

**Year End Report**  
**Professional Associations Coordinating Committee**  
**2021-2022**

The Professional Associations Coordinating Committee (PACC) is a group of dedicated leaders who endeavor to support professional learning and member engagement across subject and professional areas. There are now 21 professional associations of the NSTU.

**Committee Members:**

Denise Boulton (SPAA)  
Lynette Babin – NSLTA-AELNE  
Jillian MacNutt – NSMEA  
Dean Marchand – SSTA  
Stephanie Deagle – NSTALL  
Ann Leith - EDANS

**Committee Meeting Dates:**

Nov 19, 2021 (in person)  
Feb 18, 2022 (virtual)  
May 13, 2022 (virtual)

**PALC Conference**

PACC hosted the Professional Associations Leadership Conference (PALC) in November 19/20, 2021 (in-person).

**PA Support**

PACC committee members continue to reach out to the Professional Association Presidents prior to each PACC meeting, to inquire whether there are questions or concerns. If any concerns are raised they are brought to PACC to be discussed.

**Meetings:**

-Feedback was provided to the NSTU staff members present at this meeting including Steve Brooks, Executive Director; Janine Kerr, Assistant Executive Director; Paul Wozney, NSTU President; Brad MacIsaac, Technology Support. Issues discussed included difficulties with technology, communication with conference committees/PAs during conference day difficulties, as well as the refund process that had occurred in the most recent conference day (October 2021).

Based on this feedback, PACC shared the following resolutions that would be forwarded to be considered at Council:

BE-IT-RESOLVED-THAT The NSTU grant each professional association three (3) sub days per executive member to help with the planning of October Conference that will be paid for by the NSTU.

Brief Each year Professional Association executive members spend countless hours volunteering their time to plan a successful conference for members. These hours are often on

evening and weekends, taking time away from their families. Having this resolution passed would help ease the stress of executive members experience each year planning conferences.

BE-IT-RESOLVED-THAT The NSTU do away with the current webmail system and upgrade to a more sophisticated system, similar to that of the employer.

Brief Over the past number of years when members have needed a reliable non-employer email, the NSTU has encouraged its members to use the current webmail system and in those times of need, the webmail system has failed its members.

Name Phillip Samson - Professional Association Coordination Committee Provincial Executive Liaison

-A motion regarding release time for PA executive/conference chair to conduct conference business with cost being billed back to the professional associations was made and discussed. In the following meeting the process for this was shared. This process will be updated in the PA handbook for 22-23, which will be provided to PA Presidents at the Leadership Institute in August.

-Concerns were discussed in previous meeting with specialists not feeling as connected with school-based NSTU reps consistently throughout the province. Discussed what the best way would be to allow them to receive NSTU updates and representation when difficulties arise given their lack of a connection to a specific school in many cases. As a result of this discussion, it was reported that the executive staff will liaise with Local and Regional leaders at Leadership and their conference in September in order to facilitate the inclusion of these members into their events and the possibility of having reps at the specialist level in order to share important NSTU information.

-A concern was brought forward by a member regarding late registrants to October conference, and the extra work this creates for conference committee members who are volunteering their time. It was discussed that in order to encourage members to register for conference as early as possible, EVERY PA has the opportunity to offer an "Early bird" incentive in the form of a draw to encourage this. This process already exists in the PA handbook under section 8 "Conference marketing".

#### Budget

The Committee budget for 2021-2022 was \$4,260.00 and the Committee spent \$ 1,164.57

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Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Boulton, Chair