ No _____ (*Dinner will be provided*)

2nd Resolutions meeting – **if needed – Tuesday, April 3, 2012**

6. Do you have an area of special interest or expertise such as: pensions, teacher evaluation, working conditions for professional service, professional development, nature of teaching profession, process of teaching, education of students with special needs, multicultural education, teachers' assistants, political involvement, technology in education, general educational research and development, early childhood education, administration of schools, education finance, teacher education and certification, or curriculum.

7. The ARA Committee is looking for input to make the ARA as meaningful and productive as possible. Do you have any suggestions or comments to assist us?

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012 - 3:00 P.M. TO ATA, LOCAL #55,
via PONY – Attention: Rita, FAX TO THE LOCAL OFFICE AT 403-263-7830 or email:
office@ataloc55.ab.ca