

Professional Development Committee  
Year End Report 2013-2014

Mandate:

The mandate of the Professional Development Committee is:

- To support and develop strategies and programs to promote professional development for the membership of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union at the individual, school, Local and provincial levels.
- To provide advice to the Provincial Executive on matters relating to professional development and in-service education.
- To monitor the professional development needs of the membership.
- To liaise with the Local Professional Development Committees. To meet annually to identify themes and topics for future issues of Aviso
  - to set editorial policy
  - to set advertising policy
  - to evaluate issues of Aviso
- To make recommendations with regard to future directions for the publications; and to prepare recommendations for the Provincial Executive
- To consider such resolutions as may be referred by Annual Council and make appropriate recommendations for the Provincial Executive
- To participate as required in the NSTU Policy Review Process by providing recommendations for the Provincial Executive's consideration.

Activities of the PD Committee include:

- Administering the Out-of-Province Grants
- Administering the Full Time Study Grants
- Administering the NSTU Summer Travel Fellowship Grant Program
- Administering the NSTU Education Research Award Program
- Supporting and assisting Local PD Committees
- Offering professional development opportunities, in cooperation with Local PD Committees, to enhance skills at the Local PD Committee level
- Recommending policy to the Provincial Executive on matters relating to the professional development needs of the membership

The NSTU Professional Development Committee for the 2013-2014 school year was comprised of the following members:

Nancy Doyle (Chair, Pictou)  
Ian Kent (Queens)  
Tanya Chisholm (Halifax County)  
Lori Richard (Richmond)  
Tami Cox Jardine (Hants West)  
Andrew Pedersen (Cape Breton District)  
Stacy Thorburn (Provincial Executive)  
Betty – Jean Aucoin, NSTU Staff Liaison

### Meeting Dates

The Professional Development Committee met on the following dates during the 2012-2013 school year:

October 11, 2013

January 10, 2014

April 11, 2014

The activities of this year's Professional Development Committee included the following:

- The committee organized and facilitated a very successful PD Conference, 'Our PD, Our Success, Our Future'. This conference was held November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at the Delta Halifax.
- The committee vetted applications for Summer Travel Fellowships, Education Research Awards, Out of Province Conference grants, and full time study grants.
- The committee reviewed resolutions to Annual Council and gave voice on professional development resolutions at Annual Council.
- The committee reviewed existing policies as required under Policy Review Procedures.
- Committee met with the AVISO Editorial Advisory Board. The committee provided feedback on recent issues and selected themes and features for the 2014 -2015 year.
  1. *A Day in the Life...*
  2. *Support our Profession/Pride in Professionalism*
  3. *Challenging the Status Quo.*
- The budget for the committee was \$5,775. The actual cost of the committee's business was \$5,378.

As outgoing chair, I wish to thank all of the committee members for their commitment of time, energy and expertise.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Doyle, Chair