

Branch 1454

Articles of Constitution

Article 1 - Name

The name of the organization shall be the NBTA Branch 1454.

Article 2 - Objectives

The objectives of the Branch shall be:

- a. To act in cooperation with the NBTA in advancing the cause of education in New Brunswick;
- b. To raise the status of the teaching profession;
- c. To promote and safeguard, in cooperation with the NBTA and NBTF, the interests of teachers and to provide advice to members in their professional duties and relationships;
- d. To assist in the Professional Learning of its members.

Article 3 - Membership

Membership (Regular):

- All teaching personnel who are duly registered with the New Brunswick Teachers' Association.

Membership (Casual - Certified):

- All certified supply teachers who are duly registered as casual members of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association

Honorary Membership:

- Student Interns that are doing a practicum with a regular member of branch 1454. They may not hold office or vote.
- A teacher who retires on pension while a member of the branch. They may not hold office or vote.

Article 4 – Executive

- a. The Branch executive shall consist of the:
 1. President
 2. Vice-President
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
 5. NBTA Director
 6. Professional Learning Chairperson
- b. All members of the executive shall be elected by popular vote according to the by-law.
- c. Each member of the executive committee shall have one vote.
- d. The President and the Vice-President shall take office immediately upon election.
- e. A quorum of the executive committee shall consist of four (4) members including the President pending a 24 hour notification of a meeting where circumstances permit.

- f. The executive shall:
 - i. Meet at the call of the President.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. Have further powers and carry out such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Branch from time to time.
 - iv. Report to each Branch meeting on all actions and decisions taken or made by it since the last meeting.
 - v. Initiate such action as is deemed necessary to fulfill the objectives as stated in Article 2.
 - vi. Be elected at regular meeting or Annual General Meeting when the three year term is up.

Article 5 – Elections

- a. Two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting an email advising of open positions will need to be sent to membership. The request for submissions for open positions will be in the email.
 - i) Nomination of self is accepted.
 - ii) Nominations of others will be accepted pending agreement from the nominee.
- b. The President shall be responsible to bring in a proposal for a slate of officers one week prior to the Annual General Meeting. The President may appoint a person of his/her choice to carry out this duty.
- c. At the AGM names of the candidates for offices will be announced. Further nominations may be made from the floor.
- d. Secret ballot shall be used if there is more than one candidate for a position.
- e. In the event of the resignation of an elected officer after the AGM, the President may choose a candidate. The candidate shall be accepted by the general membership at the next meeting. If not, a by-election shall be held. If the President resigns, the Vice-President automatically assumes all responsibilities.

Article 6 - Committees

- a. Committee chairpersons shall be selected by the executive committee.
- b. The committee chairpersons are subject to the approval of the general membership.

Article 7 - Amendments

- a. No change in the Constitution may be made without notice of motion of such change having been announced at the preceding regular meeting.
- b. All amendments made to the constitution must be presented to the membership 30 days prior to the AGM. It will be voted on at the AGM. Amendments will be accepted by a (2/3) majority vote of members present, provided that those present constitute a majority of the members in good standing and the notice of motion had been given at the previous general meeting.

- c. By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present, provided that those present constitute a majority of the members in good standing and the notice of motion had been given at the previous general meeting.

Article 8 - Branch Meetings

NBTA Branch 1454 will have a minimum of three (3) meetings per year, plus an annual general meeting.

Branch 1454 By-Laws

1. Grants

- a. Each teacher may receive from NBTA Branch 1454 a grant for Subject Council of \$75 with proof of attendance (receipt).
- b. Each regular member (See Article 3) of Branch 1454 may apply (form available from PL Chair) for funding for Professional Learning. A regular member may receive up to \$600 every three years. These grants are subject to executive committee approval.
- c. Each casual member –certified (See Article 3) of Branch 1454 may apply (form available from PL Chair) for funding for Professional Learning. A casual member (certified) may receive up to \$200 every five years. These grants are subject to executive committee approval.

2. Mileage

Mileage will be reimbursed if it is for Professional Learning or if it is for the NBTA liaison meeting. Receipts must be presented before reimbursement will be given. Mileage will not be reimbursed for PL matters if the member (or casual member –certified) has already reached their maximum grant allowance over a three/five year period. Mileage will not be reimbursed by the branch if a member (or casual member – certified) is being paid mileage by the NBTA.

3. Bursaries

- a. Former 0333 will provide a \$300 bursary to a deserving graduate of CDJ each June. Student or students (if bursary is divided) will be chosen and approved by the former members of 0333.
- b. Saint Mary's Academy will provide a \$300 bursary to a deserving graduate each June. Student or students (if bursary is divided) will be approved by the Branch Executive.
- c. One \$300 bursary may be given or it can be an equal division of that amount but may not exceed the \$300.

4. Length of term of Officers

Each officer will have a length of term of three (3) years. Note that the Director's position will have a limit of two (2) terms. The term begins at the Post AGM. They cannot serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms.