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Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

# Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive met on March 9 in St. John's. This issue of Executive Notes is designed to provide you with a summary of major decisions and discussions that took place at this meeting.

For further information on any of these issues or information contained here please contact any member of [Provincial Executive](#) or the staff person as indicated.

## **Collective Bargaining**

Provincial Executive members were provided with information that outlined and described the spectrum of possible job actions available to the Association and the pros and cons of each. This information was provided in response to a motion from the February meeting and Executive had the opportunity to discuss the possible job actions and the ramifications should they occur.

Executive was also provided with an update on the current round of negotiations. The Negotiating Team is scheduled to meet March 12 and 13, April 4 to 6 and 25 to 27. Updates will continue to be provided to teachers through [Collective Bargaining Briefs](#).

For further information contact [Fred Andrews](#), or [Edward Hancock](#), Assistant Executive Director.

## **Association Priorities**

Provincial Executive reviewed the Priorities document which outlines action plans, who is responsible, target dates for implementation and action updates, for the priorities of the Association. The four priorities for the Association for 2000-2001 are: concluding a collective agreement; quality of work life: classroom issues -- workload; membership involvement/identification with NLTA; communications: internal/external relations -- building partnerships.

For further information contact any member of [Provincial Executive](#) or [Wayne Noseworthy](#), Executive Director.

## **NAPE/CUPE Job Action**

In the event that school support staff go on strike as part of the NAPE/CUPE job action, various schools and staffs throughout the province will be affected. The Benefits and Economic Services Division has been receiving numerous calls from schools asking how the strike will affect them and what action should be taken. Information is presently being prepared by BES staff and will be forwarded to teachers as soon as possible.

For further information contact [Edward Hancock](#), Assistant Executive Director or [Lloyd Hobbs](#), [Perry Downey](#) or [Don Ash](#), Benefits and Economic Services Division.

## **Resolutions to the 2001 BGM**

Provincial Executive reviewed all resolutions to Convention 2001 as well as proposed NLTA Act and By-Law changes. The resolutions and proposed changes will be forwarded to all delegates with the Convention kits and will be included in the Convention issue of The Bulletin.

For further information contact [Wayne Noseworthy](#), Executive Director.

## **Business from Standing Committees**

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Seven pre-retirement seminars will be held in accordance with Association policy during the Fall 2001 in the following locations: Gander, Corner Brook, Stephenville, Grand Falls-Windsor, and three in St. John's. The dates and sites will be determined based on hotel and presenter availability.

For further information contact [Kevin Foley](#), Chair, Membership Benefits and Services Committee, or [Lloyd Hobbs](#), Benefits and Economic Services Committee.

### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The NLTA will write a letter to the Department of Education expressing our concerns with the Elementary Science program and raising similar caution over Science 1206 and other courses to be introduced as part of the Pan Canadian initiative.

For further information contact [Ken Kavanagh](#), Chair, Curriculum Committee, or [René Wicks](#), Professional Development Division.

### TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Provincial Executive was provided with information re the review of regulations governing teacher certification. A report outlining progress in the area of teacher certification was presented, which included information on new directions for teacher certification, progress made to date, as well as a proposed modification to the original position.

For further information contact [Winston Carter](#), Vice-President, or [Beverley Park](#), Professional Development Division.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for June 8 and 9 in St. John's. For further information contact [Fred Andrews](#), President or [Wayne Noseworthy](#), Executive Director.