

## Year End Report

### Professional Associations Coordinating Committee

2022-2023

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:

Jillian MacNutt, Chair - NSMEA

Andrew Clarey - AST

Stephanie Deagle - NSTALL

Jennifer Eisner - PETA

Danielle LeBlanc - BETA

Dean Marchand - SSTA

#### NSTU Staff:

Amanda O'Regan-Marchand - PACC Staff Liaison

Crystal Sampson - Provincial Executive Liaison

#### Committee Meeting Dates:

Nov 25, 2022 (in person)

Feb 13, 2023 (virtual)

May 12, 2023 (in person)

## PALC Conference

PACC hosted the Professional Associations Leadership Conference (PALC) on November 25/26, 2022 (in-person). Sessions were presented by Melanie Waye, NSTU Financial Officer; Britt Vegsund, ASK Project Lead and Derek Smith, Guyswork.

## PA Support

PACC committee members continue to reach out to the Professional Association Presidents prior to each PACC meeting. Online “Fireside Chats” are ongoing covering topics appropriate for all PA Executive Members related to October Conference planning and Annual Council.

Receipts for October Conference Day will now be distributed electronically. PAs will provide a list of participants who did not attend by 4:00PM on Conference Day to the NSTU. Participants who were registered for October Conference Day but did not attend will now need to request reimbursement before the deadline of one (1) week following October Conference Day. A President’s Video is being produced in English and French in lieu of a Presidential Letter for Conference Day. Posters and Social Media shareables will be developed and sent to Local and PA Presidents to assist in the promotion of Conference Day.

Members for PACC will now be chosen via the Nominating Committee process each spring and the term of office will be now 3 years for each member. A rotation of PAs that have already served will be shared with the nominating committee for their reference. Due to this change, the following recommended change in appointments has been approved:

- Stephanie Deagle: 2 year term be extended for one additional year, now to end July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, recommended Chair of PACC;
- Danielle LeBlanc: resigned, vacant term originally ended in 2024, extended for one year;
- Andrew Clary (AST): not attending meetings or responding to requests about interest, possible new appointment;
- Two (2) new committee members beginning in 2023 will each serve 3-year terms. Staff has contacted CSANE to share the potential of having a seat available on this committee.

## Resolutions

BE-IT-RESOLVED-THAT The NSTU survey the membership about the existing structure of October Conference Day with the intent to maximize teacher engagement by restructuring the day and report the results back to Council 2024.

CSANE

- This resolution was adopted and referred to PACC:

- Staff will connect with CSANE to inform them that there are vacancies on the PACC to be filled this spring and request that CSANE share survey and its data to inform the process requested through the resolution;
- An agenda item will be added to the PA Leaders conference allowing for discussion of the actions requested by the resolution;
- A survey will be developed for all PA leaders for considerations in planning Conference 2024 with the goal to preserve October Conference Day

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.

- This resolution was ruled Out of Order and did not go to Annual Council; however, using code 31.02 “Provincial Union Business”, PAs may take days for planning purposes, pending Principal approval and availability of substitutes.

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.

- This resolution was defeated at Annual Council.

### Budget

The Committee budget for 2021-2022 was \$5 100.00 and the Committee spent \$ 2 092.69.

### Acknowledgements

PACC would like to acknowledge the support of NSTU Staff:

Janice MacKenzie for her support with October Conference registration, PA websites and email, and other technical and logistical support.

Melanie Waye for financial advice, support and information, reports for executive meetings, and prompt consideration of professional associations’ needs.

Amanda O’Regan-Marchand, Staff Liaison, for staff support, meetings, minutes, and focus/ themes for discussion and PALC conference organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian MacNutt, Chair