



# Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive Council met in St. John's on **September 13 and 14**. This issue of *Executive Notes* is a summary of decisions and discussions that occurred at that meeting.

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

## President's Report

President Sean Noah reported on his activities since taking over the office of President in August. He attended CONTACT in New Brunswick, attended meetings with the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association, the Group Insurance Trustees, the Minister of Education, and the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils. He was active in the media on issues regarding the Commission reports, school construction, negotiations, closing of alternate schools, the AIMS report, and he voiced "Back to School" messages for radio.

## Association Priorities

Provincial Executive determined Association Priorities for 2007-09 during a planning session facilitated by Beverley Park and George Tucker from the Professional Development Division. Executive identified priorities, and reviewed and discussed the issues that are expected to predominate activities for the coming year.

Executive requested that staff summarize the items reviewed during the planning session and prepare a report for the next Executive meeting.

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

## Orientation for New Executive

An orientation session took place with Executive members to review the programs and services of the NLTA, their role as Executive members, parliamentary procedures, the structure of committees and committee leadership, working effectively as a team, as well as meeting preparation and governance of the Association.

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

## Business of Standing Committees

### Table Officers

- The President of the NLTA will write the Minister of Education, with copies to the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association and school district directors, expressing the NLTA's serious concerns re the inadequate allocation of substitute teacher days for family leave and the resulting denial of family leave for teachers.
- Follow-up discussions will be held with the Minister of Education following the provincial election to lobby for the release of the two Commission reports.
- Further contact will be made with the Department of Education regarding the filling of the vacant position of Director of Student Support Services and the re-establishing of the Advisory Committee on Student Support Services.
- Contact will be made with a small sample of high schools regarding possible teacher issues with the Department's program for the provision of textbooks to students.

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

### Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Review of NLTA Programs and Services

The terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Internal Review of NLTA Programs and Services were approved by Provincial Executive. As per the motion carried at BGM 2007, the ad hoc committee has been established to compile recommendations for action, based on the information presented in the internal review of NLTA programs and services.

For further information contact Paul Pinsent, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on the Internal Review of NLTA Programs and Services or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

### Equity Issues in Education Committee

Meetings of the Equity Issues in Education Committee will take place in the Burin-Marystown area.

For further information contact Jackie Maloney, Chair, Equity Issues in Education Committee or Beverley Park, Professional Development Division.

*Professional Issues Committee*

Meetings of the Professional Issues Committee will take place in Deer Lake.

For further information contact Jean Murphy, Chair, Professional Issues Committee or Beverley Park or George Tucker, Professional Development Division.

*Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion Committee*

Meetings of the Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion Committee will take place in Blaketown.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, Chair, Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion Committee or Don Ash, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

| Standing Committees for 2007-09       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Committee                             | Chairperson      |
| Communications/Political Action       | Gabriel Ryan     |
| Curriculum                            | Jeanne Williams  |
| Equity Issues in Education            | Jackie Maloney   |
| Finance and Property                  | James Dinn       |
| Group Insurance                       | Callista Burrige |
| Membership Benefits & Services        | Wade Verge       |
| Professional Issues                   | Jean Murphy      |
| Teacher Health and Wellness Promotion | Dean Ingram      |

**Provincial Election and NLTA Political Action**

Provincial Executive was provided with information on the political action during the provincial election. Executive members were provided with an election kit that was sent to all branch presidents. The kit included a letter from NLTA President Sean Noah, the “Make Education a Priority in this Election” Issues Handbook, questions for party leaders, the NLTA Political Action Policy, and a copy of the NLTA Political Action Handbook. Radio advertisements are to be aired during the weeks before the provincial election asking the public to make education a priority in this election. As well, a series of questions were sent to leaders of the three main political parties. Answers are to be compiled into an Election Bulletin and forwarded to all teachers.

For further information contact Sean Noah, President of Lesley-Ann Browne, Communications Officer.

**Branch Contact Assignments 2007-09**

| Executive Member     | Branches  |
|----------------------|---|
| Sean Noah, President | * All Branches  |
| Callista Burrige     | Baie Verte Peninsula, Deer Lake, Green Bay, Notre Dame, Taylor’s Brook              |
| Lily Cole            | Burin-Marystown, Labrador West, Lake Melville, Southern Shore, Waterford Valley     |
| James Dinn           | Bell Island, Marconi, Northern Light, St. John’s Centre                             |
| Derek Drover         | Bay d’Espoir, Belleoram-Wreck Cove, Exploits Valley, Harton, Seagaulher             |
| Dean Ingram          | Baccalieu, Churchill Falls, Clarenbridge, Coastal Labrador South, Nutak Labradorimi |
| Jackie Maloney       | GranForLine, Placentia, Rushoon-Terrenceville, St. Brendan’s                        |
| Jean Murphy          | Aurora, Belle Mer, Bremco, Ingornachoix, Long Range                                 |
| Paul Pinsent         | Appalachia, Burgeo, Humber, Port aux Basues, Rameaux                                |
| Gabriel Ryan         | Conception Bay Centre, Conception Bay South, St. Mary’s Bay, Upper Trinity South    |
| Tina Ryan            | Fogo Island, Ganova, Hamilton Sound, Table Mountain, Trinity-Deadman’s Bay          |
| Jeanne Williams      | Bay Roberts, Carbonear, Landfall, Trinity, T. Bay                                   |

\* The President (and, in his absence, the Vice-President) will also be an alternate for visitation to any branch if the scheduled contact person is unavailable.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **November 1** in St. John’s, followed by a Joint Council meeting on **November 2 and 3**.

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