

NSTU GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Year End Report 2025 – 2026

Committee Membership:

The Committee consisted of the following members from the given regions of Nova Scotia:

- Doug Read (Chair) (Chignecto)
- Peter Day (NSTU President)
- Jemita Buchanan (Annapolis Valley)
- Andrew McCara (APSEA)
- Rachelle MacIsaac (Cape Breton Victoria)
- Sue Larivière-Jenkins (CSANE)
- Ben Sichel (Halifax)
- Janet O'Brien (Strait)
- Vera Ryan (Tri-County)
- Sarah Tutty (South Shore)
- Bethany MacLeod (Executive Director)
- Louis Robitaille (Executive Staff Liaison)

Meeting Dates:

The Committee met on the following dates:

- September 26, 2025
- November 28, 2025
- February 6, 2026
- March 27, 2026

Summary of September 26th, Meeting:

- Set Committee priorities for the year.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding a definition for equity-seeking, equity-deserving, and equity-owed.
- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding amending Operational Procedures to align with the new definition of equity-seeking, equity-deserving, and equity-owed.
- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding amendments to Operational Procedure 9 – Election Procedures regarding election procedures for equity-deserving Provincial Executive Members, African Nova Scotian Provincial Executive Member, and Indigenous Provincial Executive Member.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Council 2026 regarding amending NSTU By-Law III – The Provincial Executive in regard to Table Officers and the ability for the African Nova Scotian or Indigenous Provincial Executive to serve.

Summary of November 28th, Meeting:

- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Literacy Education.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Member Professional Resources.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Pre-Service Teacher Education Programs.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Professional Development and Collective Bargaining.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Professional Learning.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Scheduling – Member Professional Development or Inservicing.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to adopt a new Policy on Teaching Canada's Co-Official Languages (English or French) as an Additional Language.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to create a new Policy on Use of Artificial Intelligence in Education.

Summary of February 6th, Meeting:

- Reviewed Resolution 2026-01 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2026-02 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2026-05 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2026-21 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2026-22 with no recommendation for Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2026-23 with no recommendation for Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2026-24 with no recommendation for Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2026-25 with no recommendation for Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2026-28 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2026-31 with no recommendation for Annual Council.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to adopt a new Policy on Teaching Mi'kmaw History, Culture, and Knowledge.
- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding amendments to Operational Procedure 36 – Services to Francophone Members.
- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding creating a new Operational Procedure entitled NSTU Official Communications.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to rescind a February 2023 Provincial Executive motion regarding vehicle damage.

Summary of March 27th, Meeting:

- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding rescinding Operational Procedure 36 – Services to Francophone Members.
- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding amending Operational Procedure 25 – Awards, Fellowships and Grants to create a new Grant entitle French Language Professional Development Grant.
- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding amending Operational Procedure 4 – Committees – Standing Committees of the Provincial Executive regarding the composition of the Governance and Policy Committee.
- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding amending Operational Procedure 4 – Committees – Standing Committees of the Provincial Executive regarding the composition of the Political Action and Public Relations Committee.
- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding amending Operational Procedure 4 – Committees – Standing Committees of the Provincial Executive regarding the creation of a new BIPOC Committee.

Budget and Expenses:

The Committee budget for 2025 – 2026 was \$13,900 and the Committee expenses were \$12,780.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Read, Chair – Governance & Policy Committee