

# NSTU GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

## Year End Report 2023 – 2024

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### **Committee Membership:**

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

- Sarah Tutty (Chair) (South Shore)
- Ryan Lutes (NSTU President)
- Melissa Deveau (Annapolis Valley)
- Andrew McCara (APSEA)
- Kim Dunning (Cape Breton Victoria)
- Line Murphy (CSANE)
- Taunya Pynn Crowe (Chignecto)
- Mark Savoury (Halifax)
- Phillip Samson (Strait)
- John MacKinnon (Tri-County)
- Steve Brooks (Executive Director)
- Louis Robitaille (Executive Staff Liaison)

### **Meeting Dates:**

The Committee met on the following dates:

- November 3, 2023
- December 8, 2023
- February 2, 2024
- February 23, 2024
- May 24, 2024

### **Summary of Committee Activities:**

The following is a list of recommendations forwarded to the Provincial Executive for their review and consideration as well as reports and recommendations to the Provincial Executive and Council.

#### **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Meeting:**

- Recommendation to amend Operational Procedure 27 – Professional Learning Support, B – NSTU Biennial Conferences

#### **December 8<sup>th</sup>, Meeting:**

- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on Abuse, Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on Associate Teacher
- Recommendation to forward an amendment Policy Statement on Class Size and Composition to Annual Council
- Recommendation to forward an amendment Policy Statement on Collective Bargaining to Annual Council
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on Educational Facilities – Renovations, Opening, or Closings
- Recommendation to forward to Annual Council a Resolution to rescind Policy Statement on Funeral Attendance

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- Recommendation to forward to Annual Council a Resolution to rescind Policy Statement on Individual Program Plans
- Recommendation to forward an amendment Policy Statement on Integration and Inclusion to Annual Council
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on Intellectual Property
- Recommendation to forward to Annual Council a Resolution to rescind Policy Statement on Job Sharing
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on Media Blackout on Negotiations
- Recommendation to forward an amendment Policy Statement on Member Absences to Annual Council
- Recommendation to forward an amendment Policy Statement on Member Access to Computer Technology to Annual Council
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on Mental Health
- Recommendation to forward an amendment Policy Statement on Merit Pay to Annual Council
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on Occupational Health and Safety
- Recommendation to forward an amendment Policy Statement on Part-Time Members to Annual Council
- Recommendation to forward to Annual Council a Resolution to rescind Policy Statement on Circuit Member
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on Pensionable Earnings
- Recommendation to forward to Annual Council a Resolution to rescind Policy Statement on Reporting of Member Earnings
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on School Counsellors
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on School Psychologists
- Recommendation to forward an amendment Policy Statement on Seniority – Teacher Assignments to Annual Council
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on Speech-Language Pathologists
- Recommendation to reaffirm Policy Statement on Teacher Evaluation
- Recommendation to forward to Annual Council a Resolution to rescind Policy Statement on Teacher Initiated Inservice
- Recommendation to amend NSTU Operational Procedure 4 to rescind Standing Committee on Political Action, rescind Standing Committee on Public Relations, and create a Standing Committee on Political Action and Public Relations

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Meeting:**

- Recommendation to amend NSTU Operational Procedure 4 to rescind Standing Committee on Health and Safety, rescind Standing Committee on Member Services, and create a Standing Committee on Member Economic Welfare and Working Conditions
- Recommendation to amend NSTU Operational Procedure 4 to rescind Standing Committee on Pension
- Recommendation to amend NSTU Operational Procedure 26 – Professional Learning Support, B – NSTU Biennial Conferences

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- Recommendation to amend NSTU Operational Procedure 3 – Committees of the NSTU – General Terms of Reference
- Recommendation to amend NSTU Operational Procedure 26 – Professional Learning Support, F – NSTU Leadership Skills Development Institute

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Meeting:**

- Reviewed 7 Resolutions to Annual Council to form Recommendations for Council's consideration

**May 24<sup>th</sup>, Meeting:**

- Recommendation to amend NSTU Operational Procedure 26 – Professional Learning Support, F – NSTU Leadership Skills Development Institute
- Recommendation to amend NSTU Operational Procedure 15 – Provincial Executive, D – Responsibilities
- Report on Strategic Planning Recommendation VIII-2 sent to the Provincial Executive
- Report on referred Resolution 2024-89 sent to Council

**Budget and Expenses:**

The Committee budget for 2023 – 2024 was \$14,300 and the Committee expenses were \$23,558.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarah Tutty,  
Committee Chair