

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

YEAR END REPORT 2012-2013

Mandate

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:

Marlene Boyd, First Vice-President, Chair
Myla Borden, Pictou Local
Jed Corbett, Cape Breton District Local
Bill Murphy, Antigonish Local
Dianne Raoul, Guysborough County Local
Leslie Soulsby, APSEA
Peggy Joiner, Community College Local
Louis Robitaille, Provincial Executive, Community College Local
Janine Kerr, NSTU Staff Liaison

Dates of Meetings

The Committee held meetings on November 9, 2012, January 25, 2013 and April 12, 2013. 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.

Activities

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
- Ongoing Provincial negotiations
- Status of Single Tier Bargaining

- Resolutions approved at Council 2012 were reviewed for processing to the respective Provincial Economic Welfare, Community College Economic Welfare or Regional Economic Welfare Committees
- Considered 2013 resolutions for Council 2013
- Regional agreements being negotiated during the 2012-13 school year, asking package preparation and recently concluded agreements
- Upcoming Community College negotiations with the Minister of Education
- Workplace Violence Regulations – Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Labour market conditions/public sector collective bargaining across Canada
- Planning of Member Services Conference
- Review of various CTF studies, documents

Conference

The next Member Services conference will occur in Spring 2014.

Budget

\$6,600 was budgeted for the Committee's ordinary activities for the 2012-13 school year. \$4,707.93 was the actual amount spent.

Submitted on behalf of Marlene Boyd, Chair, Member Services Committee.