

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Spring 2019

Election of NSTU Provincial Executive Members

I. **Background:**

NSTU By-Law Article IV *The Provincial Executive* outlines the structure and duties of the NSTU Provincial Executive.

- Definition

There shall be an Executive of the Council, to be composed of the President, the immediate Past-President (one year position only), the First Vice-President, twenty-two members elected on a regional basis at the local level, including one member elected by all the members of the CSANE Local, one member elected by all the members of the APSEA Local, and two members elected by all the members of the Community College Local. A majority of the members of the Executive shall constitute a quorum.

- Duties

The Executive functions in the name of the Council between sessions. It shall perform its duties in a manner that is consistent with the will of the Council as expressed through resolutions passed by the Council. In addition, the Executive shall carry out duties imposed specifically by the *Teaching Profession Act* and:

- (a) appoint and dismiss an Executive Director and such other paid employees of the Union as it may deem necessary and determine their duties, remuneration and terms of employment, including bonding;
- (b) provide suitable offices and equipment for carrying on the work of the NSTU;
- (c) direct and supervise the business, property and affairs of the NSTU between Council meetings, and all decisions that are deemed policy by the Executive shall be forwarded to the upcoming Council as resolutions;
- (d) determine the place and date and make arrangements for workshops and special Council meetings;
- (e) issue a post-Council press release;
- (f) provide assistance with organizing Locals and Regional Representative Councils and Professional Associations;
- (g) shall ratify constitutions of Locals, Regional Representative Councils and Professional Associations by following regulations outlined in the NSTU Guidebook;
- (h) determine the boundaries of the Locals;
- (i) publish a magazine or other official publications;
- (j) cause the books and accounts of the Council to be audited annually by a chartered accountant and cause the report of the auditor to be submitted to Council;
- (k) have the power to convene an emergency meeting of a Local or a meeting of the NSTU members in a given area; and
- (l) is empowered to exercise on behalf of the Union, as the Executive deems advisable from time to time, the powers of the Union under the *Teachers' Pension Act* and report thereon to the Council at the next following meeting of the Council.

- Representation

NSTU Standing Order 10 *Composition of the Provincial Executive* delineates the representation by region.

10. Composition of the Provincial Executive

- (a) Members of the NSTU in the following regions shall elect twenty-two members to the Executive subject to the following conditions: (2015-9)
 - (i) elections shall be held fifteen (15) days or more prior to the first meeting of the Council;
 - (ii) the regions and the numbers to be elected from each region shall be as follows:

Annapolis-Hants West-Kings	2 members
Antigonish-Guysborough	1 member
APSEA	1 member
Cape Breton District	2 members
Colchester-East Hants	1 member
Community College	2 members
Conseil syndical acadien de la Nouvelle-Écosse	1 member
Cumberland	1 member
Dartmouth	1 member
Digby-Shelburne-Yarmouth	2 members
Halifax City	2 members
Halifax County	2 members
Inverness-Richmond	1 member
Lunenburg County-Queens	1 member
Northside-Victoria	1 member
Pictou	1 member
<i>(2014-14) (2015-17)</i>	

II. Election Locations:

Region	To be Elected
Annapolis-Hants West-Kings (2)	1 member
APSEA (1)	1 member
Cape Breton District (2)	1 member
Cumberland (1)	1 member
CSANE (1)	1 member
Digby-Shelburne-Yarmouth (2)	1 member
Halifax City (2)	1 member
Halifax County (2)	1 member
Northside-Victoria (1)	1 member
Pictou (1)	1 member

III. Eligibility

NSTU By-Law Article I-10(a) (iv) The right to vote and hold office at the Local and/or provincial level.

IV. Time Line:

- A regional election must be conducted at least 15 days prior to Annual Council (May 3-5, 2019).
- Nominations close 30 days prior to Election Day in a region.
- The Regional Nominating Committee sets the exact dates for the election and the close of nominations in a region.
- Contact your Local President to obtain the dates for the Close of Nominations and Election Day.

V. Contact Person:

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