

Chapters and LSAs

What is the difference between a BCSCA Chapter and an LSA?

BCSCA Chapter	Local Specialist Association (LSA)
Operates under the Provincial Specialist Association (PSA): the BCSCA	Operates under a given local (not necessarily affiliated with the BCSCA)
Can cover a number of locals in a geographic area	Is specific to a single local
Eligible for grants from the BCSCA	Eligible for grants from the local
Majority of Chapter members need to be members of the BCSCA	LSA members do not need to belong to any particular PSA, but are typically aligned by profession or area of interest (ex: Secondary School Counsellors)
Aligns itself with the goals of the BCSCA	May or may not align itself with the goals of the local
Contact BCSCA.liaison@gmail.com for requirements and instructions on starting a Chapter	Requirements and instructions on starting an LSA can be found through your local
<p>A given group can be <i>both</i> a Chapter of the BCSCA and an LSA in a particular local, provided that it meets the requirements of both. We honour local autonomy in LSA functions.</p>	

What are the benefits of being a BCSCA Chapter?

- A \$200 by-application grant for newly formed Chapters or Chapters re-forming after a period of not being in operation
- A \$1000 by-application grant (maximum of three per year will be awarded by the BCSCA) for Chapters to run professional development opportunities for their members
- Ability to work through the BCSCA to obtain guidance and support and advocate on provincial concerns
- Opportunities to connect with other Chapters across the province
- Can work through the local teachers' union on local conditions that need improvement

So you want to start a BCSCA Chapter?

Contact our Local Liaison Chair at BCSCA.liaison@gmail.com!