

President's Report
Rapport du président

Presented to the Board of Directors of the FNBFA

***Présenté au conseil d'administration de la
FAPPUNB***

November 3, 2007

Fredericton, NB

Commission on Post-Secondary Education

Attended the release of the Report of the Commission on Post-Secondary Education in New Brunswick on Friday September 14th.

Initiated and attended meetings with member associations to discuss the findings of the report and to obtain support for the FNBFA's position. Drafted an official three-page position paper with the Executive Director to present to the Deputy Minister of Post-Secondary Education.

Conducted several media interviews to provide the official position of the FNBFA in reaction to the Commission report. Requested a meeting with the Premier to discuss this issue.

Individual Meetings:

- Former Premier Camille H. Thériault
- Leader and members of the Official Opposition
- Deputy Minister of Post-Secondary Education
- Member of Parliament for Edmundston, Jean-Claude D'Amour
- Executive Director of the Liberal Party of New Brunswick
- President and Vice President of l'Université de Moncton.

Other related actions: Attended a banquet in Saint John where Premier Shawn Graham was presented with the Dr. David Stephen Memorial Award. The President had the opportunity to chat briefly with the Premier during the evening.

Attended the Liberal Party of New Brunswick's Biennial Convention in Edmundston. Attended a liberal caucus reception at the Edmundston campus as part of this convention.

The FNBFA played a key role in ensuring the issue was perceived to be provincial instead of localized only to Saint John. The FNBFA ensured all member associations were fully informed of all activities organized to protest the proposed changes to the post-secondary education system in New Brunswick.

Mandatory Retirement

Reviewed the final affidavit supporting the FNBFA submission to request intervener status in the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission case before the Supreme Court of Canada in regards to the mandatory retirement issue in New Brunswick. The Director of Communications drafted an article which was sent to provincial media and picked up by L'Acadie Nouvelle and the CBC. The President granted several interviews on this subject.

The President and the Vice President have completed revisions to the By-Laws. The revised document will be circulated before the next scheduled Board meeting.