

CONSTITUTION OF THE
NEW BRUNSWICK STUDENT LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: Name of Organization

- a) The name of this organization is the New Brunswick Student Leadership Association.
- b) The association is funded through a grant structure provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and through the funds from member schools. The New Brunswick Student Leadership Association recognizes that the responsibility for all student activities within the schools in the province of New Brunswick rests with the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

NBSLA will work in a collaborative and consultative fashion with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to ensure fair and equitable application of the Constitution, By-laws and regulations of the Association.

ARTICLE II: General Purpose and Objectives

Objectives of the New Brunswick Student Leadership Association are:

- a) To provide a liaison with principals, school districts and government concerning student activities.
- b) To provide an official network between student council advisors and Anglophone high schools.
- c) To provide information to the public concerning student councils.
- d) To provide support for the Provincial Student Council of New Brunswick High Schools.
- e) To provide support for the provincial Student Council Day of Awareness. (Possibly remove if students do not see this as a priority)
- f) To provide guidelines and / or alternatives for the formation and general operation of the Provincial Student Council.
- g) To provide information to the student leadership advisors on relevant issues; and other school personnel as deemed necessary.
- h) To provide support to all student leadership.
- i) To provide support to all student leadership advisors.

ARTICLE III: Membership

- a) All Anglophone leadership advisors in New Brunswick are eligible members.
- b) At the beginning of each school year, schools will pay \$50.00 NBSLA dues. This may be reviewed annually.

ARTICLE IV: Table Officers

a) The Table of Officers shall be as follows:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Past President

Two Members at Large

b) Roles and Responsibilities

President

- Official representative of NBSLA
- Liaison between the association and the Department of Education
- Liaise with media
- Chair of NBSLA Conference
- NAC Representative for New Brunswick

Vice President

- Will perform the duties of President if President is unable
- Assist in planning and organization of NBSLC
- Organize NBSLC storefront

Secretary

- Takes meeting minutes and responsible for communication with NBSLA membership
- Registrar of NBSLC

Treasurer

- Oversees all finances of NBSLA

Past President

- the teacher advisor for New Brunswick Student Representative Council

Two Members at Large

- assist in the planning and organization of the NBSLC

c) The term of office shall be three years, renewable for a second term.

d) Executive members are expected to attend all meetings (virtual and face to face) called by the president (or their designate). Three absences (25%) may result in the removal of that executive member.

e) i) The Past President or a designate is responsible for the nomination process and the conducting of the elections.

ii) All positions shall be elected in a separate election.

iii) Elections shall take place at the AGM.

iv) All registered leadership advisors are eligible to run for a table office, or any other student council advisor who has previously attended the NBSLA Conference. In order to be considered for the position of President, one must have served as a member of the executive for at least one term.

v) Elections shall be held by secret ballot.

vi) Officers elected will assume office with the closing of the AGM.

ARTICLE V: Education Center Directors

Each year, at the fall conference, education center directors will be selected. An alternate for each education center will also be selected.

The education centers include:

Anglophone School District – North: there will be two directors and two students; one from Miramichi and the other from Bathurst;

In Anglophone School District – West: there will be three directors and three students; one from each of the following: Woodstock, Fredericton and Oromucto.

In Anglophone School District – South: there will be three directors and three students; one from each of the following: Saint Stephen, Saint John and Hampton.

In Anglophone School District – East: there will be two directors and two students; one from each of the following: Sackville and Riverview.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

The Association will meet at the annual conference, spring meeting and when deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VII: Order of Business

At every regular Association meeting, the Order of Business shall be as follows:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Reading and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Reading and adoption of the Treasurer's report
4. Report from the Standing Committees
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII: Committees

Committees shall be established according to Association needs.

ARTICLE IX: Parliamentary Authority

If there is a discussion on a point of order in the meeting, Robert's Rules of Order will apply.

ARTICLE X: Adoption of Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote at the annual meeting of the Association. Written notification must be circulated to all members of the Association one month prior to the meeting at which the amendments are to be made.

ARTICLE XI: Notice of Meeting

Notification of meetings and agenda items should be circulated at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE XII: Bylaws

The Association will establish necessary bylaws as the organization and administration needs.

ARTICLEXIII: New Brunswick Student Council

The past president of NBSLA or their delegate, shall be responsible for the New Brunswick Student Council.

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