

## **Public Affairs Committee Chair Year-End Report;**

Committee Membership: Jo-Leigh MacPhee, Chair; Robert George; Ian Comeau; Wally Fiander; Shawn Hanifen, Tim MacLeod, Brennan Goreham, and Charles Yorke.

This year the Public Affairs Committee and the Public Relations Committee met on Friday, September 28th to discuss issues around amalgamating the two committees and it was decided to put forth a recommendation to do so as many of the roles of the PA committee would blend well with the PR committee mandate. That evening and the next morning we attended the NSTU Communications Conference with members from the committees and other representatives from all locals.

The first AGM the PA committee attended was the Progressive Conservative Party AGM at the Marriott Harbourfront on February 8-10, 2013 where we attended sessions open to observers. Some mention of education was brought up by Leader Jamie Baillie but nothing definitive.

The Liberal Party AGM was held at the Westin Nova Scotian on March 1-3, 2013 and while more issues around education spending and NDP cuts to education were discussed, the committee was not privy to discussion of platform, solutions or plans to remedy the situation.

The final AGM of the 2013 season was a single day event held at Pier 21 where the NDP discussed their successes and alluded to an election in the coming months. Very little discussion of educational issues took place, although their meetings were primarily closed sessions.

The budget for the Public Affairs Committee was \$13,200 and the actual was \$12,967.54.

As of the writing of this report, no election call has yet been made.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Leigh MacPhee  
Chair, PA Committee 2012-2013