

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

YEAR END REPORT 2009-2010

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
Wally Fiander, Yarmouth Local
Dean Marchand, Guysborough Local
Judy Jackson, Northside-Victoria Local
Tim MacLeod, Halifax County Local
Kevin Wilson, Community College Local
Janine Kerr, Staff Liaison

Dates of Meetings

The Committee held meetings on November 13, 2009, January 15, 2010 and April 9, 2010. 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:

- Upcoming Provincial negotiations
- Status of Single Tier Bargaining
- Resolutions approved at Council 2009 were reviewed for processing to the respective Provincial Economic Welfare, Community College Economic Welfare or Regional Economic Welfare Committees

- Assigned speakers for economic welfare and working conditions resolutions for Council 2010
- Regional agreements being negotiated during the 2009-10 school year, asking package preparation and recently concluded agreements
- 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
- CUPE strike
- Review of various CTF studies, documents

Conference

Member Services Conference was held on April 9 – 10, 2010 with sessions on updates on Getting Past No, Provincial and Community College negotiations, Teachers' Labour Mobility Agreement, NS Teacher Certification Update and Community College Article on Working Conditions. The next Member Services conference will occur in Spring 2012.

Budget

\$7,560 was budgeted for the Committee's ordinary activities for the 2009-10 school year. \$5,696.56 was the actual amount spent. \$17,373.80 was budgeted for the Member Services conference and \$14,500 was the amount actually spent. Conference costs resulted in the Committee being over budget for the year.

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