

NSTU Standing/Other Committees APPLICATION FORM



**WE NEED YOU
TO SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE!**

Would you like to serve the NSTU at the Provincial Level?

The NSTU needs input from the widest-possible cross section of its members in order to make the most effective contribution to education. Members serve on most provincial standing committees for a maximum of two years,* so we are constantly in search of skilled and interested persons to make our committee structure operate successfully. Committee membership is open to Active and Active Reserve Members.

*NSTU Operational Procedures state: Appointment to a committee will be for one defined term of two years. In extraordinary circumstances, an extension of one year is permissible.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN CENTRAL OFFICE
BY FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015**

***Note exception: Substitute Teacher Committee
(October 9, 2015)***

Please complete the form in its entirety with all pertinent information so that the nominating committee can fully assess your application.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Prof. Number: _____

Local: _____ NSCC Employee Number: _____

Contact Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (School/Campus) _____ (Home) _____

(Fax) _____ (NSTU email) _____

Present Position: _____ Grade Level(s): _____

Subjects(s) Taught: _____

Have you previously applied for any NSTU standing or *ad hoc* committee? Yes No
If so, when: _____

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION: (e.g., skills, interests, relevant courses, professional development, past teaching experience, or experiences that relate to the committee on which you wish to serve. You may attach additional information to this application.)

List any other areas of interest you may have so we may consider you in the event that *ad hoc* committee work is required:

The NSTU is committed to the promotion of equity and affirmative action. Equity for under-represented groups, i.e., aboriginal persons, racially visible persons, persons with disabilities, and women, must be considered in the hiring of staff, secondments, **the formation of committees** and Internship Programs. Should you choose to provide any relevant information, please indicate below:

Individuals planning to retire prior to the expiry of a committee appointment term are encouraged not to apply for that committee. (*Prov. Exec. Sept. '94*)

NSTU ACTIVITIES

List below the NSTU Committees on which you have served:

LOCAL:	REGIONAL:	PROVINCIAL:
		<u>Dates</u> (If within the last five years.)

List below the positions you have held at the:

LOCAL LEVEL:	REGIONAL LEVEL:	PROVINCIAL LEVEL:

Submit to: Nominating Committee
Nova Scotia Teachers Union, 3106 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax, N.S. B3L 4L7

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Please select AT LEAST ONE committee indicating your preference by inserting 1, 2 or 3 in the box beside the committee(s) for which you wish to apply. (Select up to three only.)

Please indicate if applying for a one year extension

AVAILABLE COMMITTEES INCLUDE:

- APPEALS** - reviews applications for assistance on appeals under Section 26 of the *Education Act* and decides if the appealing teacher is to receive legal assistance from the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.
- COMITÉ DE PROGRAMMATION ACADIENNE** - studies the curriculum and all proposed changes in it as it relates to Acadian schools under the direction of CSAP and reports its findings to the Provincial Executive.
- CURRICULUM** - studies the curriculum of schools and proposed changes and reports the findings and recommendations to the Provincial Executive.
- EQUITY** - is concerned with matters pertaining to equity, diversity and social justice.
- FINANCE & PROPERTY** - prepares the annual budget for Council, keeps informed of the Union's financial position, supervises the payment of accounts, forwards financial statements to Executive meetings, determines the amount of travel expenses to Council and checks every NSTU expenditure on property.
- INSURANCE TRUSTEES** - oversee the operation of the NSTU Group Insurance Plan which offers Life, Optional Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Total Care Medical/Total Care Dental, LTD, MEDOC® and Home & Auto. **NOTE: One appointment will be made from the Cape Breton Region.**
- MEMBER SERVICES** - identifies bargainable items; prepares background information related to merits of negotiable items; identifies trends and developments in teacher bargaining across Canada; reviews economic forecasts; considers Council resolutions; plans workshops for REWC negotiators; reviews results of most recent contract bargaining. **NOTE: Five appointments will be made one of which will be an APSEA member.**
- PDFAF** - reviews applications for financial assistance to support innovative curriculum projects and awards grants to successful applicants.
- PENSION** - studies pension resolutions and keeps the Executive informed of trends and changes affecting teachers' pensions. **NOTE: Three appointments will be made: one from the Chignecto-Central Region, one from the Cape Breton Region and one from the Strait Region.**
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** - reviews and develops policy programs and ideas intended to improve the effectiveness of teachers as professionals and to advance education through research in Nova Scotian classrooms.
- PUBLIC AFFAIRS/PUBLIC RELATIONS** - promotes the involvement in public affairs by encouraging NSTU members (and others) to take an active part in government affairs pertaining to public education. Examines and reviews NSTU public relations and communications programs.
- TEACHERS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES** - provides a voice, within the NSTU, for teachers with administrative responsibilities.
- SHEONOROIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS** - the Sheonoroil Foundation is an arms-length charitable agency created to fund school and campus-based projects and research directed at reducing violence in schools and Community College campuses. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Foundation; it develops Foundation policy, mandates Foundation initiatives and approves project funding. **NOTE: Two appointments will be made, one of which will be a retired member.**
- STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE** - promotes ways of enhancing the status of women in the teaching profession and in society.
- SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** - advises the Provincial Executive on issues affecting and of concern to substitute teachers. **NOTE: Appointments to the Substitute Teacher Committee are made at the October meeting of the Provincial Executive. Therefore, the deadline for receipt of applications to this Committee is October 9, 2015.**
- I would be willing to serve on any committee.

The NSTU reserves the right to re-advertise any position if a sufficient number of applications are not received by the deadline.