

## IMPACT *of* PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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Professional Associations have representatives on various provincial task forces, committees, or work groups in such areas as:

- Curriculum development
- Curriculum implementation
- Material review
- Assessment

## OBJECTIVES *of* PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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- To improve practice by increasing members' knowledge and understanding of their discipline.
- To act as a clearing house for ideas and a source of trends and new developments.
- To furnish recommendations and advice to the Provincial Executive and other committees of the NSTU on matters affecting their discipline.

## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

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- Become a member
- Attend a provincial conference
- Contact an executive member
- Participate in the Annual General Meeting
- Visit your Professional Association's website
- Present a conference workshop
- Serve on sub-committees (*ex. conference*)
- Become a regional representative
- Hold an executive position

## NSTU PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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- Association of Adult Educators (AAE)
- Association des enseignants acadiens (AEA)
- Association of Science Teachers (AST)
- Art Teachers Association (ATA)
- Association of Teachers of Exceptional Children (ATEC)
- Association of Teachers of English of Nova Scotia (ATENS)
- Association of Teachers of Young Adolescents (ATYA)
- Business Education Teachers Association (BETA)
- Educational Drama Association of Nova Scotia (EDANS)
- Family Studies Teachers Association (FSTA)
- Mathematics Teachers Association (MTA)
- Nova Scotia Language Teachers Association/ Association des enseignant(e)s de langues de la Nouvelle-Écosse (NSTLA/AELNE)
- Nova Scotia Music Educators' Association (NSMEA)
- Nova Scotia School Counsellors Association (NSSCA)
- Nova Scotia Teachers Association for Literacy and Learning (NSTALL)
- Nova Scotia Technology Education Association (NSTEA)
- Primary Elementary Teachers Association (PETA)
- Psychologists in Schools Association (PISA)
- School Administrators' Association (SAA)
- Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists Association (SPAA)
- Social Studies Teachers Association (SSTA)
- Teachers Association for Physical and Health Education (TAPHE)

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# WHAT ARE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS?

Professional Associations are the means by which the NSTU serves the needs of its members in the areas of curriculum and professional development.



## BENEFITS of MEMBERSHIP

Professional Associations provide many professional growth opportunities.

- Annual provincial conference
- Additional PD opportunities
- Networking with colleagues and agencies
- Professional Development grants and scholarships
- Curriculum support
- Professional literature
- Leadership opportunities
- Opportunities to publish in journals
- The right to vote at the Annual General Meeting
- The right to hold executive positions

NSTU members are encouraged to join any Professional Association in which they have a professional interest. Attendance at Professional Association Conferences is not limited to members. Both members and non-members are eligible to attend upon payment of the registration fee.

# STRUCTURE of PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Professional Associations are organized by the NSTU and are responsible to it.

