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NLTA Biennial General Meeting Being Held in St. John's, April 7-10, 2015

St. John's, NL ... The 2015 Biennial General Meeting of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association will take place from April 7-10 at the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland in St. John's.

Approximately 150 members will attend the meeting to consider resolutions put forward by the Branches and Special Interest Councils, resolutions from delegates at Convention, By-law changes and other important business.

The President of the NLTA, James Dinn, will be addressing the delegates at the opening session on Wednesday, April 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Highlights include the conferring of an honorary NLTA membership; presentation of the Bancroft Award which recognizes outstanding service at the branch level of NLTA; presentation of the Special Recognition Award (Johnson Inc.) which recognizes contributions to the cultural, social and/or community life of Newfoundland and Labrador; presentation of the Barnes Award which recognizes achievement in the area of professional development at the Special Interest Council level; and presentation of the Patricia Cowan Award for Support and Promotion of Education which recognizes outstanding contributions and/or support for education by groups or individuals outside the K-12 school system.

Notes to the Media:

- Members of the media are invited to attend all meetings with the exception of closed sessions. (tentative agenda attached)
- NLTA media contacts throughout Convention will be Bill Chaisson, Chairperson of the NLTA Political Action/Communications Committee; Christina Cox, delegate to convention; and Lesley-Ann Browne, NLTA Communications Officer.
- Copies of resolutions, as well as information on candidates running for election will be available at the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland on the afternoon of April 7. If you would like copies before then, please contact Lesley-Ann Browne at the NLTA (number below).
- **Election for members of the 2015-17 Provincial Executive will take place on Thursday, April 9.**

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Tuesday, April 7 • • • • •

- 2:00 p.m. **Registration** (*Lobby outside Salons*)
- 7:00 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m. **Orientation Session** (*Salons A & B*)
For new delegates, alternates and observers
- 4:00 p.m. **Pension & Group Insurance Benefit Statement Info Session** (*Salons A & B*)
- 6:00 p.m. **Budget Briefing Session** (*Salons A & B*)
- 7:00 p.m. **Opening Session** (*Salons A & B*)
A. O Canada/Ode to Newfoundland
B. Election Statements by Provincial Executive Candidates
- 9:00 p.m. **Reception** (*Court Garden*)
- 10:30 p.m. **Hospitality Suite** (*Plymouth Room*)
- 1:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8 • • • • •

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration** (*cont'd*)
- 8:30 a.m. **First General Session** (*Salons A & B*)
Chairperson for Convention: Edward Hancock
A. Chairperson's Remarks
B. Greetings from Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
C. President's Address – James Dinn, President
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Second General Session**
A. Adoption of Agenda
B. Appointment of Convention Committees
C. Convention Policies
1. Rules of Procedure
2. Convention Expenses
3. Processing of Resolutions
D. Minutes of 2013 BGM
1. Adoption
2. Business Arising from 2013 Convention
a) Report on Resolutions from BGM 2013
b) _____
c) _____
E. Discussion of Resolutions

- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch Break** (*Court Garden*)
- 1:30 p.m. **Third General Session**
A. Minute of Silence in Memory of Deceased NLTA Members
B. Keynote Address
Preserving Our Past, Embracing Our Future: Putting Social Justice at the Heart of Education
Dr. Darren Lund, Professor, Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary

Closed Session – Delegates/Teachers

- C. Group Insurance Auditors' Report & Budgets
- D. Financial Reports
1. Auditors' Report
2. Financial Statement
- E. Tabling of 2015-16 and 2016-17 Budgets
- F. Report to BGM
- G. Discussion on Resolutions
- 4:00 p.m. **Recess**
- 6:00 p.m. **Reception** (*Court Garden*)
- 6:45 p.m. **President's Banquet** (*Ball Room*)
- 10:00 p.m. **Hospitality Suite** - 12:00 a.m. (*Plymouth Room*)

Thursday, April 9 • • • • •

- 8:30 a.m. **Fourth General Session**
A. Report of Electoral Committee
B. Election of 2015-17 NLTA Executive
C. Report on 2013-15 NLTA Priorities
1. Negotiating a Collective Agreement
2. Support for Beginning Teachers
3. Strategic Plan for Membership Engagement
4. Implementation of NLTA IT Strategic Plan
5. School Board Amalgamation
6. Non-Collective Agreement Issues that Impact on Teacher Work Life
D. Discussion on Resolutions
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**

- 10:45 a.m. E. Canadian Teachers' Federation
Dianne Woloschuk, President
- F. Retired Teachers' Association of NL
Tom Kendell, President
- G. Address by NLTA Vice-President-
Elect Dean Ingram
- H. Report of Electoral Committee
(cont'd)
- I. Discussion on Resolutions

12:30 p.m. **Awards Luncheon** (*Court Garden*)

- 2:30 p.m. **Fifth General Session**
- A. Address –
Premier of Newfoundland and
Labrador – Honourable Paul Davis

Closed Session – Delegates/Teachers

- B. 2015-16 and 2016-17 Budgets

4:15 p.m. **Break**

Open Session

- 4:30 p.m. C. Discussion on Resolutions

6:00 p.m. **Recess**

7:30 p.m. **Sixth General Session** (*if required*)

Open Session

- A. Discussion on Resolutions

9:00 p.m. **Fun Night – Dance** (*Salons A & B*)

Friday, April 10 • • • • •

- 8:30 a.m. **Seventh General Session**
- A. Policy Changes from Executive/
Joint Council and Reconfirmation
of NLTA Policy Handbook
 - B. Discussion on Resolutions
 - C. Resolutions from the Floor

10:30 a.m. **Break**

- 10:45 a.m. **Final Session**
- A. President's Closing Remarks
 - B. Installation of 2015-17 President
 - C. Discussion on Resolutions
 - D. Reports
 - 1. Scrutineers Committee
 - 2. Publicity Committee
 - 3. Resolutions Committee
 - 4. Steering Committee
 - E. New Business
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - F. Date of Next Convention
 - G. Closing of Convention