Your Provincial Executive Council met in St. John's on March 14. This issue of Executive Notes is intended to provide you with a summary of major decisions and discussions that occurred at this meeting.

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

**Association Priorities for 2002-03**
Provincial Executive reviewed the updated Priorities Document which outlines action plans, who is responsible, target dates for implementation and action updates for the Association. Various Administrative Staff gave updates on sections of the Priorities Document and answered questions from Provincial Executive. The four priorities are: quality of teachers' work life; membership involvement; communications/public relations; teacher accountability/assessment/professionalism/certification.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

**President's Report**
Since the February meeting of Provincial Executive the President has continued his visitation program to schools within the province. He has attended several events in his capacity as NLTA President including bringing greetings to three new school openings in District 3, as well as the Opening Ceremonies of Education Week at G.C. Rowe Junior High School in Corner Brook. He met with the School Administrators Council Regional Executive, and several other groups on NLTA business. He did interviews with VOCM and CBC re the AIMS report, The Western Star and The Telegram re special education children, various Corner Brook media re Education Week, and Rogers Television re teacher issues.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President.

**Resolutions to 2003 BGM**
Provincial Executive reviewed all resolutions to Convention 2003. The resolutions and the Executive position on each will be forwarded to all delegates with the Convention kits.

For further information contact Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

**Labrador Benefits Negotiations**
Since May 2002 the Multi-Union Negotiation Team representing provincial
employees in Labrador has been negotiating with the employers and Treasury
Board officials in an attempt to improve the Labrador Benefits Agreement.
During the sessions held in St. John's from February 24-25, significant
movement occurred and a tentative agreement was presented to the membership
during the first week of March 2003 with a ratification vote to occur later in the
month.

If ratified by the majority of unions party to the agreement, this agreement will
be signed to cover the period April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2005.

For further information contact Lloyd Hobbs, Assistant Executive Director.

**Collective Bargaining Committee**
The Collective Bargaining Committee has been collecting information from
teachers re issues and concerns for consideration during the development of the
opening proposals for the next round of collective bargaining. To date, there
have been over 100 submissions and many more are expected. The submission
forms have been sent to schools and teachers are able to submit on-line through
the NLTA website.

For further information contact Ted Murphy, Chair, Collective Bargaining
Committee or Perry Downey, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

**Workload Committee**
The NLTA continues to pursue the carrying out of the workload study under
Schedule M of the current Collective Agreement. As reported in a previous
issue of Executive Notes, all parties have agreed on a researcher who will
conduct a literature review, develop a survey instrument, administer a
questionnaire, collect and analyse information, and write a report on the subject
of teacher workload. Teachers can expect to be approached to participate in this
study in the near future.

For further information contact Lloyd Hobbs, Assistant Executive Director.

**Business from Standing Committees**

**TABLE OFFICERS**

- The NLTA delegation to the CTF AGM in July, 2003 will consist of the
  President, Vice-President, President-Elect and Vice-President-Elect, with
  the Executive Director as the NLTA alternate.
- The NLTA will nominate President Winston Carter for the office of CTF
  Vice-President for 2003-04.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward
Hancock, Executive Director.

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

- The summary report re the questionnaire on Criterion Referenced Testing
  -- Grades 3 and 6, was endorsed by Provincial Executive and will be
  communicated to the membership.
Other Business

- The NLTA and the Faculty of Education at MUN will endorse the concept of a jointly partnered on-line professional journal for educators, and the Virtual Teacher Centre will continue discussions with the Faculty of Education around the establishment of such a journal.

For further information contact Alex Hickey, Coordinator, Virtual Teacher Centre.

- The NLTA will write a letter of support as per the request of the Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador for ad hoc increases to teachers' pensions provided such ad hoc increases are not taken from the Teachers' Pension Plan.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Discussion Topics
The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive for follow-up or future discussion: KinderStart Program, Educational Leave, and the Virtual Teacher Centre.

NEXT MEETING
A pre-BGM meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for April 22, 2003 in St. John's followed by Biennial Convention on April 23-25, 2003. The next regular meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for June 6-7 in St. John's. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.