



EXECUTIVE NOTES

March 8-9, 2018

Your Provincial Executive met in St. John's on Thursday, **March 8** followed by Joint Council (Branch Presidents and Provincial Executive) on **March 9**. *Executive Notes* is a summary of discussions and decisions that occurred at these meetings.

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

President's Report

Since the last meeting of Provincial Executive, the President has attended meetings and appointments in his capacity as President. He has also continued to visit schools throughout the province. The full President's Report is available here.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President.

Business from Standing Committees

Professional Issues in Teaching Committee

Heather Godden, member of the Teacher-Librarians Special Interest Council, will be the NLTA's 2018 Barnes Award recipient.

For further information contact Joe Santos, Chair, Professional Issues in Teaching Committee or John Veitch, NLTA staff consultant.

Membership Benefits and Services Committee

- Karen Skinner, nominated by the Humber Branch, will be the recipient of the 2018 Special Recognition Award.
- Donna Reddick, nominated by the Conception Bay South Branch, will be the recipient of the 2018 Bancroft Award.

For further information contact Donna Reddick, Chair, Membership Benefits and Services Committee or Ian Crewe, Staff Consultant.

Table Officers

- The members of the 2018-19 Electoral Committee will be Rick Duffy (Chair), Angie Wilmott and Rhonda French-Bowles.
- The NLTA will engage in conversation with the NLESD regarding weather closure decisions in the metro area.
- The NLTA will submit a letter to Charlie Angus, MP for Timmins-James Bay, ON in support of his campaign for a "National Suicide Prevention Action Plan".

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

JOINT COUNCIL

Association Priorities

Updates on the NLTA priorities were provided to Joint Council. Branch Presidents and members of Provincial Executive were provided the opportunity to comment or ask questions. The priorities for 2017-19 are: workload concerns; teacher health and wellness – teacher mental health; Premier's Task Force on Improving Educational Outcomes; promoting the profession; inclusive education/student support services; and collective bargaining. Read Association Priorities.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Electronic Voting at BGM

A presentation was made to Joint Council on Electronic Voting at BGM by Wade Rogers, NLTA Manager of Corporate Services. The presentation was in response to motions from BGM 2017 to investigate the feasibility of electronic voting. The presentation reviewed types of voting, voter eligibility, the voting form/ballot, voting stations, voting on motions, and the casting and counting of ballots. Joint Council participated in a mock election and a vote on motions to get a better understanding of electronic voting.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Wade Rogers, Manager of Corporate Services.

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Branch Contact/Provincial Executive

The branch contact form was reviewed with members of Joint Council. The new online reporting form will allow Branch Presidents to send information through a link sent to them by their Executive contact person.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Answering a Call to Action: Why It Is So Important

A presentation was made to Joint Council by the NLTA Executive Director on the importance of answering or participating when the Association issues a call to action. The advantages of a proactive versus reactive approach were reviewed. The presentation covered actions that members of Joint Council can take to respond to and encourage others to engage in NLTA's efforts on behalf of teachers and highlighted the fact that support from members is needed to ensure the success of a call to action.

For further information contact Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Restorative Justice

A presentation was made to Joint Council by Dorothy Vaandering and Roxanne Skanes on the restorative justice initiatives of Relationships First – Restorative Justice in Education, a comprehensive approach that nurtures relational school cultures. The presentation reviewed increased achievement levels and student engagement, improved student-teacher-administrator relationships, positive behaviour supports, as well as ways to inform and support equitable learning environments. Real-life examples of the positive impact of restorative justice practices in schools were shared with the assembly.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Discussion Topics/ Branch Presidents Topics

The following topics were reviewed and discussed by Provincial Executive and Joint Council: covering for sick leave; new school development model implementation; weather conditions and outside duty; parent decisions on weather for student safety; electoral committee; midterms and finals; adopting land acknowledgement protocol; safe schools; administrator wellness; support staff replacement; approval of retired teacher substitutes; open house and scheduling of parent-teacher interviews; curriculum; literacy portfolios; assessments; NLTA committees; zero policy; policy on sports supervision and teacher sponsors; school maintenance; access to school buildings; and K-6 report cards.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President or Steve Brooks, Executive Director.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **April 27-28, 2018**.

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