

# AUNBT news/updates/reminders

Monday March 31 2014

## Events

### CAE gatherings

Plans are in the works for a CAE information session and social gathering on each campus before the end of term. Details forthcoming.

### Annual General Meeting

The AUNBT Annual General Meeting this year is scheduled for Tuesday May 6, 2014 at 10am and will be video-conferenced among Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, and Bathurst. Materials will be made available beforehand. All members are encouraged to attend.

- **Bathurst** Room U352
- **Fredericton** Wu Conference Centre
- **Moncton** Room 214
- **Saint John** KC Irving Hall 101

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## Reminders

### Executive Nominations

Nominations for the 2014–2015 executive must be received, in writing, no later than ten working days before the AGM i.e. by Tuesday April 22 2014 at 12 noon. Names of nominees will be distributed to members no later than seven working days before the AGM i.e. Friday April 25 2014. In the event of elections for any position, there will be a secret ballot during the AGM for the appropriate constituency(ies). Candidates for contested positions will be invited to submit a one-page statement for circulation with the rest of the materials for the meeting. Members are directed to Section C of the **General By-Laws** <[aunbt.ca/about/constitution/](http://aunbt.ca/about/constitution/)> for further information about the constitution and election of the executive. For further information please email [aunbt@aunbt.ca](mailto:aunbt@aunbt.ca) with “Nominating Committee” in the header or contact Lee Chalmers

([vioquill@gmail.com](mailto:vioquill@gmail.com)), Francesca Holyoke ([f.holyoke@gmail.com](mailto:f.holyoke@gmail.com)), or Vanda Rideout ([vrideout@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:vrideout@nbnet.nb.ca)) directly.

### **CAE Professional Development Fund**

Did you know that over \$120,000 is now available for use by Contract Academic employees for professional development (eg, conference attendance, book and software purchase, home internet)? It's provided for in Article 27 of the **CAE Collective Agreement** <[http://www.unb.ca/hr/\\_resources/pdf/cae20132016.pdf](http://www.unb.ca/hr/_resources/pdf/cae20132016.pdf)>. Applicants must hold a Multi-Year Appointment or Right of First Refusal in at least one course. The individual ceiling is \$1000 yearly (May 1st – April 30th). The application form for each campus is at <http://www.unb.ca/hr/cai/pda/index.html>. When claiming internet charges, there is an additional form to be completed: [http://www.unb.ca/financialservices/\\_resources/pdf/accounts-payable/forms/home\\_internet\\_services.pdf](http://www.unb.ca/financialservices/_resources/pdf/accounts-payable/forms/home_internet_services.pdf). It is the portion of home internet declared as used for academic employment purposes that the employer reimburses. Contract Academics incur these professional expenses routinely. Given AUNBT's success in securing this fund for your benefit, we urge members to claim their appropriate expenses to the limit.

### **Fund for Sodexo Employees**

UNB food services were scaled back for the three weeks of strike/lockout, a decision which has resulted in considerable financial hardship for a significant group of workers: out of approximately 88 employees, only fifteen or so of the most senior maintained close to their usual hours.

AUNBT continues to collect for this fund. Those interested in contributing may send or drop off their donation, either cash or by cheque, **to the main AUNBT office**. Cheques should be made out to "CUPE Local 2266." **Further information** <[aunbt.ca/2014/02/11/fundraiser-for-sodexo-employees/](http://aunbt.ca/2014/02/11/fundraiser-for-sodexo-employees/)>.

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## Updates

### **Search for new Professional Officer**

The Search Committee will shortly begin interviews of short-listed candidates. We will keep the membership updated as the process continues.

Finally, we would like to thank Ellen Bendrich for once again stepping in to help AUNBT Executive Assistant Brenda Morais with a particularly heavy flow of work. As always, she is a life-saver and her help is much appreciated.