

BCKSC President's Report for 2011
Darlene Ngo, President

BCKSC began 2011 hosting a mini National Conference and KSC Board Meeting in February. It was an exciting time to have Board members presenting workshops and many participants. A new BCKSC board was elected at the same time including Darlene Ngo, as President, Emily Pollet as Vice President, Sue Herzog as Treasurer, Rebecca Claussen as Secretary, Jo Yawney and Helen van Spronsen as Members-at-large. We thank Inge Illman, our past president, for her long standing work over seven years holding BCKSC together. We also thanked Carolyn Howe as second in command for all of her work with Inge. Without their dedication, BCKSC would not be what it is today.

The new Board enthusiastically jumped into organizing an April workshop, Instrumental Fun for Elementary Classes with Alison Temple. Alison generously shared many of her beautiful recorder compositions and showed us how she incorporates other instruments as well as matt drumming into her music program. It was a good day enjoyed by all.

In May, our executive held a Skype meeting to plan workshops for the 2011-12 year. It is exciting to work together and not have to travel! We held a September workshop with Sarah Quartel who had wonderful ideas for composition in music class and excellent management ideas. She shared composition ideas for each level, grade 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6 as well as giving us a short bucket drumming workshop. Participants left very inspired by Sarah.

In October, was the annual BC Music Educator's Conference in Richmond, BC. BCKSC has collaborated for several years to include a Kodaly stream at the Conference. This year, OAKE President-Elect, Kelly Foster Griffiths from Seattle, presented two sessions with some clinician funding granted to BCMEA from KSC. Kelly's sessions were Solos Anyone? Developing Confident, Tuneful Singers and Finding the Fun in Fundamentals. Darlene Ngo presented a third session, Xylophones from a Kodaly Perspective. A new venture was the table at the conference Market Place promoting BCKSC. We hope to develop greater awareness and interest in BCKSC.

During the conference, we were approached by the BC Orff Chapter President and invited to have a table in the market place for the National Orff Conference April 2012. We have happily accepted and hope to work together with the Orff Chapter in the future.

In addition to the conference we are keeping close ties with BCMEA and are supporting their application for a \$5000 grant from the BC Teachers' Federation to launch an inquiry into the state of elementary music education in British Columbia. The result of the inquiry will be a document that allows BCMEA to chart a course for the revival of the elementary music specialist across British Columbia. Other specialist associations have been quite successful in altering the future of their curricular area.

More BCKSC plans include a workshop with Inge Illman, February 17: Choral Conducting and Repertoire For Elementary Choirs. This is a joint venture with the Victoria School

District Professional Day. Inge will share basic conducting techniques and quality repertoire that works! Our third workshop will be held at University of Victoria in April, with Connie Foss More and Mary Kennedy. Mary's session is Listening: Attentive, Engaged, and Enactive. The workshop will introduce participants to three levels of active listening for the elementary classroom using musical examples Western European Art Music and world music. Connie's session will be Musicianship Gymnastics. She will present musicianship ideas and activities for teachers and their students who are at many different skill levels.

Finally, we are forming a Vancouver chapter of BCKSC and working on providing Kodaly workshops in the Vancouver area. Helen van Spronsen is planning sessions for professional development days in the Whistler district. We will also have Sarah Quartel repeat her workshop in Vancouver February 4th. In addition, the Vancouver chapter plans to promote BCKSC at the BCMEA annual conference in October 2012.

It has been an exciting and busy year! Our executive is glad for the participation of our membership which has increased to 62! It is exciting that we have so many people involved in and wanting to promote BCKSC.