



EXECUTIVE NOTES

June 7-8, 2019

Your Provincial Executive met in St. John's on June 7-8, 2019. *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, appointments, visited schools and took part in media interviews in his capacity as President of the NLTA. The full President's Report is available here.

For further information contact Dean Ingram, President.

Association Priorities

Updates on the NLTA priorities were provided to Provincial Executive and they were able 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. The Association priorities are available here.

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

Business from Standing Committees

Table Officers

- The NLTA nominee to the CTF Advisory Committee on French as a First Language will be Patrick Bourdeau.
- The NLTA nominee to sit on the CTF Trust Fund will be Craig Hicks.
- The NLTA will participate (register as a professional association) in the 2019 St. John's Pride Parade.
- The NLTA will raise the Pride flag during the 2019 Pride Week.
- The NLTA will explore the possibility of having a Pride/rainbow crosswalk/path painted on the NLTA property.
- The NLTA will contribute \$530 for a quarter page colour ad in the 29th Annual Crime Prevention Guide.
- The NLTA will contribute \$2,000 for a bronze level sponsorship for Media Smarts – Media Literacy Week.
- The NLTA will contribute \$1,000 to sponsor a nutrition break at the NL Public Sector Pensioner's Association 2019 Convention and AGM.
- The NLTA will contribute \$640 for a half page colour ad in the Royal Canadian Legion – Military Service Recognition Book.
- The NLTA will provide financial support of \$2,000 to Common Front NL.

- The NLTA staff will make contact with the event organizers of the Provincial Student Leadership Conference 2019 to gather further information on details of the plans for the conference, including teacher-focussed activities, with a view to this request being brought forward for consideration at the August meeting of Table Officers and Executive.

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

Equity Issues in Education Committee

The NLTA Executive will consider for inclusion in the next round of NLTA priorities, Inappropriate Treatment of Teachers on Digital and Social Media.

For further information contact Kelly Loch, Chair, Equity Issues in Education Committee or Miriam Sheppard, Programs and Services.

Professional Issues in Teaching Committee

- The criteria for the Centennial Fund, International Conference Presenter, will be amended to change "international" to "national and international" and an additional criterion will be added that the conference be "out of province".

For further information contact Joe Santos, Chair, Professional Issues in Teaching Committee or John Veitch, Programs and Services.

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Other Business

- The NLTA, or a committee thereof, will review criteria for granting donations, sponsorships, and special requests of a monetary nature.
- The NLTA will play/sing the “Ode to Labrador” at official functions, like BGM, in a similar manner to how the “Ode to Newfoundland” is played/sung.
- The ballots from the February 26, 2019 vote on the tentative collective agreement will be destroyed.
- A Research Proposal on the Status of the Social Emotional Health of Teachers and School Administrators, received from associate professors at Memorial University: Kimberly Maich and Sharon Penney, and professors at Brock University in Ontario: Michael Savage and Vera Woloshyn, was accepted.
- The NLTA will follow up with the Department on the impact of the draft RTL Policy on students transitioning from Phase 1 feeder schools into junior high.
- Derek Drover was elected as Table Officer-At-Large and Gabriel Ryan was elected as Table Officer in Lieu of the Past-President for the 2019-21 Provincial Executive.

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

Discussion Topics

The following topics were also reviewed and discussed by Provincial Executive: membership contact; meaningful professional learning/teacher workload; increase in proposal writing for teachers; approval process of retirees as substitutes; PTF workload issue for small schools; branch operations/retirement dinners; and technology.

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Provincial Executive is scheduled for **August 21-23, 2019** in St. John's.

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