

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17 MAY, 2017, 7:30 PM, Public Archives of Nova Scotia

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda**
- 2. Deceased Members-Moment of Silence**
- 3. Minutes of last Annual Meeting (18 May, 2016)**
- 4. Business arising from the Minutes**
- 5. President's report**
- 6. Treasurer's report**
- 7. Appointment of Auditor for 2017-18**
- 8. Reports of Vice Presidents**
 - a. Vice President (Programmes)**
 - b. Vice President (Publications)**
 - c. Vice President (Publicity)**
- 9. Report of Membership Secretary**
- 10. Report of Nomination Committee**
- 11. New Business**
- 12. Introduction of Guest speaker**
- 13.. Adjournment**

Opening:

The President called the annual meeting of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society to order at 7:00 pm in the Bronfman Theatre of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, with 26 members, constituting an ample quorum, in attendance despite the visual attraction outside of the cruise ship Marina turning to leave Halifax. In his welcoming words he noted that the Society was pleased to have this opportunity to have our annual meeting, and associated lecture, as part of the Immigration to Atlantic Canada conference.

Agenda: The agenda as outlined by the President was approved on the motion of Sara Beanlands and Allan Marble.

Members who have passed: A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members who had passed away since the previous Annual meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous annual meeting held 20 May 2015 had been included as part of the information package distributed for the evening. The minutes were approved on the motion of Brian Cuthbertson and John Macleod.

President's Report: James Morrison summarized his report which had been included in the information package. He noted that the evening's program and the conference had been developed before the recognition of the Syrian refugee crisis had risen. This year our relationship with the radio station NEWS 95.7 has resulted in most speakers, including John Reid, this evening's speaker, on air prior to the meeting. He mentioned the bequest from Allan Dunlop and noted favourably that it was, albeit the largest, but not the only donation received by the Society.

As the annual meeting is a time of transition he noted that later in the evening the nominations committee report would bring new members to the Council. The report however wouldn't mention the contributions of those leaving. He thanked George Parker who would be retiring as our Publications Vice President and Blake Brown, Allison Froise Stoddard and Jerry Bannister who would be leaving the Council.

He also announced that our Patron the Lieutenant Governor was instituting a volunteer recognition program for groups receiving the patronage of his office and that we would be looking at this in September.

Treasurer's Report: John Cordes' report as Treasurer, along with the auditor's report, was included in the package of information for the meeting. The report showed projected revenue and expense for 2016-2017 as well as the corresponding figures from the 2 preceding reporting periods. While 2014-2015 had showed an operating loss of \$1610.89 the 2015-2016 period reported revenues of \$12,755.12 and expenses of \$11,360.07 resulting in a surplus of \$1395.05. He noted that this was with a slight

decline in membership - a phenomena that was afflicting many local societies. He thanked Rosemary Barbour for her assistance in handling membership paperwork. His report, and that of the auditor, were adopted on his motion as seconded by Allan Marble. The reappointment of Hugh Creighton as auditor was successfully moved by John Cordes and John Grant.

Vice President – Publications: In addition to his written report George Parker noted that his role was simply to co-ordinate between the editorial board and the council. He said the real work was done by the Editor of the Journal, Brian Cuthbertson, and the editorial board of Henry Roper, David Sutherland, and Karen Smith with Terry Punch as Genealogical Editor. He thanked them all.

Vice President – Publicity: Sara Beanlands remarked that she had spent much of the year in the archaeological field and thanked Alison Frose Stoddard for her assistance with social media postings and Anjali Vohra for managing the production of the program brochures.

Vice President – Program: John Grant noted that the Society continues to be the senior historical society in the province and that the program seeks to be inclusive of all of the province.

The combined annual reports were accepted on the motion of Monica MacDonald and Bertrum MacDonald.

Nominations Committee: The Committee, traditionally chaired by Allan Marble, included Karen Smith, and Ginny Clark. Their report confirmed the continuation of most of the council. Nominated to fill vacancies were:

Arthur Smith – Vice President of Publications

Gregory MacNeil – Council member replacing Gerry Bannister

Monica MacDonald – Council member replacing Allison Frose Stoddard

Randy Barkhouse – Council member replacing Blake Brown.

With no additional nominations coming from the floor, and after three requests for such, it was moved by Allan Marble that the period of nominations close and that consequently the society be asked to confirm those nominated by the Nominations Committee as elected to those positions. This was seconded by John Grant and adopted by all present.

There being no further business the President solicited successfully from the audience a motion of adjournment.

The meeting then adjourned to the public lecture by John Reid titled “Immigration to Atlantic Canada : Historical Reflections.” Since published in the Journal of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society his paper placed immigration to the Atlantic Provinces in a chronological framework of periodization in the context of the status of indigenous populations, the pressures that caused population movement, the factors that favoured other parts of Canada more so than the region, and the effects of internal migration which in themselves could also be seen as movements of immigration.

Report of the President to the Annual General Meeting of the Royal
Nova Scotia Historical Society, 17 May,2017.

Through the spoken and the written word, the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society is expected to preserve, protect and inform all about Nova Scotia's rich heritage. Our efforts take a number of forms: public lectures, history workshops, public events ,conferences and publications. None of this would be possible without the active support of you our membership.

Without your participation in terms of time, memberships and donations our activities would cease to exist. Allow me to begin by thanking you all for that support.

Again this year we had a number of remarkable presentations which VP Progammes, John Grant outlines in his report. We have continued our tradition of having student presentations. This year we had Courtney Mrazk a Ph.D. student from UNB Fredericton. We also continue to recognize the interdisciplinary nature of what we do with papers on Halifax aerial photography and to print fonts in our literature. Finally

the always enjoyable annual banquet at the Dalhousie Club guided by our speaker Mike Parker through Nova Scotia's woodlands. A thank you to all speakers and John Grant for making it all possible. If you have a topic speak to John. He is always receptive.

John Cordes, as Treasurer continues his excellent balancing of our books. The positive news is that we have a surplus this year aided by increased donations and a substantial bequest. He will take you through the details. At the same time I would express my concern over declining memberships which we must continue to address through outreach initiatives. Fund raising is also a priority. Your council discussed this at length recently and Board member Greg MacNeil has volunteered to be active in this matter. I will introduce Greg to you in a few minutes.

Last year I mentioned in my Annual Report that our JOURNAL is the life blood of our Society. This year we have been faced with the challenge of replacing the seemingly irreplaceable. With the retirement of our Editor Brian Cuthbertson, Associate Editor Henry Roper and our Genealogical Editor Terrence Punch, council began the process of filling these positions. A small Ad Hoc committee was established chaired by Vice President Arthur Smith. After several hours of meetings and recruitment and under the capable guidance of the chair, the Committee brought forward a report approving Anne Marie Lane Jonah as incoming Editor and Erica Gagnon as copy editor.

In addition several new members were appointed as reviewers and advisors to the Editor. Given the circumstances, Volume 20, 2017 which will include many of the papers presented in the 2016-17, will be delayed until early in 2018. Our intention is to have Volume 21, 2018 back on schedule by the Fall, 2018.

To all those involved in the deliberations especially Arthur Smith and incoming Editor Anne Marie Lane Jonah, on behalf of Council and our membership please accept our deepest appreciation.

In closing , I wish to express my gratitude to members of Council and the executive viz. John Grant, Sara Beanlands Arthur Smith, John MacLeod, John Cordes, Anjali Vohra and Rosemary Barbour for their dedicated service this year. A special thank you to outgoing council members Deborah Trask, Corey Slumkoski, Mike Parker and Past President Bertrum MacDonald . I look forward to working with the new council in my capacity as Immediate Past President.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Morrison, C.M., Ph.D.

President.

ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**Statement of Revenue and Expenditures**

	Year Ended March 31/16	Year Ended March 31/17
REVENUE		
Membership dues	\$6,920.63	\$6,772.86
Bank Interest (GICs)	\$67.50	\$125.84
Publication Sales (back issues)	\$620.00	\$539.68
HST Rebate received	\$2,520.48	\$578.86
Royalties	\$332.07	\$185.56
Annual Dinner	\$2,016.00	\$2,163.00
Donations	\$901.00	\$1,042.00
Bequest	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$13,377.68	\$16,407.80
EXPENDITURES		
Journal Production	\$4,617.25	\$4,068.70
Printing, Stationery, Postage	\$1,869.92	\$1,299.77
Annual Dinner	\$1,946.75	\$1,866.91
Speakers' Gifts	\$184.00	\$379.02
Bank Charges	\$91.58	\$95.56
PayPal charges	\$31.61	\$43.35
PO Box	\$197.80	\$205.85
Inventory write down	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,938.91	\$9,959.16
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$1,438.77	\$6,448.64

Balance Sheet as at March 31

ASSETS	2016	2017
RBC Current Account	\$12,826.27	\$13,217.42

RBC GICs	\$10,067.50	\$18,067.50
PayPal Balance	\$513.89	\$445.54
HST/GST Receivable	\$578.86	\$535.54
Inventory	\$11,520.00	\$9,520.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$35,506.52	\$41,786.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outstanding cheques	\$0.00	\$464.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$464.99
TOTAL EQUITY	\$35,506.52	\$41,321.01

Respectfully submitted,
 John G. Cordes, Treasurer
 Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society

I have examined the accompanying Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2017 and supporting Records and certify them to be correct.

Signed _____

Hugh P. Creighton

Date: __ May 9, 2017 _____

Annual Report of VP Publications, 2016-17

With the resignation of Brian Cuthbertson as editor of the Society's Journal and Henry Roper from the Editorial Board, the RNSHS appointed an Ad Hoc committee to fill vacancies. The Committee comprised of Arthur Smith (Chair), James Morrison, Monica MacDonald, Bertrum MacDonald, David Sutherland and Karen Smith, recommended the creation of two positions: Editor and Copy Editor. These positions have now been filled with Anne Marie Lane Jonah appointed Editor and Erica Gagnon appointed as Copy Editor. The 2017 issue of the Journal (Volume 20) will be delayed until first quarter 2018. A number of papers are already lined up for that issue. With the failing health of Terry Punch, Ken Paulsen was appointed to replace Terry as Genealogical Editor. The Society is deeply indebted to Brian, Henry and Terry for their many years of dedicated service to producing the Journal.

Arthur Smith,

Vice President of Publications



Annual Report of Vice-President, Publicity, May 2017

In order to raise awareness of the Society and to promote the RNSHS public lecture series, as well as other heritage events and organizations throughout the province, we are committed to improving our publicity model and increasing our social media presence. We continue to maintain, update, and improve the RNSHS web site and our presence on social media, including an active Facebook page (currently 711 likes) and Twitter account. Thank you to John Cordes for helping maintain the web site.

- The RNSHS public lecture series pamphlet was designed and distributed. As always, thanks to Anjali Vohra for arranging the printing and distribution of pamphlets.
- Public lecture posters were created and distributed for each monthly lecture and announcements were made via email and through the Society's Twitter account and Facebook page.
- Working with our Programme Coordinator, John Grant, we were able to secure radio interviews with Rick Howe on News 95.7 for many of our presenters. These interviews typically take place a few days before the lecture and allow us to reach a much wider audience. We have a slot each month to promote our lecture series.

We continue to look for ways to raise the profile of the RNSHS, promote activities and events, and attract greater membership. Many thanks to members of Council for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara J. Beanlands
Vice-President, Publicity

Report of the Vice-President; Programme

2016-2017

To the President, the Executive, and the Membership of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society:

Mindful of our mandate to support and preserve the history of Nova Scotia, the presenters to the Society in the 2016-2017 year dealt with a variety of topics, historical eras, geographic areas, and employed a variety of research methodologies. The remarkable events of one hundred years ago were engagingly reflected in Barry Cahill's study of the Halifax Relief Commission; Sara Beanlands' paper on the WW I training of the Jewish Legion in Windsor; and Bruce MacDonald's account of the Fraser Family and the Great War. We were fortunate to attract two speakers who presented aspects of Mi'Kmaq history: Martha Walls, who spoke about the origins of the "Micmac Community Development Program, 1900-1957", and Courtney Mrazek, who discussed the Mi'Kmaq and British agricultural policies in 19th century Nova Scotia. Dick Werle's presentation on the history of aerial photography in Canada after WW I and the 1921 aerial survey of Halifax added much to our understanding of the development and redevelopment of the city. From the broad strokes of aerial photography to the detail of print fonts is a big step, but Andrew Steeves' presentation underscored its importance in our history. Mike Parker led us gently through the woods at the banquet meeting, while Julian Gwyn once again demonstrated the usefulness of private diaries and personal papers in our effort to understand our ancestors.

Through our presenters, we visited many parts of the province and crossed hundreds of years of our history. We appreciate the contribution of each and every one of them.

The Fall (2017) programme is now in place and Winter (2018) is almost complete. We will be pleased, however, to be made aware of prospective presenters. Please do not wait to be approached but rather inform the Society's executive about a paper or topic that might be shared at a future meeting.

I extend my gratitude to the President and the Vice President of publicity for their assistance and to the Council for its support.

John N. Grant, VP-Programme

2016-2017



Report of the Membership Secretary to the Annual General Meeting, 17 May 2017

Membership as of 31 March 2017

Type of Membership	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Life Members	17	17	17
Individual Member - Canada	175	160	142 *
Individual Member - USA	6	7	11
Individual Member - International	1	1	1
Institutional Member - Canada	37	35	35
Institutional Member - USA	9	8	9
Institutional Member - International	1	1	1
Additional Family Member	8	7	5
Student Member	5	8	7
TOTAL	259	244	228

* Membership dues from two members received after 31 March not included in this number.

Fellows

Dr. Brian C Cuthbertson, FRNSHS
Mrs. Robert Dawson, FRNSHS
Dr. Judith Fingard, FRNSHS
Mr. David B Flemming, FRNSHS
Mrs. Janet Kitz, FRNSHS
Mr. Donald F Maclean, FRNSHS
Dr. Alan E. Marble, FRNSHS
Mr. Terrence M Punch, FRNSHS
Dr. Henry Roper, FRNSHS
Dr. David. A. Sutherland, FRNSHS
Dr. Peter B. Waite, FRNSHS

Rosemary V Barbour
Membership Secretary

May 2017

Inventory of RNSHS Collections and Journal, 18 March 2017

<i>Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society & Collections of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society</i> Sold at \$5 each or 3 for \$10					
Volume 2	1	Volume 18	2	Volume 35	2
Volume 4	1	Volume 19	1	Volume 36	0
Volume 7	1	Volume 20	1	Volume 37	3
Volume 8	0	Volume 21	2	Volume 38	3
Volume 9	1	Volume 26	1	Volume 39	2
Volume 10	1	Volume 27	3	Volume 40	0
Volume 12	3	Volume 28	2	Volume 41	0
Volume 13	0	Volume 31	2	Volume 42	0
Volume 14	1	Volume 32	1	Volume 43	1
Volume 15	1	Volume 33	1	Volume 44	25
Volume 16	0	Volume 34	1		

<i>Journal of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society</i> Back issues sold at \$15 each (members) or \$20 each (non-members); current issue \$30					
Volume 1	7	Volume 8	83	Volume 15	32
Volume 2	0	Volume 9	83	Volume 16	19
Volume 3	4	Volume 10	109	Volume 17	54
Volume 4	15	Volume 11	120	Volume 18	33
Volume 5	10	Volume 12	78	Volume 19	82
Volume 6	13	Volume 13	79	Volume 20	
Volume 7	10	Volume 14	154		