

Member Services Committee Annual Report

2020 – 2021

Respectfully submitted by;

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First Vice-President*

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Mandate

The mandate of the Member Services Committee is to;

- To identify and provide information pertaining to negotiable items,
- To identify trends in teacher bargaining,
- To review economic forecasts,
- To make recommendations to other committees,
- To review provincial and regional bargaining,
- To consider resolutions for Annual Council and forward recommendations
- To participate in the NSTU Annual Policy Review process.

Membership

The members of the Member Services Committee for the year 2019-2020 were:

Thérèse Forsythe	First Vice-President (Chair) Provincial Executive
Mary Currie <i>APSEA</i>	Provincial Executive Member
Sherrene Conrad <i>Lunenburg Local</i>	(2021)
Lori MacKinnon <i>Yarmouth Local</i>	(2021)
Charles Oliver <i>Cape Breton District Local</i>	(2021)
Melanie Kennedy <i>Halifax County Local</i>	(2022)
Tim MacLeod	NSTU Staff Liaison
Paul Wozney	NSTU President

Meeting Dates

The Member Services Committee had scheduled three (3) meeting times during 2019-2020.

November 13, 2020 (virtual)
January 29, 2021 (virtual)
April 23, 2021 (virtual)

The member Services Biennial Conference is to be held April 23rd and 24th, 2021. The keynote speaker booked was Dr. Nina Bascia, a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) and Chair of the Leadership, Higher and Adult Education department. Her research focuses on teacher leadership and development, how teacher unions change in response to changing conditions, and relationships between teacher unions and governments around educational reform. Her keynote address was to talk about her research and analysis.

As well, the member services committee was going to develop an activity where the participants could build an asking package for a regional agreement.

The Biennial Conference was cancelled in 2019 due to COVID-19.

Committee Activities 2020-2021

During the year, the Member Services Committee:

- Reviewed the mandate and composition of the Committee
- Reviewed the current state of Regional and Provincial negotiations
- Discussed Bargaining during COVID (PPT from Queen's Industrial Relations Center)
- Discussed NSTU Professional Learning Sessions that could be available through member services
- Reviewed CTF National Summary Report
- Reviewed NSTU Policy with recommendations going forward
- Reviewed Resolutions for Council 2020
- Made recommendations to Annual Council 2020 regarding several Resolutions

Budget

The budget for the committee in 2020-21 was \$4,860 and there were \$0 in expenditures since all meetings were held online. The budget for 2020-21 is \$17,500 due to the conference happening in April.