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Articles of Constitution

ARTICLE 1: NAME OF BRANCH

The name of the branch shall be the NBTA Branch No. 16. This organization is also the NBTF Branch No 16.

ARTICLE 2: DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a) "Association" shall mean the New Brunswick Teachers' Association.
- b) "Federation" shall mean the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation.
- c) "Member"-Any teacher as defined in the Act of Incorporation or NBTA By-Laws

(1) CLASSES OF MEMBERS

(a) Statutory Members

All persons who are members by virtue of section 19(1) of the Act of Incorporation.

(b) Casual Members (Certified)

All persons who hold a certificate to teach, issued by the Minister of Education for the Province of New Brunswick, or who are on a Letter of Standing and have a valid teacher's license/certificate from another province in Canada; who are employed as supply teachers in any school in New Brunswick under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education; and while so employed, are not teachers under Section 16 of the Act of Incorporation.

(c) Associate Members

All persons who are not members of L'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick but hold a license or permit to teach issued by the Minister of Education for the Province of

New Brunswick who are:

- (i) employed in full-time service in any educational institution;
- (ii) employed by any organization with educational objectives acceptable to the Executive of the Association;
- (iii) on an authorized leave of absence from an educational institution or organization as defined in (i) and (ii) above or from a Board of School Trustees
- (iv) registered as supply teachers with a Board of School Trustees of a public School;
- (v) holding a valid teacher's license and employed in private schools or kindergartens in the Province of New Brunswick;
- (vi) deemed acceptable by the NBTA Executive may, upon application, become Associate Members. (Regular)

(d) Honorary Members

- (i) Honorary membership for one year shall be conferred on all teachers retiring on pension. Such membership may be renewed from year to year at the request of the member;
- (ii) Honorary membership may be conferred on any person deemed acceptable by the NBTA Executive;
- (iii) Honorary membership for one year shall be conferred on student teachers in their final year of teacher training at the University of New Brunswick, St. Thomas University, Universite de Moncton and Crandall University;
- (iv) Honorary members shall have the same rights and privileges as Associate Members.

(e) Honorary Life Members

- (i) Honorary life membership shall be conferred on all past presidents of the Association retiring on pension;
- (ii) Honorary life membership may be conferred on any person deemed acceptable by the NBTA Board of Directors;
- (iii) Honorary life members shall have the same rights and privileges as Honorary Members.

- d) "Branch" shall mean the body of members duly constituted by the Association.
- e) "Executive" Shall be the Executive Committee of the Branch.

ARTICLE 3: BRANCH AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

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

ARTICLE 4: OBJECTIVES

The objectives 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 act in co-operation with the Federation in carrying of the business of the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation.
- c) To raise the status of the teaching profession.
- d) Through the Association to impress the Public with the supreme importance of providing and maintaining progressive Educational Services.
- e) To appeal to the Association to promote and safeguard the interests of members and to provide advice to members in their professional duties and relationships.
- f) 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 5: MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS

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

MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS

(a) All persons who are members within clause (a) of section 1 of this by-law shall enjoy full and equal membership rights including, without limiting

the generality of the foregoing, the right to participate in the election of or to become officers or directors or both.

(b) All persons who are members within clause (b) of section 1 of this by-law shall enjoy full membership rights except the right to hold office.

(c) All persons who are members within clause (c) of section 1 of this by-law shall enjoy full membership rights except the right to vote or hold office, to receive legal aid or advice, conference grants or loans.

ARTICLE 6: BY-LAWS

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 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 unite or divisions of Branches, the definition of the area within 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.
- g) A quorum will consist of 20% of the members.

ARTICLE 7: 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 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 15th each year.

ARTICLE 8: OFFICERS

- a) The officers of the Branch shall consists 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 a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, past president, director, P.D. Committee Chairman, Grievance Committee Chairman and any other committee chairman when deemed necessary.
- 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 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;
 - (4) report to each Branch meeting on all actions and decisions taken or made by it since the last meeting.
- e) The officers will be elected for a two year term to a maximum of two consecutive terms.

A Branch meeting may, by a two-thirds 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 9: 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 10: 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 (statutory and casual) present at any regular or special meeting provided that due notice of the motion has been given to the membership at least 14 days prior to the meeting.