

Disposition of the Resolutions from AGM 2021

Below are the 11 resolutions presented at the 2021 Annual General Meeting and the disposition of each.

The final resolution, 2021- New Business -1 was presented during the New Business portion of the meeting. The brief is included to provide background information.

- *Submitted by Eileen Coady, Resolutions Chair*

2021 – 1 ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the provincial RTO provide funding to those Branches which publish newsletters for their membership, in the amount of \$100 per issue, to a maximum of \$400 per year.

Lunenburg County Branch
Motion Carried

2021 – 2 ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the provincial RTO Executive petition the Insurance Trustees, through appropriate channels, to increase the amount of coverage for eyeglasses and frames, as well as for hearing aids.

Lunenburg County Branch
Motion Carried

2021 – 3 ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the RTO Provincial Executive petition the Insurance Trustees, through the appropriate channels, to cover the cost of the vaccine for Shingles.

Lunenburg County Branch
Motion Carried

2021 – 4 ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the RTO Provincial Executive petition the Insurance Trustees, through appropriate channels, to provide funding for the services of licensed nutritionists and dietitians.

Lunenburg County Branch
Motion Carried

2021 – 5 ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Retired Teachers Organization, in teachers pension discussions with the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, take the position that those members who retired on or prior to July 31, 2006 have their pension rights protected without loss of those rights.

Edith Arbour, RTO Member
Motion Tabled to 2022 AGM

2021- 6 ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the NSTU Insurance Trustees seek an increase in coverage for Prescription Eyeglasses, Eye Laser Surgery and Contact Lenses.

Halifax County Branch
Motion Carried

2021 – 7 ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the NSTU Insurance Trustees provide the Retinal (Eye) Scan as a Group Insurance Extended Health Benefit.

Halifax County Branch
Motion Carried

2021 – 8 ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that any annual Provincial RTO budget surplus greater than \$40,000 be divided with 25% remaining with the Provincial RTO and 75% being rebated to the 23 Branches on a per member basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these funds must be accounted for in the Annual Branch Report to the Provincial Executive.

Yarmouth Argyle Branch
Motion Carried

2021 – 9 ***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Retired Teachers Organization request that the NSTU and the Seniors Advisory Council advocate to the provincial government for high speed internet connectivity throughout Nova Scotia.

Annapolis Branch
Motion Carried

2021 – 10 *BE IT RESOLVED* that ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, B. Election of Executive Committee Members, add the following:

iv. Notwithstanding iii. the position of Treasurer shall be a two (2) year term and no one shall hold the same position for more than three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms.

Provincial RTO Executive
Motion Carried

2021 -11 *BE IT RESOLVED* that the current words of ARTICLE VI – GENERAL PROVISIONS clause F of the RTO CONSTITUTION: “ The Retired Teachers’ Legacy Foundation, as established by the RTO Executive in 1994, shall support sick and/or challenged children of the Province of Nova Scotia” be deleted and replaced with the words:

“The Retired Teachers’ Legacy Foundation, as established by the RTO Executive in 1994, shall benefit children younger than the age of 21 years in the Province of Nova Scotia by supporting organizations or societies for an educational, medical, social or similar purpose.

Provincial RTO Executive
Motion Carried

2021- NB- 1*BE IT RESOLVED* that the RTO establish an ad hoc committee to consider the hiring of a part time staff person to carry out duties related to the varied administrative tasks required to properly service the provincial organization and its 23 Branches.

Provincial RTO Executive

Brief: The duties and responsibilities of the Executive of the RTO, in particular the Treasurer, have grown tremendously over the past year. This is due in part to the success of programs such as BIP and Legacy Foundation. Maintaining the financial records and the integrity of the

provincial organization is absolutely necessary. Currently, the RTO's activities are conducted by volunteers with minimal administrative support from the staff of NSTU. These volunteers carry out the tasks using an unreasonable amount of their personal time and effort. This resolution asks that a committee be struck to investigate the support in other jurisdictions of retired teachers, compensation, role and responsibilities and would be charged with reporting back to the AGM in May 2022.

Motion Carried