

Member Services Committee Annual Report

2019 – 2020

Respectfully submitted by;

*Thérèse Forsythe
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 8, 2019

January 27, 2020 (virtual)

April 24, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

The Member Services Biennial Conference was to be held April 24th and 25th, 2020. The keynote speaker booked was Dr. Nina Bascia, a professor of leadership (adult and Higher Education) at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). 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.

The Biennial Conference was cancelled 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
- Reviewed NSTU Policy with recommendations going forward
- Planning for Member Services Conference 2020
- Reviewed Resolutions for Council 2020
- Made recommendations to Annual Council 2020 regarding several Resolutions

Budget

The budget for the committee in 2019-20 was \$4,860 and there were \$2,515 in expenditures. The budget for 2020-21 is \$4,860.