

## **MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **YEAR END REPORT 2011-2012**

#### **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:

Eric Boutilier, First Vice-President, Chair  
Deborah McVeigh, Community College Local  
Leslie Soulsby, APSEA  
Diane Raoul, Guysborough Local  
Myla Borden, Pictou Local  
Jed Corbett, Cape Breton District Local  
Bill Murphy, Antigonish Local  
John Driscoll, Provincial Executive, Community College Local  
Janine Kerr, NSTU Staff Liaison

#### **Dates of Meetings**

The Committee held meetings on November 25, 2011, March 23, 2012 and April 13, 2012. 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 2011 were reviewed for processing to the respective Provincial Economic Welfare, Community College Economic Welfare or Regional Economic Welfare Committees
- Considered 2012 resolutions for Council 2012
- Regional agreements being negotiated during the 2011-12 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 2011-12 school year. \$4,707.93 was the actual amount spent. \$14,500 was budgeted for the Member Services conference and \$18,358.59 was the amount actually spent.

Submitted on behalf of Eric Boutilier, Chair, Member Services Committee.