

# **NSTU GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

## **Year End Report 2024 – 2025**

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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)
- Peter Day (NSTU President)
- Melissa Deveau (Annapolis Valley)
- Andrew McCara (APSEA)
- Kim Dunning (Cape Breton Victoria)
- Line Murphy (CSANE)
- Myla Borden (Chignecto)
- Mark Savoury (Halifax)
- Janet O'Brien (Strait)
- John MacKinnon (Tri-County)
- Steve Brooks (Executive Director)
- Louis Robitaille (Executive Staff Liaison)

### **Meeting Dates:**

The Committee met on the following dates:

- September 27, 2024
- December 13, 2024
- January 8, 2025 (electronic meeting)
- February 7, 2025

### **Summary of September 27<sup>th</sup>, Meeting:**

- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council regarding designated seats for equity-deserving members from Local delegations.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to amend Operational Procedure 7 – Confidentiality, D – Confidentiality as it Pertains to the Provincial Executive.
- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding grants and additional funding for smaller rural locals.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to amend Operational Procedure 22 – Negotiations, B – Procedures for Provincial Negotiations.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolutions to Annual Council to amend Standing Order 18 – NSTU Province-Wide Voting.
- Recommendations forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding Operational Procedure 14 – Professional Associations.

**Summary of December 13<sup>th</sup>, Meeting:**

- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to amended Policy on Accountability Principles.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to amended Policy on Closure (or Restructuring) of Educational Sites.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Early Childhood Development.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Education Policy – Teacher Input.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Financial Statements of Schools – Public Record.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Funding of Public Education.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Funding of Inservicing.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to amended Policy on Integration and Inclusion.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Minority Language Educational Rights.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to create a new Policy on Mi'kmaw Language.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to rescind Policy on Professional Support.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Public Private Partnerships.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Re-Certification.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Scent-Sensitive School/Educational Site.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Student Attendance.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to amended Policy on Teacher-Librarians.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to amend Operational Procedure 11 – NSTU Locals, C – NSTU Representative.
- Adopted a disposition on referred Resolution 2024-89.

**Summary of January 8<sup>th</sup>, Meeting:**

- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to amend Policy on Early Childhood Education.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to forward a Resolution to Annual Council to amend Policy on School Advisory Councils.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to reaffirm Policy on Staffing of Small High Schools.

**Summary of February 7<sup>th</sup>, Meeting:**

- Reviewed Resolution 2025-03 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2025-07 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2025-08 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2025-34 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.
- Reviewed Resolution 2025-38 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to amend Operational Procedure 9 – Election Procedures, A – Election of the NSTU President.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to amend Operational Procedure 14 – Professional Associations, D – Communications.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to rescind Operational Procedure 15 – Provincial Executive, L – Web Account Mailing List.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to amend Operational Procedure 18 – Staffing & Human Resources, C – Secondments of Staff.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to amend Operational Procedure 29 – Communication Protocol, A.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive to create a new Operational Procedure on Webmail Accounts.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding Operational Procedure 28 – Benevolent Fund.
- Recommendation forwarded to Provincial Executive regarding proposed Standing Committee on Organizing and Engaging Members.
- Reviewed Resolution 2024-04 and forwarded a recommendation to Annual Council.

**Budget and Expenses:**

The Committee budget for 2024 – 2025 was \$13,000 and the Committee expenses were \$11,509.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarah Tutty,  
Second Vice-President  
Governance & Policy Committee Chair