

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16 MAY, 2018, 7:30 PM, Nova Scotia Archives

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda
2. Deceased Members-Moment of Silence
3. Minutes of last Annual Meeting (17 May, 2017)
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. President's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Appointment of Auditor for 2018-19
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. Lecture
14. Adjournment

Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society - Minutes of Annual General Meeting - 17 May 2017

Opening: The President called the 139th annual meeting of the Society to order at 7:30 pm in the Akins Room of the Nova Scotia Archives with a quorum of 28 members and guests in attendance.

In his opening remarks the President, Jim Morrison, welcomed those attending and announced a number of events that might be of interest including an exhibition at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, curated by Dianne O'Neill on the commemorating Vimy and the close of World War one.

He then called upon those present for any additions to the pre-circulated agenda for the meeting and upon hearing none, the agenda was adopted.

Moment of silence: A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members, and former members, who had passed away since the last annual meeting. Terry Punch, a fellow, former president and a contributor to our Journal was particularly remembered.

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the 18 May 2016 Annual Meeting had been included in the package and were approved on the motion of the Secretary, John Macleod and John Grant.

President's Report: Jim Morrison reviewed his report which was in the meeting package in greater detail. He drew attention to the papers which had been presented and commented that collectively a broad entry into interdisciplinary study had been made and new topics had been addressed by the speakers, many of whom were new to the Nova Scotia history field. He also spoke about the **Journal's** publication schedule for the coming years as changes in the editorial team work through production cycles.

He then called upon Greg MacNeil, a member of Council, to speak briefly about the society's entry into the world of fundraising as a means to ensure the continued excellence and appearance of the **Journal**. Greg said the explorations were preliminary but that his experience in this area suggested that direct asks and sponsorship of events or lectures was the likely direction any fundraising efforts would take.

Treasurer's report: The Society's Treasurer, John Cordes, spoke briefly on the financial report. He also thanked Rosemary Barbour for her work in relationship to tracking our membership. While membership was down one cannot discount the effect that timing of the **Journal** and when members pay has on the year to year comparisons. He also said the statements reflect some writing down of the value of our inventory of unsold publications

From the floor Henry Roper stated that from his long connection with the Society he has come to realize that the role of the treasurer is under appreciated and the scope of the tasks the treasurer faces are usually understated by Nominations Committees. He moved a vote of thanks to John Cordes for his performance of these tasks.

Associated with the Treasurer's report were two motions. It was successfully moved by John Cordes, seconded by John Grant that the dues remain as they currently were. John Cordes noted that the financial statements had been reviewed by the Society's auditor, Hugh Creighton, and that a motion to continue Hugh's service as auditor would be in order although not one that the Treasurer should move. Karen Smith and Greg MacNeil then successfully made such a motion.

Other reports:

While these reports were in the distribution package a number of specific statements of gratitude were made in relation to the Society's activities during the year. John Grant, the VP of programs thanked Sara Beanlands and John Cordes for publicizing the programs. Sara Beanlands, the Vice President of Publicity also joined in thanking John Cordes for his website work. While Arthur Smith, the Vice President of Publications was absent, the President indicated that Arthur wished to emphasize the tremendous contributions made by Brian Cuthbertson, Henry Roper and the late Terry Punch in relation to the **Journal** and the gap that the society will now strive to fill with new people who would not have the advantage of their combined wisdom and knowledge. At this point John Grant and John Cordes moved a motion of thanks for their contributions that was passed unanimously.

Rosemary Barbour, our Membership Secretary, while commenting on her membership report also moved the admission of Kelly Hancock of Windsor, Nova Scotia, as a member. On her motion, seconded by Greg MacNeil, she was welcomed as a member.

There followed a successful motion by Allan Marble and John Reid to accept all of the reports.

Nominations Committee. This committee, consisting of Allan Marble, Bertrum MacDonald and Henry Roper reported they had met twice and had a slate to recommend for the meeting's consideration. This consisted of:

President – Sara Beanlands
Vice President (Programs) – John Grant
Vice President (Publications) – Arthur Smith
Recording Secretary – John Macleod
Assistant Secretary – Anjali Vohra
Membership Secretary – Rosemary Barbour
Treasurer - John Cordes
Councillors – Gregory MacNeil
 Monica MacDonald
 Randy Barkhouse
 Tanja Harrison
 Karley Kehoe
 John Reid

The Committee noted that Jim Morrison would continue his involvement with the Society in his new role of Past President. The Committee also reported that they did not have a recommendation to fill the position of Vice President (Publicity).

The President then called repeatedly, or three times, for additional nominations. Upon none being offered it was moved by Allan Marble and seconded by Henry Roper that nominations cease and that those recommended by the Nominations Committee be accepted into those positions. This motion was adopted by the Society.

The President thanked the Nominations Committee for their efforts. He also thanked outgoing Council Members Deborah Trask, Mike Parker and Corey Slumkoski for their service. Also thanked was Bertrum MacDonald whose journey from Council, to Vice President, to President and Past President, and now respected member was now complete.

John Grant then introduced the evening's speaker, Bruce MacDonald who spoke on the Fort Point Frasers and their contributions to Canadian and Nova Scotian Society during World War 1 and afterwards.

Following a period of discussion the speaker was thanked and the meeting was adjourned to refreshments.



President's Annual Report – May 2018

This past year has been one of transition and adjustment for the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society. Despite the challenges, we have enjoyed another informative public lecture series and the publication of Volume 20 of the *Society's Journal*.

Once again, scholars from Nova Scotia and beyond were invited to present lectures on a variety of topics, as our VP Programme, John Grant outlines in his report, including the always enjoyable annual banquet at the Dalhousie Club with our speaker, Alex Boutillier. Many of the papers presented during this year will be revised and published in upcoming volumes of the *Society's Journal*. I must express my gratitude to John, who has agreed to guide us through one more lecture series, which is so very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank our founding editor, Brian Cuthbertson, for all his past work on the *Journal*. Fortunately, Anne Marie Lane Jonah has taken over as Editor and recently delivered another fantastic issue of the *Journal*. I would also like to thank genealogy editor, Kenneth Paulsen, copy editor, Erica Gagnon, and long-standing book review editor, Karen Smith.

John Cordes, as Treasurer, continues to balance our books; however, we do have concerns over declining membership, which we must continue to address. In the absence of a VP Publicity this past year, we have struggled to effectively promote our lecture series and the Society in general. I must thank John Cordes, not only for his role as Treasurer, but for filling in the publicity gap by notifying members of upcoming lectures, keeping the website updated and maintaining our facebook account. I believe we will have a VP Publicity in place for next season, as well as someone to support our efforts in this respect. This will provide enhanced opportunities to promote the Society, reach out to other communities, encourage membership and bring attention to our lecture series.

In closing, I wish to express my gratitude to members of Council and the executive viz. John Grant, John Cordes, John Reid, Arthur Smith, John MacLeod, Anjali Vohra, Tanja Harrison, Karly Kehoe, Randy Barkhouse, Monica MacDonald, Gregory MacNeil, James Morrison, and Rosemary Barbour for their dedicated service this year. A special thank you to Allan Marble for many years serving as nominations committee chair and to Bertrum MacDonald, who has taken over this role. I very much look forward to working with the new council and to the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Beanlands
President

RNSHS AGM 2018 Treasurer's Report

The Financial Statements follow, but first a few remarks.

DONATIONS

A number of generous donations have been received during the year, for which we are most grateful.

DINNER We continue to strike an approximate balance between revenue and expense for this popular event.

JOURNAL This year is somewhat unusual, since the production of Volume 20 of our Journal was delayed until just after the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year. This means that there was no charge for the design and printing of the journal this year, nor for the associated mailing costs. We are very happy to have this splendid volume now in hand, but this also means that the fiscal year 2018-19 will see charges for two Journals. In a nutshell, the surplus we experienced this past year must be expected to be eaten up in the current fiscal year.

MEMBERSHIP The prospect of further membership declines is a concern.

THANKS

To the entire council for their support throughout the year, and most especially to Rosemary Barbour, our indefatigable Membership Secretary.

MOTIONS There is one house-keeping motion to present, but first I will move adoption of this report.

Additional Motion: that Hugh Creighton be appointed as auditor for the next fiscal year

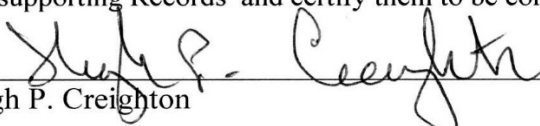
Respectfully submitted,

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, 2018 and supporting Records and certify them to be correct.

Signed 
Hugh P. Creighton

Date: May 11, 2018

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

	Year Ended March 31/18	Year Ended March 31/17
REVENUE		
Membership dues	\$6,544.52	\$6,772.86
Bank Interest (GICs)	\$53.60	\$125.84
Publication Sales (back issues)	\$225.00	\$539.68
HST Rebate received	\$683.74	\$578.86
Royalties	\$152.75	\$185.56
Annual Dinner	\$2,371.00	\$2,163.00
Donations	\$975.97	\$1,042.00
Bequest	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$11,006.58	\$16,407.80
EXPENDITURES		
Journal Production	\$0.00	\$4,068.70
Printing, Stationery, Postage	\$724.30	\$1,299.77
Annual Dinner	\$1,766.40	\$1,866.91
Speakers – Expenses	\$339.26	\$379.02
Bank Charges	\$88.00	\$95.56
PayPal charges	\$45.31	\$43.35
PO Box	\$213.90	\$205.85
Inventory write down	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,677.17	\$9,959.16
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$4,329.41	\$6,448.64

Balance Sheet as at March 31

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
RBC Current Account	\$12,752.49	\$13,217.42
RBC GICs	\$26,330.95	\$18,067.50
PayPal Balance	\$430.23	\$445.54
HST/GST Receivable	\$191.99	\$485.44
Inventory	\$6,020.00	\$9,520.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$45,725.66	\$41,735.90
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outstanding cheques	\$125.34	\$464.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$125.34	\$464.99
TOTAL EQUITY	\$45,600.32	\$41,270.91

Report of the Vice-President: Program

2017-2018

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

In keeping with the mandate of the Society to support and preserve the history of Nova Scotia, the presenters to the Society in the 2017-2018 year dealt with a variety of topics, historical eras, geographic areas, and reporting concentrations. The consequences of World War One and the explosion that rocked Halifax were presented in the presentations of John Boileau's *City's Saviours: The Military Response to the Halifax Explosion* and David Sutherland's *Ordinary People; Extraordinary Times: Minnie and Stewart Ross confront the aftermath of the Halifax Explosion*. The 'Great War' was also the setting for Hyacinth Simpson's *The Third Jamaica Contingent and the 'Halifax Incident' of 1916*. The history of education in Nova Scotia was furthered by Robert Berard's presentation recounting *The End of the 'Gentlemen's Agreement': the Collapse of Catholic Education in Nova Scotia* and we were reminded of the political upheaval of the 1860s by Mathias Rodorff's account of *'The people's rights we have sustained': The Nova Scotian Repeal and Annexation Movements (1867-1869)*. The history of medicine in Cape Breton was featured in Kenneth Murry's *Leprosy in Cape Breton, 1852-1907* and Jeannette Verleun and Carly MacLellan's, *Medicine at the Fortress of Louisbourg: Trauma, Disease, and Cultural Influences*. The year started well at the annual Phyllis R. Blakeley Memorial Lecture with Clary Croft's presentation on *Folklore – Is it Relevant in the 21st Century?* and Alex Boutilier's *The Citadel on Stage* was a highlight of the annual banquet meeting. We appreciate the willingness of our presenters to share the product of their research with us.

Chronologically and geographically we were involved with many parts of the province over its long history. We have learned much and once again been reminded of how much is yet to be revealed and the extent that the methodology and lens of the researcher contributes to the process.

As the senior historical society in the province, the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society will continue to seek presentations that represent its entirety.

The Fall (2018) programme is now in place and Winter (2019) is filling up. We depend on the advice of the membership in the development of the program and pleased 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 Vice President for publicity for their assistance and to the Council for its support.

John N Grant, VP – Programme, 2017-2018



Report of the Vice-President: Publications

2017-2018

The Vice-President, Publications acts as a liaison between the Editor of the *Journal* and the Council. The Editor and Vice-President are *ex-officio* members of the Journal's Editorial Board.

This past year, Anne Marie Lane Jonah took over as Editor and recently delivered Volume 20, of the *Journal*. It was decided that henceforth the journal would include an acknowledgement of ancestral, unceded Mi'kmaw territory. This change was made with the support of the board and executive, and with the guidance of John Reid.

Volume 20 offers a range of papers from new and long-standing contributors, including Martha Walls of Mount Saint Vincent University with her paper entitled, "Mi'kmaw Politicism and the Origins of the Micmac Community Development Program, 1899–1957," and Courtney Mrazek, a doctoral candidate at the University of New Brunswick, who presents " 'after planting their few potatoes they wander about the Island': The Mi'kmaq and British Agricultural Policies in Nineteenth-Century Nova Scotia". Barry Cahill, emeritus of the Nova Scotia Archives, shares his recent work, "The Canadian Federal Government and the Politics of Disaster Relief during Nova Scotia's Great War", while Julian Gwyn, emeritus of the University of Ottawa, shares the essay he presented as the Phyllis R. Blakeley Memorial Lecture in 2016, "The Private Life of Jessie MacCallum, Diarist of Windsor & St George, 1901-1910".

This issue also introduces a new section, "Research Notes," to present shorter essays on a single, previously unstudied, source and contains an intriguing genealogy, by Deborah Trask, curator emeritus of the Nova Scotia Museum, and her mother Gwen Trask, "The Taint of Witchcraft, from Salem Massachusetts to Yarmouth Nova Scotia."

Many thanks to founding Editor, Brian Cuthbertson for his long-standing commitment and inspiration and to Anne Marie and the entire Editorial Board for delivering yet another excellent volume of the *Journal*.

Submitted on behalf of Arthur Smith VP – Programme, 2017-2018



Report of the Membership Secretary to the Annual General Meeting, 16 May 2017

Membership as of 31 March 2018

Type of Membership	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Life Members	17	17	15
Individual Member - Canada	160	142	136
Individual Member - USA	7	11	7
Individual Member - International	1	1	0
Institutional Member - Canada	35	35	34
Institutional Member - USA	8	9	9
Institutional Member - International	1	1	1
Additional Family Member	7	5	4
Student Member	8	7	3
TOTAL	244	228	209

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. Allan E. Marble, FRNSHS
 Dr. Henry Roper, FRNSHS
 Dr. David. A. Sutherland, FRNSHS
 Dr. Peter B. Waite, FRNSHS

Rosemary V Barbour
 Membership Secretary

April 2018



Report of the Nominating Committee, May 2018

The Committee nominates the following members to be the Officers and Council of the RNSHS for the period 2018-2019

President	Sara Beanlands
Vice President (Programme)	John Grant
Vice President (Publications)	John Reid
Vice President (Publicity)	Tanja Harrison
Treasurer	John Cordes
Recording Secretary	John MacLeod
Membership Secretary	Rosemary Barbour
Assistant Secretary	Anjali Vohra
Council	Randy Barkhouse, Claudine Bonner, Karly Kehoe, Monica MacDonald, Gregory MacNeil, [one vacancy]
Past President	James Morrison

Bertrum MacDonald

Chair, Nominating Committee

14 May 2018