

NBSRTSJ AGM Branch Report May 2019

The NBSRT AGM was held in Bathurst May 8, 2019 at the Atlantic Host Inn hosted by NBSRT Bathurst Branch. The AGM was well attended and a very special thanks to all the committees for a well-organized fun event. Many enjoyed the various activities planned for Tuesday afternoon and evening. Prizes were presented during the 2 days, wellness walk to start your Wednesday and musical presentations highlighting local talent Tuesday evening and Wednesday at lunch. Greetings to begin the morning business meeting were brought from the Mayor of Bathurst Paolo Fongemie, Linda LeBlanc vice-president SERFNB and Marg Urquhart East Coast Rep ACER/CART. Marg will be presenting her report at our meeting May 16, 2019. Later in the morning, John Sinclair CEO Vestcor gave an informative presentation on NBTPP. He encourages everyone to frequently go to the website, VESTCOR.ORG for any information you may desire.

Committee reports were presented from the following:

AD Hoc Constitution Committee John Wetmore: Constitution and By-Laws

Amendments were presented and voted upon. These changes are noted on the website under Constitution and By-Laws.

Membership Bob Fitzpatrick: Increasing membership to NBSRT is still very much a concern. Bob indicated several initiatives to help retirees to sign up and really felt along with posters, piggy-backing on NBTA newsletters, fall teachers' pension plan newsletter that personal contact appears to be the hook. He suggested all retirees to try and make an effort to encourage others to join emphasizing the benefits.

Scholarship Lynn Coy, Jill Craig: Two \$2500 scholarships will be granted on behalf of NBSRT beginning January 2020. Criteria are now listed on the NBSRT website.

The remaining committee reports Wellness, Group Insurance, Reflections (Publication and Circulation), Pension, Online Media and School Days Museum were all submitted to the website and may be viewed there. Dale Weldon finished the day with information from Johnson Insurance. Once again he did emphasize to always call when in doubt or have questions!

The year 2020 will be an election year. Please keep in mind it is never too late to start thinking about submitting your name or having a discussion about a name to place forward for one of the executive positions. More information on deadlines will be available at a later date.

A very special Honorary Life Membership was presented to Betty Smith for her many years of service and dedication to NBSRT.

All reports and information are on the NBSRT website and if you do not have your members only number contact Ellen Palmer ellen.marie.palmer@gmail.com .This is your organization continuing to work for you and as retirees we can still have a powerful influence.

NBSRT Executive for 2019/2020 is as follows:

President	June MacNairn
1 st Vice President	Wayne Spires
2 nd Vice President	Barry Harbinson
Recording Secretary	Jeannie Matthews
Treasure	Paulette Moore
Membership	Dale MacRae
Past President	Marg Urquhart

Respectively Submitted,
Nancy Steele
Director NBSRTSJ

NBSRTSJ Year End Wellness Report May 2019

The NBSRTSJ Wellness Committee met 5 times this year and committee members attended two NBSRT Provincial Meetings. The committee also organized two wellness events.

On October 12th ., a group of 46 members and guests went on a guided tour of the Fundy Trail, followed by a lunch at “The Caves”. The tour guide entertained the group with interesting facts and stories about the development of the trail, the history of the area and the activities that take place within the park. For some of the participants this was their first time attending an NBSRTSJ event. Because of the Provincial Wellness Grant and support from the Saint John Branch, the committee was able to offer the tour at a reasonable rate. (\$20 for Members, \$25 for Guests).

On March 27th. Dale Weldon, Senior Consultant Johnson Inc. did a presentation on the NBTF Group Insurance Plan to 50 members of NBSRTSJ. He provided an overview of the benefits plan and the changes that had been made since the last renewal. The presentation was followed

by a question and answer period. Copies of the Johnson Group Insurance plan are available on the NBSRT and the NBTF websites or by an e-mail request to Johnson Insurance. (pbadminnb@johnson.ca)

If there is enough interest, the Wellness Committee is prepared to organize a boat tour for mid September. The cost for members would be \$35 and for non-members \$45. To make this happen, a minimum of 40 participants is required. A sign up sheet will be available at the AGM on on May 16th. For those who don't plan on attending the AGM, e-mail Marilyn Lester at davelester@rogers.com by June 14th. If sufficient interest is expressed, details will follow.

Respectively submitted
Marilyn McLeod
Debbie McLaggan

Telephone Report

Committee Members from last year will be contacted in the fall to confirm for 2019-2020. The contact list will be updated when the membership list is updated in the fall. While there have been no calls made in the current year it is recommended that the criteria for making calls be reviewed.

Margaret Urquhart

Scholarship Report

The 2018-2019 Scholarship recipient is Lauren J. McKinley, a graduate of Harbour View High School. She is enrolled in the 1st year Bachelor of Business Administration program at UNBSJ. Both Lauren's photograph and thank you letter are posted on the NBSRT Saint John website. NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund memorial cards are available at local funeral homes and at the fall and spring luncheons. We have cards to mark special occasions also. Official tax receipts are issued for all donations made to the NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund. Please make your cheque payable to the University of New Brunswick. Mailing address: University of New Brunswick, Development Office, NBSRT Saint John Branch Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3.

For the reporting period May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018 our fund received \$ 27,626.00 in gifts. Thanks to a generous donation we are able to offer a second scholarship in the fall of 2019. It will be given to a student in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th year of a B.A./B.Ed. program at UNBSJ who is a graduate of a local high school. It is administered by the university and selection is based on academic achievement and financial need.

Thank you for supporting our scholarship fund. Please tell other teachers and families and friends of teachers about our scholarship. It's a fitting way to remember someone who was involved in the education of our youth.

Netta Chase

School Days Museum

If you have any items to donate or loan to the School Days Museum, please contact:

Dianne Stackhouse at 738-2657 or diannestackhouse@rogers.com

or

Melody Hamm at 738-3244

We will gladly arrange a time to pick up and deliver these items to the museum in Fredericton.

First Vice President Report

As Branch 1st Vice President for 2018-2019, I represented the membership at the NBSRT AGM in Bathurst May 7-8.

As well as attending all meetings of the Executive Committee, I have updated the provincial website with all the activities of our branch.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Greig
NBSRTSJ 1st Vice –President
2018-2019

Newsletter

There were three issues of the NBSRTSJ newsletter published this year. Reports, social events, and issues of concern to membership were included. Of the total membership, only 166 newsletters were mailed out, the remainder were sent via email. This committee thanks all members who submitted reports and notices.

Patricia Murray
Mary Ann Patterson

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	TOTAL	EMAIL	NO EMAIL	
MAY 2019	599	422	177	
MAY 2018	594	410	184	[10 out of 24 retirees joined]
MAY 2017	595	402	193	[6 out of 17 retirees joined]
MAY 2016	600	396	204	[6 out of 15 retirees joined]
MAY 2015	597	381	206	[9 out of 22 retirees joined]
MAY 2014	600	378	222	[10 out of 22 retirees joined]

From 2014 to 2018 we have had 41 out of 100 retirees join our organization NBSRT.... 41%

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Dalling