

## Professional Development Committee 2020-2021 Year End Report

For the 2020-2021 year, the Professional Development Committee was composed of the following members:

- Stephen Bradford, Chair (Cumberland)
- Bernadette LeFrense (Northside-Victoria)
- Leigh-Anne Rizzo-Baker (Cape Breton District)
- Bruce Abriel (Dartmouth)
- Drew Moore (Colchester-East Hants)
- Trisha Munroe (Halifax County)
- Shannon Roy (Executive Member)
- Miguelle Légère (NSTU Staff Liaison)

The committee met on the following dates via Zoom.

- October 21st, 2020
- January 13th, 2021
- March 22nd, 2021

Due to all meetings being held on Zoom, the committee budget was \$0.

To fulfil the mandate of the professional development committee as outlined in the NSTU Operational Procedures, the committee engaged in several activities over the year.

The committee vetted applications and awarded three Out-of-Province Study Grants (\$475 each), one Educational Research Award (\$475), and two NSTU Full Time Study Grants (\$2000 each). The committee also updated the scoring templates used to vet the above awards/grants. Members did not access the Johnson's Travel Fellowship this year. The committee recommended to the Provincial Executive that they allow a modification to the Out-of-Province Grants for this school year to consider online learning given travel restrictions caused by COVID-19. They accepted this recommendation at the December meeting. At the committee's request, the Governance and Policy Committee reviewed the Professional Development Grants Operational Procedures.

It was necessary to cancel the biennial professional development conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The committee received one resolution from the Resolutions Committee to review in advance of Annual Council.

The committee also participated in the NSTU Policy Review process by providing recommendations (reaffirm, amend, rescind) to the Governance and Policy Committee on Section VI: General of the NSTU Policy, as found in the NSTU Guidebook.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Bradford, Chair