

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

YEAR END REPORT

2008-2009

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:

Shelley Morse, First Vice-President, Chair
Damian Hall, Provincial Executive, Community College
Mary Currie, APSEA
Jackie Rankin, Inverness Local
Keri Butler, Halifax City Local
Kevin Farrell, Colchester-East Hants Local
Linda MacNeil, Annapolis Local
Kevin Wilson, Community College Local
Janine Kerr, Staff Liaison

Dates of Meetings

The Committee held meetings on November 21, 2008(cancelled due to weather), January 23, 2009 and April 17, 2009. 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:

- At the request of the Provincial Executive reviewed mandate for possible revision
- Status of Single Tier Bargaining
- Resolutions approved at Council 2008 were reviewed for processing to the respective Provincial Economic Welfare, Community College Economic Welfare or Regional Economic Welfare Committees
- Time to Teach/Time to Learn

- Assigned speakers for economic welfare and working conditions resolutions for Council 2008
- Teachers' Provincial Agreement negotiations concluded February 2009
- Regional agreements being negotiated during the 2008-09 school year
- Community College negotiations with the Minister of Education
- Grievances under the Teachers' Provincial Agreement
- Workplace Violence Regulations – Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Labour market conditions/public sector collective bargaining across Canada

Conference

No Member Services Conference was held in 2008-09. The next Member Services conference will occur in Spring 2010.

Budget

\$8,376 was budgeted for the Committee's ordinary activities for the 2008-09 school year. \$5,085.30 was the actual amount spent. The cancellation of the first meeting resulted in the Committee being under budget for the year.

Submitted on behalf of Shelley Morse, Chair, Member Services Committee