

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

YEAR END REPORT 2010-2011

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
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
John Driscoll, Community College Local
Janine Kerr, Staff Liaison

Dates of Meetings

The Committee held meetings on November 5, 2010, January 14, 2011 and April 8, 2011. 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 2010 were reviewed for processing to the respective Provincial Economic Welfare, Community College Economic Welfare or Regional Economic Welfare Committees
- Considered 2011 resolutions for Council 2011
- Regional agreements being negotiated during the 2010-11 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 2012.

Budget

\$7,200 was budgeted for the Committee's ordinary activities for the 2010-11 school year. \$6,795.69 was the actual amount spent. There was no conference in 2010-2011.

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