

MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR BRANCHES

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the Branch shall be the NBTA Branch Number "X" (number of the district).

ARTICLE II - DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a) "**Association**" shall mean the New Brunswick Teachers' Association.
- b) "**Member**" - any teacher as defined in the Act of Incorporation or NBTA By-Laws, excepting active members of the Association des Enseignantes et des Enseignants Francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick (AEFNB), shall be eligible for membership in the NBTA Branch in his/her district. If there is no NBTA Branch in his/her district, he/she may join the NBTA Branch of his/her choice.
- c) "**Branch**" shall mean that body of members duly constituted by the Association.
- d) "**Executive**" shall be the Executive Committee of the Branch.

ARTICLE III - BRANCH AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Branch may take any measure not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, the NBTA Act of Incorporation or By-Laws or any Act of Regulation of the Province of New Brunswick which it deems necessary in order to give effect to any policy adopted by it with respect of any question or matter directly or indirectly relating to the teaching profession.

ARTICLE IV - OBJECTS

The objects of the Branch shall be:

- a) to act in co-operation with the Association in advancing the cause of education in the Province of New Brunswick;
- b) to raise the status of the teaching profession;
- c) through the Association, to impress the public with the supreme importance of providing and maintaining progressive educational services;
- d) to appeal to the Association to promote and safeguard the interests of teachers and to provide advice to members in their professional duties and relationships; and,
- e) to establish close liaison regarding working conditions, teaching positions, appointment of principal, vice-principal, etc., and any problems that might arise between the Branch and the District Office or its administration.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

- a) Active membership shall be as defined by Article II(b).
- b) Associate, honorary or life memberships may be conferred as determined by the By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

The Branch may pass By-Laws not inconsistent with the Constitution, the Act of Incorporation or By-Laws of the Association or any Act or Regulations of the Province of New Brunswick by a two-thirds majority vote respecting:

- a) the election of the Officers and Executive Committee of the Branch and their duties;
- b) the election of a Director to serve as Director for both the NBTA and the NBTF and an Alternate who will act in the absence or incapacity of the Director, and members to serve on provincial committees of the Association;
- c) the management of the property and affairs of the Branch and its own internal organization and administration;
- d) the levying and collecting of membership and other fees;
- e) the establishment of units or divisions of Branches, the definition of the areas within which they shall function and the government under which they shall operate;
- f) matters that may be deemed necessary or convenient for the management of the Branch and the promotion of its welfare or conduct of its business.

ARTICLE VII - BRANCH MEETINGS

A Branch shall hold a minimum of three meetings a year (an annual meeting between April 1 and May 31 each year with the officers elected at this meeting to assume their duties as of the following September 1, at least one meeting during the Fall term, and at least one meeting between January and April). Additional meetings or sub-meetings may be held as desired. A report of these meetings shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Association on forms provided on or before June 15 each year.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

- a) The officers of the Branch shall consist of a President, Vice-President(s), Secretary and Treasurer.
- b) The officers are to be elected in a manner determined by By-Laws.
- c) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers, the immediate Past President, the Director and any other named herein.

- d) The Executive Committee shall:
- 1) meet at the call of the President;
 - 2) direct and supervise the business, property and affairs of the Branch between Branch Meetings in conformity with the policies and directives of the Branch as appearing from the minutes of the meetings of said Branch;
 - 3) have such further powers and carry out such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Branch from time to time; and,
 - 4) report to each Branch Meeting on all actions and decisions taken or made by it since the last meeting.

A Branch Meeting may, by a two-thirds majority vote, rescind, revoke, annul or overrule any acts or decisions taken or made by the Executive Committee.

All actions and decisions taken or made by the Executive Committee shall be effective and stand unless and until they are revoked, annulled or overruled by a Branch Meeting.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

Among any committees set up by a Branch shall be those which correspond to the provincial committees on which the Branch has representation.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

The Articles of the Constitution and/or By-Laws of this Branch may be repealed or amended if supported by at least two-thirds of the members present at any regular or special meeting provided that due notice of the motion has been given to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting.