

NSTU Governance and Policy Committee

Year End Report 2014-2015

Mandate

The mandate of the Governance and Policy Committee is to develop and maintain an ongoing consciousness of, commitment to, and practice of all aspects of good governance with the Provincial Executive and within the Nova Scotia Teachers Union as a whole.

To that end, the Governance and Policy Committee shall:

1. Develop and review policy with a view to authority, responsibility and accountability;
2. Regularly review the governance relationships between and amongst the
 - (a) Individual members
 - (b) Annual Council
 - (c) Provincial Executive
 - (d) Locals
 - (e) Regional Representative Councils
 - (f) Standing Committees
 - (g) Professional Associations, and
 - (h) Staff of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.
3. Study the principles and practices of good governance;
4. Regularly review the terms of references for this Committee;
5. Set out annual priorities for the work of this Committee;
6. Make recommendations for the consideration of the Provincial Executive;
7. Consider such matters as referred by the Provincial Executive.

Terms of Reference:

- i. Review the structure of other Canadian teacher organizations for relevance to NSTU;
- ii. Recommend an effective and efficient representation model for Provincial Executive.
- iii. Recommend an effective organizational structure for NSTU leadership and governance;
- iv. Recommend clear roles and responsibilities for all elements of the NSTU structure.
- v. Recommend an implementation process and timeline.

Composition & Meeting Frequency:

The work of the Governance and Policy Committee will be strengthened by:

- Having one member of the Provincial Executive representing each region;
- Having one or two member(s) of Staff attend the meetings to assist the Committee;
- Holding regularly scheduled meetings with dates to be determined annually by the Committee;
and
- Ensuring that meeting structures and processes are reviewed annually.

Committee Members:

Kim Frank (Chair)
Louis Robitaille
Stacy Thorton
Paul Boudreau
Sally Capstick
Cindy McKinnon
Sandy Mitchell
Sheila Hawley
Shelley Morse, President
Joan Ling, Executive Director
Debbie McIsaac, Executive Staff Officer
Bev Tufts – Administrative Support

Meeting dates:

October 16, March 5, April 8

Budget:

The budget for the year was \$7200.00 and the actual spent to year end was \$1, 189.41.

Work of the Committee.

The committee's main focus this year was on the Provincial Executive. We continued to work on a number of items in the guidebook that came up as part of a review workshop conducted with the PE in the spring of 2014 . Recommendations were made and forwarded to the Provincial Executive to be sent to Council.

The Committee reviewed a request by CSANE to translate all materials and documents into French. After review the committee sent the request to the Finance Committee for costing.

Finally, the committee set priorities for the new 2015-16 committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Frank Chair