

## BY-LAW XI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR EXECUTIVE

- A. Any member of the NLTA in good standing\* is eligible for nomination and election to the Executive, providing:
- (1) Nomination papers are signed by at least 10 members in good standing\*, each signature being witnessed by
    - (a) an officer of a branch; or
    - (b) a member of the NLTA Executive; or
    - (c) a Commissioner for Oaths.and submitted to the Electoral Committee, appointed by the NLTA Executive.
  - (2) The President shall, provided he/she so desires, be an ex officio\*\* Executive member for the year following the completion of the President's term of office.
  - (3) The Electoral Committee shall receive nominations for the Executive up to the commencement of the second day of Convention sessions in accordance with By-Law XI.A.(1). Such nominations must be accompanied by a short biographical sketch and a signed statement by the candidate of willingness to serve under conditions from time to time established by the Convention and applicable during the term sought.
  - (4) Subject to XI.A.(1), for publication in the Convention *Bulletin* nominations must be postmarked or hand delivered to the NLTA Head Office not later than the date which is two months prior to the opening date of Convention.
- B. Photographs and information on candidates referred to in XI.A.(4) must be published in the Convention *Bulletin* at least one month prior to the Convention.
- C. Nominees are free to contact branches and special interest councils in any way they see fit keeping in mind the professional Code of Ethics. Branches and special interest councils may or may not instruct delegates to the Convention as they see fit, with the understanding that after the first ballot is cast at the Convention, delegates are released from their instructions and may vote at their discretion.
- D. Seventeen Executive members shall be elected biennially, and the 10 who have the greatest number of votes shall, with the President, the Vice-President and a person holding office under XI.A.(2), where applicable, form the Executive Council. The remaining Executive members shall be classified as alternate members.
- E. When a tied ballot result prevents the Electoral Committee from naming the members to the Executive Council and/or from ranking the alternate positions, a further ballot shall be taken to resolve the tie. Only the tied candidates shall appear on such a ballot.
- F. Anyone alleging irregularities in nomination or election procedures must make such allegations known in writing to the Chairperson of the Electoral Committee at the Convention not later than 30 minutes after the announcement of the results of the election. Upon receiving such allegation, the Chairperson of the Electoral Committee must appoint a committee of three registered delegates, excluding nominees, who will investigate the allegation and report their findings and recommendations to the Chairperson of the Electoral Committee before 10:00 a.m. of the session of the following day of the Convention. In the event that the allegation of irregularities is accepted as proved, by a majority of the committee appointed to investigate the matter, the matter and conclusions must be reported to the Convention by the Chairperson of the Electoral Committee. After receiving the report of the Electoral Committee, the Convention shall, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of registered delegates, allow the election to stand or otherwise a new election shall be held in respect of the Executive positions affected by the irregularity.
- G. No member shall be eligible to be a member of the Executive unless such person is residing in, or actively teaching in, the province of Newfoundland Labrador during the term of office.
- H. The maximum number of Executive members who can sit on the negotiating team, at any one time, shall be two.

## BY-LAW XIV – DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- A. The term of office of the Executive Council shall be for a two-year period from August 1 in the year the Council is elected to July 31 of the second year following.

\* A member who has the proper proportion of his/her dues paid.

\*\* By right of position of office.