



Executive Notes

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in St. John's on **January 31**. *Executive Notes* is a summary of discussions and decisions that occurred at these meetings.

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

President's Report

Since the last meeting of Provincial Executive the President has attended meetings with the Federation of School Councils, the NL English School District, Canadian Labour Congress, the Association for Community Living, as well as Branch meetings at Humber and Marconi branches. He visited schools in St. John's, Meadows, Lark Harbour, Benoit's Cove, Deer Lake and St. Mary's. Media interviews took place with CBC TV, VOXM, CBC Central Morning Show and CBC Radio "180" on various education issues.

For further information contact James Dinn, President.

Association Priorities

Provincial Executive reviewed the action update on the following Association priorities for 2013-15: negotiating a collective agreement; beginning teacher initiatives; strategic plan for member engagement; implementation of NLTA IT strategic plan; school board amalgamation; and non collective agreement issues that impact on teacher work life.

For further information contact James Dinn, President or Don Ash, Executive Director.

Table Officers

- Edward Hancock, former NLTA Executive Director, will be nominated by the NLTA for the CTF Special Recognition Award.
- Darlene Sexton from Our Lady of Mercy Elementary in St. George's will be nominated by the NLTA for the CTF Outstanding Aboriginal Education Award.
- The members of the 2014-15 Electoral Committee will be: Ed Moore (Chair), past Executive member; Kim Leonard, principal, Mary Queen of Peace School, St. John's; and Darrel Sneyd, English Department Head, Queen Elizabeth Regional High, Foxtrap.

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Business from Standing Committees

Membership Benefits and Services Committee

- John Adams of Landfall Branch will receive the NLTA Special Recognition Award for 2014.
- Tina Matthews of Table Mountain Branch, Linda Chaisson of Humber Branch and Alice Bridgeman of Bay Roberts Branch will receive the Bancroft Award for 2014.

- Five pre-retirement seminars will be held in accordance with Association policy during the fall of 2014 in the following locations: Corner Brook, Gander, and three in St. John's. The dates and sites will be determined by the Benefits and Economic Services Division, subject to hotel and presenter availability.

For further information contact Jean Murphy, Chair, Membership Benefits and Services Committee, or Miriam Sheppard, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

Professional Issues Committee

The request to form a Math/Science Special Interest Council was approved by Provincial Executive.

For further information contact Gabe Ryan, Chair, Professional Issues Committee, or George Tucker, Professional Development Division.

Other Business

- The NLTA will contribute \$1,500 to the Kids Eat Smart Foundation fundraiser.
- The NLTA will contribute \$1,000 to the NL Federation of School Councils to assist with their AGM.
- The NLTA will contribute \$500 to the Education International Solidarity Fund for the Philippines.
- The Joint Council meeting scheduled for November 6-7, 2015 will be changed to Friday and Saturday, November 27-28, 2015 and the Joint Council meeting dates for 2016-17 are as follows: Friday and Saturday, October 28-29, 2016 and Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, 2017.

Discussion Topics

The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive for comment, actioning or further discussion and follow up: district funding for an Intensive Core French camp; itinerant teachers' travel budget; funding and leave to attend provincial SAC meetings; lobbying for automated external defibrillators in schools; re-orientation series on athletics and homosexuality; and provincial government social media policy.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **March 27**, followed by a Joint Council meeting on **March 28 and 29** in St. John's.

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