

Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive Council met on Thursday, August 27 in Stephenville. In order to keep you informed and up to date on activities of Provincial Executive, the following summary of major decisions and discussions made at the Executive meeting has been compiled.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan for the Association was discussed which included updates for Provincial Executive to review. The Strategic Plan is still used to set future direction and as a planning document for the Association. Revisions were made to the earlier plan and will be brought to Joint Council; a revised Strategic Plan will go to the 1999 Convention for approval. For further information contact Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director.



Membership for Teachers in Private Schools

The Benefits and Economic Services Division has been actively pursuing this matter. Teachers in private schools are automatically members of NLTA, with the option to opt out, but we cannot service them unless NLTA is the recognized bargaining unit. An actual request would be required by teachers of private schools for NLTA representation. For further information contact Ed Hancock, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

Special Education

In the spring of 1998, the Association communicated to the Minister of Education our concerns re: special education. The Minister acknowledged these concerns and placed a moratorium on changes to special education for one year, but made no commitment to change anything. The NLTA, through the Curriculum Committee, will develop a plan of action to deal with continuing concerns in this area. For further information contact René Wicks, Professional Development Division.

Collective Agreement Implementation

The agreement itself is being printed and will be out to teachers in the near future. There will be updates and bulletins sent to teachers on a regular basis advising them of their new collective agreement. For further information contact the Benefits and Economic Services Division.

Association Priorities

A discussion session re: priorities for the 1998-99 school year took place. The following were set as the top four priorities for teachers for the upcoming school year:

- Quality of Work Life
- Professional Development Restructuring
- Meeting Membership Demands
- Teacher Certification

These priorities are not in any order and are certainly not the only issues facing teachers. They were seen as the main ones from a long list of priorities and issues facing teachers. For further information contact Brendan Doyle, President, or Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director.

Substitute Teacher Days

Problems for the last year seem to be recurring. The Benefits and Economic Services Division staff is checking into the situation. Last year each Board was given 3.17 days for Professional Development; this year it appears that 2.76 days have been allocated for all discretionary leave. The Association is pursuing this matter and will update the membership as soon as we have more information. Contact Ed Hancock, Wayne Noseworthy, or Brendan Doyle.

School Administrator's Concerns

The Minister of Education and government appear committed to dealing with issues of concern to school administrators. A working group has been struck comprising representatives of SAC, Provincial Executive, staff, and the Department of Education, and will report by mid-October. Information will be out to school administrators, branch presidents, and teachers on this issue in coming weeks. For further information contact the BES Division.

Executive Meeting Dates

Due to conflicting meeting dates, the following changes have been made to the Provincial Executive Council meeting dates:

- November --; changed to November 5, 6, and Joint Council on November 7. The previously scheduled dates were November 19, 20, and 21.
- June --; changed to June 11, 12. The previously scheduled dates were June 4, 5.

For further information contact Geralyn Costello, Assistant to the President.

Teacher Certification

This initiative has been given priority and the Professional Development Division will work with the Certification Review Committee to guide the Association's efforts in this regard. For further information contact Wince Carter or Mike Luedee,

Co-chairs, Certification Review Committee, or Beverley Park, Professional Development Division.

1999 Convention

Table Officers will examine a draft agenda for our first BGM and bring it to Joint Council for discussion. The goal is to review policies and procedures, meeting structures, concerns from previous years, and enhance the Biennial Convention to better suit the needs of teachers. For further information contact Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director, or Brendan Doyle, President.

Branch Contact Assignment (1998-99)

A member of the Provincial Executive Council has been assigned as a contact person for the branches within the school districts as close as possible to the Executive member's place of residence. Executive members are therefore able to maintain contact with Branch Presidents and keep a constant flow of information between teachers and the Executive. For further information contact Brendan Doyle, President, or Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director.

NLTA Committees for 1998-99

The following standing committees have been appointed by the Provincial Executive Council and are responsible to the Executive unless otherwise directed by Convention:

Committees	Members*	Staff Consultant
Table Officers	Brendan Doyle (Chair) Fred Andrews	Wayne Noseworthy

	Ted Murphy Doreen Noseworthy	
Finance and Property	Fred Douglas(Chair) Don Ash Kevin Foley Elizabeth Murphy	Jim Fox
Staff Negotiations	Fred Andrews(Chair) Ted Murphy Doreen Noseworthy	Wayne Noseworthy
Communications/Political Action	Ted Murphy	Lesley-Ann Browne
Curriculum	Graham Butler	PD Staff
Equity Issues in Education	Beverley Butler	PD Staff
Group Insurance	Don Ash (Chair) Elizabeth Murphy	Ed Hancock/BES Staff
Membership Benefits and Services	Winston Carter	BES Staff
Pooled Investment Fund Committee	Don Ash (Chair) Fred Douglas Elizabeth Murphy Group Insurance Trustee Joan Warren	Jim Fox Wayne Noseworthy

* Some members from these committees are yet to be appointed.

For further information contact Wayne Noseworthy, Executive Director, or Brendan Doyle, President.

The next regular meeting of Executive is scheduled for October 2 and 3 in St. John's. For further information contact [Geraldyn Costello](#) Assistant to the President.