

IAHLA Annual General Meeting and Conference 2023

Celebrating our Journey: 20 Years of IAHLA

October 5-6, 2023 | Vancouver, BC
Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront

The Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association (IAHLA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference will bring together educators and administrators from IAHLA member institutes across British Columbia. This event will provide an opportunity for IAHLA members to network, discuss common priorities, share best practices, build their capacity, learn about relevant developments in community-based post-secondary education and training, and engage in important discussions on the BC First Nations Tripartite Post-Secondary Education Model. Our theme this year is ***Celebrating our Journey: 20 Years of IAHLA***.

*Established in 2003, the **Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association (IAHLA)** is the lead advocacy and support organization for Indigenous-controlled adult learning centres and post-secondary and training institutes in BC. This unique sector of the adult and post-secondary education system makes a critical contribution to the success of Indigenous learners in the province.*

IAHLA provides a unified voice for 45 member institutes, and supports our members through research, professional development, and networking opportunities. IAHLA is committed to building strategic partnerships to enhance the quality of education available for Indigenous adult and post-secondary learners.



REGISTRATION & TRAVEL

Register by October 2, 2023 at <http://iahla.ca/conference>. Registration is free but space is limited.

IAHLA will reimburse eligible travel and accommodation expenses up to \$1,250 for one representative per member institute. See link to the sample [travel claim](#) (including policies).

ACCOMMODATION & PARKING

Our venue is the [Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront, 1133 W Hastings St, Vancouver, BC](#).

- Rooms from \$269 single/double + taxes.
- [Booking Link](#)
- Please book by Tuesday, **September 12, 2023** to secure this room rate.



Guests staying at Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront can access a discounted parking rate of \$29/day plus taxes for self-parking.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All administrators and educators from IAHLA institutes are welcome to attend the AGM. Each IAHLA member institute in good standing has one authorized representative who can vote at the AGM. If the authorized representative cannot attend, they can appoint a proxy by October 2, 2023. For IAHLA membership and proxy enquiries, contact Post-Secondary Education administrative assistant, at pseadmin@fnesc.ca.

MEALS

Buffet breakfasts and lunches are provided on October 5 and 6, 2023 with a variety of food options. If you have special dietary requirements or severe allergies, please either indicate it on the registration form or email Post-Secondary Education administrative assistant, at pseadmin@fnesc.ca.

PHOTOGRAPHY

This is a public event where photography and video-recording will take place. The images and recordings will be used by IAHLA and First Nations Education Steering Committee for promotional purposes. In case of questions, please contact Post-Secondary Education administrative assistant, at pseadmin@fnesc.ca.

SHARING TABLE

The Sharing Table is an exhibit table for sharing information about learning resources, professional development opportunities, and other initiatives related to IAHLA institutes. Drop off your flyers/brochures at the registration desk and they will be put on display. IAHLA reserves the right to choose which items are displayed.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS

As per our health and safety processes, we ask that you stay home if you are feeling unwell. Only registered participants are eligible to attend. Family and friends cannot attend the event at any time, including for meals. The decision to attend in-person events is a personal one and it should be made in consideration of your individual risk factors and vulnerabilities.

EVENT CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact Post-Secondary Education administrative assistant, at pseadmin@fnesc.ca.

AGENDA (Draft)

Day 1 | Thursday, October 5, 2023

- 7:30 am Registration and Breakfast
- 8:30 am Traditional Welcome, Chamiya Janis Campbell, Squamish and Musqueam Nations
- 8:45 am Opening Remarks, Tracey Kim Bonneau, Chair, IAHLA
- 9:00 am Remarks, Tyrone McNeil, President, FNEC President
- 9:15 am Remarks, Hugh Braker, Political Executive, First Nations Summit
- 9:30 am Keynote Address, Joan Greyeyes, Director, Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages
- 10:45 am Refreshment Break
- 11:00 am Panel: Early Years of IAHLA
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions 1
 - 1. *Connecting Culture and Curriculum*
 - 2. *Dealing with Challenging Employees*
- 2:00 pm Refreshment Break
- 2:30 pm IAHLA Annual General Meeting
- 4:00 pm Break
- 4:30 pm Reception to Celebrate 20th Anniversary
- 6:00 pm End of the Day

Day 2 | Friday, October 6, 2023

- 8:00 am Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks, Debbie Jeffrey, Executive Director, FNEC
- 9:15 am Remarks, Minister Robinson, Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills
- 9:30 am Panel: Hearing From Our Learners
- 10:45 am Refreshment Break
- 11:00 am BC Tripartite Post-Secondary Education Model Update and Discussion
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Concurrent Workshop Sessions 2
 - 3. *Protecting Intellectual Property*
 - 4. *Best Practices to Generate a Successful Proposal*
- 2:00 pm Closing and Door Prizes
- 2:30 pm End of the Day