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Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

# Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive Council met in St. John's on May 29. *Executive Notes* is a summary of major decisions that occurred at this meeting.

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

## President's Report

The President reported to Provincial Executive on his activities since the February meeting. He attended the Education Week Opening Ceremonies at St. Catherine's Academy in Mount Carmel, the Rural Education Forum in Corner Brook, the Beginning Teachers' Conference in Gander, various CTF Executive Committee meetings either by teleconference or in person in Ottawa. He judged the Virginia Park Elementary Heritage Fair, attended Canada Book Day at St. Teresa's Elementary, the Conception Bay South Retirement Dinner, CAPTO AGM in Prince Edward Island, the Teacher Recruitment Fair in St. John's, and the "Strengthening Our Skills to Succeed" Skills Task Force Update Forum, also in St. John's.

The President continued his visits to schools throughout the province and conducted several media interviews on Education Week, the Provincial Budget, Labrador West Collective Agreement, BGM, and International Day Against Homophobia.

For more information contact Sean Noah, President.

## Association Priorities

The Association's priorities were reviewed by Provincial Executive. Administrative staff reviewed various elements of the document including goals, responsibilities, indication of progress/success and updates. The Association's priorities for 2007-09 are: quality of teacher work life/teacher workload; contract negotiations; teacher professional development; membership involvement/awareness; and Teacher Allocations and ISSP/Pathways Commission Reports.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

## Report on Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion Pilot Project

The Provincial Executive was provided with a report from the Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion pilot project including results of the project, participant surveys and recommendations. The following recommendations were approved by Provincial Executive:

- The NLTA will continue to promote a Teacher Health and Wellness Program throughout the province.
- A member from the Retired Teachers' Association of NL (RTANL) will be appointed to sit as an ex-officio member of the Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion Committee.
- The NLTA will formally request that the Department of Education include teachers in the Healthy Student – Healthy Schools initiative currently established in the province.
- The current Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion Program Coordinator position will be discontinued as of August 31, 2009.
- The NLTA will request from the Group Insurance Trustees that the funds remaining from the Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion pilot project be allocated to the NLTA for the continuation of the Health and Wellness Promotion Program.
- The NLTA will present to the employer the results of the Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion pilot project and propose that the employer expand the Employee Assistance Program to encompass the current needs for teacher health and wellness.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, Chair, Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion Committee, Perry Downey, Staff Consultant to the Committee, or Don Ash, Assistant Executive Director.

## Business from Standing Committees

### Table Officers

- The revised schedule of meetings of Executive, Table Officers and Joint Council for 2009-10 was accepted. The schedule is as follows:

August 24, 2009 (1-4 p.m.)	Table Officers
August 24-26	Provincial Executive
November 25, 2009	Table Officers
November 26, 2009	Provincial Executive
November 27-28, 2009	Joint Council
December 18, 2009	Table Officers
January 21, 2010	Table Officers
January 22-23, 2010	Provincial Executive
March 24, 2010	Table Officers
March 25, 2010	Provincial Executive
March 26-27, 2010	Joint Council
May 27, 2010	Table Officers
May 28-29, 2010	Provincial Executive

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- The site for BGM 2011 will be the Sheraton Newfoundland Hotel.
- The Association will provide funding in the amount of \$1,000 to the MUN Faculty of Education in support of the Parks Canada Travelling Institute for Teaching Interns in the fall of 2009.
- Dean Ingram will be nominated for appointment to the CTF Advisory Committee on Diversity and Human Rights.
- President-elect Lily Cole will be nominated for appointment to the CTF Advisory Committee on the Status of Women.
- President Sean Noah will be nominated for the office of Vice-President of CTF for 2009-10.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

### Standing Committees for 2009-11

Committee	Chairperson
Communications/Political Action	Graydon Pelley
Curriculum	Jean Murphy
Equity Issues in Education	Jeanne Williams
Membership Benefits and Services	Jackie Maloney
Professional Issues	Sandra Quigley
Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion	Tina Matthews
Finance and Property	Gabriel Ryan
Group Insurance	Derek Drover

### Report of the Provincial Negotiating Team

The Provincial Executive was presented with a report from the Provincial Negotiating Team. The report, including recommendations, will be forwarded to the Collective Bargaining Committee and the next Negotiating Team for use in preparations for, and during, the next round of collective bargaining.

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

### Branch Contact Assignments 2009-11

Executive Member	Branches
Lily Cole, President	* All Branches
Sean Noah, Past-President	No assigned branches
Jim Dinn	Conception Bay South; Marconi, St. John's Centre; Southern Shore
Derek Drover	Bay d'Espoir; Belleoram-Wreck Cove; Exploits Valley; Harton; Seagaulher
Dean Ingram	Fogo Island; Hamilton Sound; Notre Dame; Trinity-Deadman's Bay
Jackie Maloney	GranForLine; Burin-Marystown; Rushoon-Terrenceville; St. Brendan's
Tina Matthews	Baie Verte Peninsula; Deer Lake; Green Bay; Table Mountain; Taylor's Brook
Jean Murphy	Aurora; Belle Mer; Bremco; Ingorna-choix; Long Range; Northern Light
Graydon Pelley	Appalachia; Burgeo; Humber; Port aux Basques; Rameaux
Sandra Quigley	Churchill Falls; Coastal Labrador South; Labrador West; Lake Melville; Nutak Labradorimi
Gabriel Ryan	Baccalieu; Conception Bay Centre; Upper Trinity South; Waterford Valley
Paula Smith	Clarenbridge; Ganova; Landfall; Placentia
Jeanne Williams	Bay Roberts; Carbonear; St. Mary's Bay; Trinity, T. Bay
* The President (and, in her absence, the Vice-President) will also be an alternate for visitation to any branch if the scheduled contact person is unavailable.	

### Discussion Topics

The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive for comment, actioning or further discussion: BGM; special needs allocation; professional development; Legacy Award; and new Executive orientation.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President.

### Next Meeting

The first meeting of the 2009-11 Provincial Executive will take place **August 24-26** at Terra Nova Lodge in Port Blandford.

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