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Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

# Executive Notes

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in St. John's on **January 20, 2012**. *Executive Notes* is a summary of decisions and discussions that occurred at this meeting.

For further information contact any member of Provincial Executive or the staff person as indicated.

## President's Report

Since the November meeting of Provincial Executive, the President has attended the RTANL Christmas Luncheon, the Music Council Christmas Suite, Read-a-Long at St. Teresa's School, NL Youth Centre Christmas reception, meeting of public sector unions, Beginning Teachers' Conference, and the Creating Safe Spaces Training Session sponsored by the Department of Education. She also gave an end of year interview for radio and was interviewed re supervision and other teacher issues.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President.

## Association Priorities

The Association priorities were reviewed by Provincial Executive. Administrative staff highlighted various sections of the Priorities Report and responded to questions. The 2011-13 priorities are: quality of teachers' work life/collective bargaining; membership awareness and engagement; inclusion; and technology in education.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

## Business from Standing Committees

### Table Officers

- The September 2012 Executive meeting will be moved to September 28-29, 2012.
- The proposed five-year agreement with Johnson Inc. Home/Auto for sponsorship of NLTA events was accepted as presented.
- The NLTA will provide an in-kind contribution to the Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Conference by offering to print the conference program or providing a cash donation of \$500.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

### Professional Issues Committee

- Learning Resource Teachers will be granted approval for the formation of a special interest council for Learning Resource Teachers.

- Trent Langdon of the NL Counsellors' and Psychologists' Association Special Interest Council will be the recipient of the Barnes Award for 2012.

For further information contact Sherri Rose, Chair, Professional Issues Committee or Beverley Park or George Tucker, Professional Development Division.

## Other Business

- Articles related to the Collective Agreement will be published regularly in *The Bulletin* in order to increase members' awareness of the Agreement.
- The Report of the Electoral Committee for the 2011 Province-Wide Election for NLTA President and Vice-President was presented for the information of Executive.
- The members of the 2012-13 Electoral Committee will be Kevin Foley (Chair), Alice Bridgeman and Joseph Santos.
- The Association will communicate with teachers on their roles and responsibilities regarding overnight travel with students for activities such as camps, including that participation in such activities outside of school is voluntary.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

## Discussion Topics

The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive for comment, actioning or further discussion: administrator duties re school closure due to weather; IRT teachers filling in for student assistants; seconded teachers; student assessment and evaluation policy; professional learning communities; social media; early childhood education/Kinderstart; gay-straight alliance advisory group; and replacement teachers.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President.

## Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **March 22** in St. John's and will be followed by a Joint Council meeting on **March 23 and 24**.

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