

Newfoundland & Labrador Teachers' Association

**2013 BGM
Biennial
General
Meeting**

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Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland
St. John's
April 2-5, 2013

Tuesday, April 2 ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

- 2:00 p.m. **Registration** (*Lobby outside Salons*)
- 7:00 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m. **Orientation Session**
For new delegates, alternates and observers
(*Salons A & B*)
- 4:00 p.m. **Pension & Group Insurance Benefit Statement Info Session** (*Salons A & B*)
- 6:00 p.m. **Budget Briefing Session** (*Salons A & B*)
- 7:00 p.m. **Opening Session** (*Salons A & B*)
A. O Canada/Ode to Newfoundland
B. Election Statements by Provincial Executive Candidates
- 9:00 p.m. **Reception** (*Court Garden*)
- 10:30 p.m. **Hospitality Suite** (*Plymouth Room*)
- 1:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 3 ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration** (*cont'd*)
- 8:30 a.m. **First General Session** (*Salons A & B*)
Chairperson: James Dinn, Vice-President
A. Chairperson's Remarks
B. Greetings from Department of Education
C. President's Address
Lily B. Cole, President
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Second General Session**
Chairperson: Lily B. Cole, President
A. Adoption of Agenda
B. Appointment of Convention Committees
C. Convention Policies
1. Rules of Procedure
2. Convention Expenses
3. Processing of Resolutions
D. Minutes of 2011 BGM
1. Adoption
2. Business Arising from 2011 Convention
a) Report on Resolutions from BGM 2011
b) _____
c) _____
E. Proposed By-Law Changes
1. From Provincial Executive
Special Interest Council Structure
By-Law IX.E. (1) - (3) – Local or Regional Branches and Special Interest Councils (Special Interest Councils)

Term of Office of the Vice-President
By-Law XIII.C.2. – Duties of Officers (Office of the Vice-President)

Term of Office of the President
By-Law XIII.A.1. – Duties of Officers (Office of the President)

2. From Branches

Number of Teachers Required to Form a Branch (Appalachia Branch)
By-Law IX.A.(2) – Local or Regional Branches and Special Interest Councils

Fees for Teachers on Leave of Absence or Pursuing Studies (Appalachia Branch)
By-Law III. C. (2) (b), (c), (d) and (f) – Active Membership (Dues)

Fees for Retired Teachers and Teachers on Long Term Disability (Appalachia Branch)
By-Law IV. C. (2) and (3) – Associate Membership (Dues)

Indebtedness of Branch and Special Interest Councils (Appalachia Branch)
By-Law XX. – Branch and Special Interest Council Funds

F. Discussion of Resolutions

12:30 p.m. **Lunch Break** (*Court Garden*)

1:30 p.m. **Third General Session**
A. Minute of Silence in Memory of Deceased NLTA Members

B. Keynote Address
Dr. Joel Westheimer
*Teaching Against the Grain:
Empowering Teachers in Troubled Times*
University Research Chair & Professor
University of Ottawa

Closed Session – Delegates / Teachers

- C. Group Insurance Auditors' Report & Budgets
- D. Financial Reports
1. Auditors' Report
2. Financial Statement
- E. Tabling of 2013-14 and 2014-15 Budgets
- F. Report to BGM
- G. Discussion on Resolutions

4:00 p.m. **Recess**

6:00 p.m. **Reception** (*Court Garden*)

6:45 p.m. **President's Banquet** (*Ball Room*)

10:00 p.m. **Hospitality Suite** (*Plymouth Room*)
- 12:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 4 ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

- 8:30 a.m. **Fourth General Session**
 A. Report of Electoral Committee
 B. Election of 2013-15 NLTA Executive
 C. Report on 2011-13 NLTA Priorities
 1. Quality of Teacher Work Life / Collective Bargaining
 2. Membership Awareness and Engagement
 3. Inclusion
 4. Technology in Education
 D. Discussion on Resolutions
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
 E. Canadian Teachers' Federation
 Paul Taillefer, President
 F. Retired Teachers' Association of NL
 Tom Kendell, President
 G. Address by NLTA President-Elect
 James Dinn
 H. Address by NLTA Vice-President-Elect
 Dean Ingram
 I. Report of Electoral Committee (*cont'd*)
 J. Discussion on Resolutions
- 12:30 p.m. **Awards Luncheon** (*Court Garden*)
- 2:30 p.m. **Fifth General Session**
 A. Address – Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador – *Honourable Kathy Dunderdale*
 (*not confirmed at time of printing*)
- Closed Session – Delegates / Teachers**
 B. 2013-14 and 2014-15 Budgets
- 4:15 p.m. **Break**
- Open Session**
 C. Discussion on Resolutions
- 6:00 p.m. **Recess**
- 7:30 p.m. **Sixth General Session** (*if required*)
- Open Session**
 A. Discussion on Resolutions
- 9:00 p.m. **Fun Night – Dance** (*Salons A & B*)

Friday, April 5 ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

- 8:30 a.m. **Seventh General Session**
 A. Policy Changes from Executive/Joint Council
 B. Discussion on Resolutions
 C. Resolutions from the Floor
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Final Session**
 A. President's Closing Remarks
 B. Installation of 2013-15 President
 C. Discussion on Resolutions
 D. Reports
 1. Scrutineers Committee
 2. Publicity Committee
 3. Resolutions Committee
 4. Steering Committee
 E. New Business
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 F. Date of Next Convention
 G. Closing of Convention