



EXECUTIVE NOTES

June 12, 2015

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in St. John's on June 12, 2015. *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 NLTA staff person as indicated.

President's Report

Since the May meeting of Provincial Executive the President has continued school visits in Torbay, Gaultois, McCallum, Rencontre East, Carbonear, Red Bay, L'Anse au Loup, and visited schools in the Northwest Territories while attending a meeting of Canadian National Teacher Association Presidents. He attended retirement banquets for Upper Trinity South Branch, Clarenbridge Branch, Waterford Valley Branch, Exploits Valley Branch, and attended the Holy Redeemer School retirement banquet. He attended the official opening of Carbonear Academy, met with teachers on various topics of concern, attended the New Brunswick Teachers' Association Annual General Meeting, the National Presidents' Meeting, and attended various other meetings and events in his capacity as President. Media interviews took place on inclusive education at the provincial and national levels.

For further information contact James Dinn, President.

Association Priorities

The Association priorities for 2013-15 are: negotiating a collective agreement; support for beginning teachers; strategic plan for membership engagement; implementation of the NLTA IT Strategic Plan; school board amalgamation; and non collective agreement issues that impact on teacher work life. Provincial Executive discussed the action on priorities that occurred since the last meeting in May. Provincial Executive will meet in August to establish the priorities for 2015-17.

For further information contact James Dinn, President.

Business from Standing Committees

Communications/Political Action Committee

- The next Education Week will occur in the winter of 2016.
- Printing for educational partners, not for profit

groups, and/or organizations may be done on a cost recovery basis. Such printing must be approved by the Communications Officer. The Association will not accept printing from profit groups, organizations or individuals unless approved by Provincial Executive.

For further information contact Bill Chaisson, Chair, Communications/Political Action Committee or Lesley-Ann Browne, Communications Officer.

Professional Issues Committee

A special fund will be established for the Newfoundland and Labrador Counsellors' and Psychologists' Association using 50 per cent of the NLTA fees collected on their bonus and this fund will be used for professional development for NLCPA members.

For further information contact Gabe Ryan, Chair, Professional Issues Committee or George Tucker, staff consultant.

Substitute Teacher Ad Hoc Committee

The NLTA will explore the possibility of an NLTA app, such exploration to focus initially on an app for substitute teachers.

For further information contact Jean Murphy, Chair, Substitute Teacher Ad Hoc Committee or Miriam Sheppard, staff consultant.

Table Officers

- For the 2015-16 fiscal year, the Association will establish a President's Travel Fund using surplus funds from the 2014-15 President's travel budget.
- In-kind funding will be provided to the NL Association for Community Living to assist with their 60th anniversary family conference, April 28-30, 2016.
- The NLTA will purchase a half page ad in the Military Service Recognition Book, "Lest We Forget", sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, NL Command.
- The NLTA will provide an amount of \$2,000 to sponsor Media Literacy Week from November 2-6, 2015.
- The NLTA will provide an amount of \$900 to fund the mentoring of three instructors for the Roots of Empathy program.

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Other Business

- A by-law change will be presented to the 2017 BGM to amend the nominations procedure for the Provincial Executive to reflect the nomination procedure currently in place for the election of the President and Vice-President, i.e. nomination papers to be signed by ten members in good standing rather than nominations from branches.
- Group Insurance Trustees for 2015-16 will be: Bill Chaisson (Chair), Jamie Jenkins, Doreen Noseworthy, Tracy Payne, Paula Smith, Sean Weir, and Jeanne Williams.
- The NLTA will lobby the NLESD to develop standards of dress for students.
- The NLTA will once again lobby the school districts or the Department of Education to supply substitute time to schools in order to complete reading records.
- Dean Ingram was chosen as the NLTA nominee to the CTF Advisory Committee on the Teaching Profession..

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Discussion Topics

Provincial Executive reviewed the following for comment, actioning or follow up: Labrador West Bargaining Unit; student dress code; NLESD policy on leave without pay; added workload – graduations/proms; family leave; reading records; group insurance trustees; CTF committee on the teaching profession; school administrator's role and responsibility during the interview process.

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

Next Meeting

The meeting of the 2015-17 Provincial Executive will take place August 25-27 in Port Blandford.

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