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NSTU appoints new executive director, Joan Ling

The provincial executive of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union has appointed Joan Ling, executive staff officer, Pension, Benefits and Services as the new executive director of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, effective August 1, 2013. Ling will be the first woman in the NSTU's 118-year history to hold the top administrative post.

"I look forward to continuing to serve the members of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union in my new capacity as executive director," says Ling.

Ling joined the NSTU staff on August 1, 2000, in the member services department working in the areas of contract interpretation, benefits' administration, negotiations, grievances and pensions. Since 2007, she has coordinated group insurance services, pre-retirement seminars and pension services.

Before joining the NSTU staff she was an elementary and business education teacher and administrator in Cape Breton including being a former vice principal of Sydney River Elementary. She was also very active in the Cape Breton District Local. Ling served as a member of the NSTU provincial executive from 1994 to 1998 and chaired its working committee for substitute teachers and professional services committee. As a former president of the Cape Breton District Local, she chaired the Cape Breton-Victoria transition team and held various executive positions with the Local.

Ling has a Bachelor of Education, with a specialty in Business Education and a Masters of Education in Administration. She replaces current executive director, Bill Redden who is retiring at the end of July.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents more than 10,000 public school teachers, Community College faculty and professional support staff in Nova Scotia, and teachers who work for the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Since 1895, it has worked to improve the quality of public education for children and youth in Nova Scotia, while promoting and advancing the teaching profession.

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