



# Executive Notes

Your NLTA Provincial Executive met in St. John's on **September 24**. This issue of *Executive Notes* is a summary of 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 May Executive meeting the President attended the meetings of the CTF Affiliate Presidents, the Atlantic Group Insurance Trustees, Canadian School Boards Association Congress, CTF President's Forum, CTF Board Meeting and AGM, Group Insurance Trustees' Meeting, and CONTACT Conference. She also attended numerous meetings, events and presentations in her capacity as President of the NLTA. School visits took place in Salt Pond, Marystown, St. Lawrence and St. John's, and media interviews took place regarding the AIMS Report. Back to school messages were aired on provincial radio.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President.

## Association Priorities

The Association priorities for 2009-11 were reviewed by Provincial Executive. Administrative staff reviewed various elements of the priorities which included indicators of progress/success and updates. The priorities are: quality of teachers' work life; technology in education; membership involvement/awareness; advocacy; and implementation of the Teacher Allocation and ISSP/Pathways Commission Reports.

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

## Centre for Distance Learning and Innovation

An update was provided to Provincial Executive by Jim Tuff, Director of the Centre for Distance Learning and Innovation on the current projects and programs available through CDLI. The Centre was officially launched on October 30, 2002 and was set up to expand the distance learning programs in schools throughout the province. CDLI offers distance education courses in 110 high schools (80% of provincial high schools), the majority of which are located in rural parts of the province. Jim reviewed current programs and future plans for the Centre.

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

## Business from Standing Committees

### Table Officers

- The date for the June 2011 Executive Meeting will be moved from June 3-4, 2011 to June 10-11, 2011.
- The theme for BGM 2011 will be "Building the Future".
- At BGM 2011 a President's Banquet will be held to recognize the 120th Anniversary of the NLTA. This banquet will replace the Honorary Member Luncheon.
- The Association will proceed with a number of activities and items to recognize the Association's 120th Anniversary. These include an anniversary logo that will be used on promotional and print items, and recognizing the anniversary in *The Bulletin*, in a November news release, at BGM 2011 and in a video project of a historical perspective.
- The Association will develop a special 120th Anniversary lapel pin to be provided to all members with a card on the occasion of the Association's 120th Anniversary.
- The NLTA will provide \$1,250 to the Kids Eat Smart Foundation in response to its funding request.

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

## Other Business

- The province-wide election for the 2011-13 NLTA President and Vice-President will take place on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

For further information contact Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

- A discussion took place on the Collective Bargaining process and the procedures that will take place in preparation for contract negotiations before the current collective agreement expires in August 2012. This will include establishing a Collective Bargaining Committee to obtain input from the membership and prepare a draft of opening proposals for negotiations in 2011-12.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President or Don Ash, Assistant Executive Director.

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| Convention Deadlines  |   |
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| Item  | Date for 2011                             |
| Biennial General Meeting [NLTA Act, Section 9(1) and By-Law X]  | April 27-29, 2011<br>(pre BGM – April 26) |
| Proposed change, amendment or repeal of NLTA By-Laws to be actioned by Convention must be presented in writing to the NLTA head office at least three months before Convention. [NLTA Act, Section 5(3)]                              | January 27, 2011                          |
| Proposed By-Law changes must be sent to all branches two months before the Convention. [NLTA Act, Section 5(4)]   | February 27, 2011                         |
| All nominations for Provincial Executive for publication in the Convention issue of <i>The Bulletin</i> must be postmarked or hand delivered to the NLTA Office two months prior to the opening date of Convention. [By-Law XI.A.(4)] | February 27, 2011                         |
| Names of elected delegates and alternates to Convention should be decided and forwarded to NLTA Office two months prior to the Convention for printing in <i>The Bulletin</i> . [Policy]  | February 27, 2011                         |
| Resolutions to Convention must be received at the NLTA Office by the date which is two months prior to the Convention. [Policy OP.N.4.c)]   | February 27, 2011                         |
| The Convention issue of <i>The Bulletin</i> will be mailed to branches at least one month prior to the opening date of Convention. [By-Law XI.B. and Policy CO.2.f)iii)]  | March 27, 2011                            |
| Final deadline for receipt of nominations for Provincial Executive is the second day of Convention. [By-Law XI.A.(3)]   | April 28, 2011                            |

## 2010-11 Table Officer, Provincial Executive & Joint Council Meeting Dates

- September 23 – Table Officers
- September 24-25 – Provincial Executive
- November 24 – Table Officers
- November 25 – Provincial Executive
- November 26-27 – Joint Council
- December 17 – Table Officers
- March 9 (a.m.) – Table Officers
- March 9 (p.m.)-10 – Provincial Executive
- March 11-12 – Joint Council
- April 26 – Table Officers
- April 26 – Provincial Executive (Pre-BGM)
- April 26-29 – BGM
- April 29 – Provincial Executive (Post-BGM)
- June 9 – Table Officers
- June 10-11 – Provincial Executive

| Province-wide Vote Deadlines   |                        |
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| Item   | Date for 2011 Election |
| The deadline for receipt of poster information from candidates for the Office of President and Vice-President will be ten weeks prior to the election. [#8 Guideline for Interpretation of Policy]   | December 7, 2010       |
| All nominations for the Office of President and Vice-President for publication in <i>The Bulletin</i> must be postmarked by the date which is two months prior to the election. [By-Law XII.A.(4) and Policy OP.W.1.b)iii)]  | December 8, 2010       |
| Photograph, biographical sketch and election statement of nominees for the Office of President and Vice-President for publication in <i>The Bulletin</i> must be postmarked by the date which is two months prior to the election. [By-Law XII.A.(4) and Policy OP.W.1.b)iii)]                                   | December 8, 2010       |
| Deadline for the mailing of election posters to schools is no later than five weeks prior to the election date. [#8 Guideline for Interpretation of Policy]  | January 4, 2011        |
| The election edition of <i>The Bulletin</i> will be mailed to branches at least one month prior to the date of the election. [By-Law XII.B.]   | January 8, 2011        |
| For a candidate who declares after the poster deadline date, the deadline for receiving the candidate's information for the poster will be two weeks following the receipt of the nomination papers, but not later than one month prior to the date of the election. [#8 Guideline for Interpretation of Policy] | January 8, 2011        |
| Final deadline for receipt of nominations for the Offices of President and Vice-President is 30 days before the date of the election for both offices. [By-Law XII.A.(3) and Policy OP.W.1.b)ii)]  | January 9, 2011        |
| Province-wide vote for the election of President and Vice-President will be held during the first full week of February on a date selected by the Electoral Committee. [By-Law XV.A. and Policy OP.W.1.g)i)]   | February 8, 2011       |
| If required, the run-off ballot for the election of President and Vice-President will be held within fourteen days of the original ballot. [By-Law XII.D.(5) and Policy OP.W.1.g)ix)]  | February 22, 2011      |

## Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **November 25** in St. John's followed by a Joint Council meeting on **November 26 and 27**.