

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

YEAR END REPORT 2014-2015

The mandate of the Committee is to:

- Identify bargainable items;
- Prepare background information related to the merits of negotiable items;
- Identify trends and developments in teacher bargaining across Canada with special emphasis on the Atlantic Provinces;
- Review economic forecasts;
- Forward recommendations to appropriate Union Committees;
- Plan appropriate workshops for local negotiators;
- Review the results of the most recent provincial and local contract bargaining;
- Consider such resolutions as may be referred by Annual Council and make appropriate recommendations;
- Participate as required in the NSTU Policy Review Process by providing recommendations for the Provincial Executive's consideration.

Members

Members of the Member Services Committee include the following:

Alison MacPherson, First Vice-President, Chair

Pamela Langille, Kings - replaced By Robert Lelievre, Inverness

Donalda Westcott, Cape Breton District

Phillip Samson, Richmond

Ryan Lutes, Halifax City

Sarah Watts, APSEA

Seana Blanchard, Community College Local

Joe Salah, Provincial Executive, Community College Local

Janine Kerr, NSTU Staff Liaison, replaced by Jack MacLeod

Dates of Meetings

The Committee held meetings on
November 14, 2014
January 23, 2015
March 30, 2015

Activities

At the first meeting the Committee reviewed its mandate and was provided with updates on teacher affiliate negotiations in the Atlantic Provinces and across Canada.

Throughout the year the Committee received updates and discussed the following issues:

- Member Services Committee – Mandate and Composition
- Release Time – Article 31 – Teachers’ Provincial Agreement (code NSTU Provincial Business)
- The Committee completed the NSTU Policy Review
- Upcoming Provincial negotiations
- Status of Single Tier Bargaining
- Resolutions approved at Council 2014 were reviewed for processing to the respective Provincial Economic Welfare, Community College Economic Welfare or Regional Economic Welfare Committees
- Considered resolutions for Council 2015
- Regional agreements being negotiated during the 2014-2015 school year, asking package preparation and recently concluded agreements
- Upcoming Community College negotiations with the Minister of Education
- Labour market conditions/public sector collective bargaining across Canada
- Preliminary discussion on Member Services Conference 2016
- Discussion of Minister’s Report on Education, Auditor General’s Report

Budget

\$7,200 was budgeted for the Committee’s ordinary activities for the 2014-15 school year. \$4,839 was the actual amount spent.

Submitted by Alison MacPherson

Chair, Member Services Committee.