

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 MAY 2019, 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 (16 May 2018)**
- 4. Business arising from the Minutes**
- 5. President's report**
- 6. Treasurer's report**
- 7. Appointment of Auditor for 2019-2020**
- 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**



Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 16 May 2018

1. **Opening:** The President, Sara Beanlands, called the 140th annual meeting of the Society to order at 7:30 pm in the Akins Room of the Nova Scotia Archives with a quorum of 40 members and guests in attendance.

In her opening remarks she said that the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society acknowledges with meaning and intent that where we work, and meet is in Mi'kma'ki – the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.

She then called upon those present for any additions to the pre-circulated agenda for the meeting and upon hearing non, the agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. **Remembrance of deceased members.** A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members, or former members, whose passing had come to the attention of the Society during the past year. Daphne Faulkner, who was a faithful attendee and former Parks Canada historian, Bill Naftel, were particularly remembered.

3. **Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting:** The minutes of the 2017 annual general meeting had been included in the pre-circulated package of information and were approved on the motion of John Macleod, the Secretary, and James Morrison.

4. **Business arising from the minutes:** The president indicated that there was no business arising from the minutes that needed to be addressed separately from the related reports.

5. **President's report (Sara Beanlands):** The President addressed some highlights in her report and remarked that it was a year of transition for the Society with refreshed leadership at the **Journal** and her own first year as president. She recalled that she was a reluctant acceptee to the nominations committee's call; as an archaeologist often in the field she knew time might be an issue and her fears to some extent were realized but also to some extent relieved with the support of the Society's Council. She remained committed to the relevance of history in today's society and to the growth of the Society as a proponent for it.

6. **Treasurer's report (John Cordes):** Also included in the information package was the Treasurer's report showing revenue of \$11,007 and expense of \$6,667. He remarked that with the **Journal's** production schedule there were no production expenses in this reporting period. Responding to a question he noted the printing, stationery and postage expense was related to our brochure and membership notices with postage being reduced in the absence of a **Journal** to mail. This report was adopted on the motion of John Cordes and Gregory MacNeil.

7. Auditor's report / Appointment of Auditor: In accordance with the direction of the 2017 annual meeting the financial records of the Society had been examined by our auditor, Hugh P Creighton, and compared to the Financial Statement. After reviewing both, his report certified their correctness and was accepted by all present.

On the motion of John Cordes and John Grant, Hugh P Creighton was appointed as the Society's auditor for the 2018-2019 year.

8. Reports of Vice Presidents: All of these reports were included in the package.

8a : Vice President (Programs) (John Grant): John Grant remarked that he was always on the hunt for potential presenters. Sara Beanlands thanked him for his, so far, 6 years in planning the programs.

8b: Vice President (Publications) (Arthur Smith):

8c: Vice President (Publicity): The president, Sara Beanlands, said that although, we had suffered a bit due to not filling this position last year and thanked John Cordes for responding to our web and Facebook needs during the year. She was relieved that Tanja Harrison would be nominated to fill this position for the next year.

9. Report of the Membership Secretary: Also included in the meeting package.

The adoption of the reports of the Vice Presidents and the Membership Secretary were proposed as a single motion by James Morrison and Bill Jordan and accepted as such by all present.

10. Nominating Committee: Bertrum MacDonald presented the report of the Nominating Committee which was as follows:

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 MacNeill One Vacancy

Upon receiving this report, the President inquired of those present if there were any additional nominations. She repeated her inquiry a second time and from the floor David States was nominated as a Councillor. Responding to this, David declined with the statements that he had already been a councillor and that he felt his three-year contribution at that time was an experience to be cherished but not repeated. Sara asked a final time for additional nominations. When none were heard it was

moved by Bertrum MacDonald and Allan Ruffman that nominations cease and that the slate as presented be adopted. This was supported by all present.

The President noted that this was the first year in many in which Allan Marble had not been associated with the Nominating Committee. She thanked him for his service over many years.

Speaker: The evening's speaker was Jeannette Verleun who presented a paper written with Carly MacLellan titled: Medicine at the Fortress of Louisbourg: Trauma, Disease, and Cultural Influences. The paper looked at the practice of medicine at the Fortress from 1713 to 1758 with references to the impact of Mi'kmaq herbal remedies and spiritual practices with earlier references to existing health practices in the native community as recorded by Nicholas Denys in the 17th century.

Medicine in Louisbourg also represented French culture and traditions which were different than those in the English world. The separation of physicians and surgeons as separate professions continued to endure in the French world and influenced Louisbourg.

The paper also looked at the running of the Louisbourg hospital by religious organizations, the influence of surgeons from Quebec, and the practice of midwifery.

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



President's Annual Report – May 2019

The Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society has enjoyed another year of informative public lectures and has published yet another excellent volume of the Society's *Journal*. As in previous years, our Vice-President (Programme), John Grant, pulled together a tremendous slate of speakers who shared their research on wide range of topics and time periods. In keeping with our efforts to encourage new scholars, Kirby Ross presented her lecture entitled "Women and the War at Home: Pictou County Women in Industrialized Work, 1939 to 1945: The New Woman Worker of Shipbuilding" at the annual banquet, which was held in April at the Dalhousie Club. On behalf of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, I thank all those speakers who shared their time and expertise with us and look forward to the publication of many of these papers in upcoming volumes of the Society's *Journal*. We must also express our sincere gratitude to John Grant, who, after many long years, is stepping down as our Vice-President (Programme). John's unwavering commitment and dedication to both the Society and Council cannot be overstated. He has served tirelessly on the Executive for many years, represented the Society on the Board of Trustees of the Nova Scotia Archives and has been responsible for organizing the wonderful lectures we have all enjoyed for some time. Needless to say, we will miss his thoughtful and constant presence around the Council table and we so very much appreciate all of his efforts as VP Programme. Indeed, he leaves large shoes to fill and we have yet to find a replacement, but, as a reflection of his dedication to the Society, he leaves us having already confirmed our lecture series for next year and we are so grateful for all he has done and the lasting contribution he has made.

The Society's journal continues under the capable editorship of Anne Marie Lane Jonah, whose talent and abilities are reflected in the most recent volume. Many thanks to her, to our genealogy editor, Kenneth Paulsen, copy editor, Erica Gagnon, and long-standing book review editor, Karen Smith. And special thanks to all members of the Editorial Board, as well as our Vice-President (Publications), John Reid.

Our efforts to publicize the activities and lecture series of the Society have been greatly enhanced by the work of Tanja Harrison, our Vice-President (Publicity) and Sara Hollett. For the first time, we were able to live stream many of our lectures on facebook, which has enabled us to reach a much broader audience and was much appreciated by our members who cannot always travel to Halifax. In addition, Tanja and Sara have greatly improved our social media presence, allowing us to promote the Society and share the rich and fascinating history of Nova Scotia in new and exciting ways.

This year, once again, John Cordes balanced our books and it is with regret that I announce he will be stepping down as Treasurer. John has taken exceptional care of our finances for several years and has supported Council in many other ways. He will be greatly missed. We are grateful for all his efforts and for agreeing to work with our incoming Treasurer over the transition period.

In closing, I wish to express my gratitude to members of Council and the Executive: John Grant, John Cordes, John Reid, John MacLeod, Anjali Vohra, Tanja Harrison, Karly Kehoe, Randy Barkhouse, Monica MacDonald, Gregory MacNeil, James Morrison, Dan Conlin, Claudine Bonner, Mathias Rodorff and Rosemary Barbour for their dedicated service. Special thanks to Randy Barkhouse, who is also leaving Council this year. I very much look forward to working with the new council and to the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Beanlands
President



RNSHS AGM 2019 Treasurer's Report

The Financial Statements follow (see page 2), 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 a rough balance between revenue and expense for this popular event – though just barely this year, as costs continue to rise.

JOURNAL During the past fiscal year we saw the production of both Volumes 20 and 21 of the Journal under the capable hands of our editor, Anne Marie Lane Jonah. As a consequence, the charges associated with the Journal preparation and printing were unusually large. We expect that the present fiscal year will see a return to the historic norm of one journal per year.

MEMBERSHIP The prospect of further membership declines is a concern, though there has been at least a temporary slowdown in the rate of decline.

THANKS

To the entire council for their support throughout the year, and indeed over the past five years, during which I have had the honour of serving as your treasurer. Thanks are due especially to Rosemary Barbour, our Membership Secretary, who makes the life of the Treasurer so much easier by pre-processing all the incoming membership payments.

MOTIONS There is a 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,

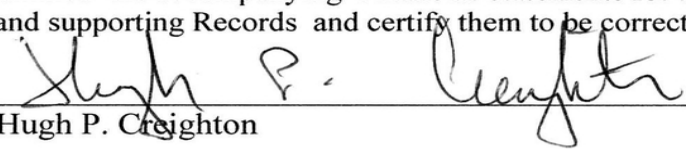
John G. Cordes, Treasurer

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, 2019 and supporting Records and certify them to be correct.

Signed


Hugh P. Creighton

Date: May 05, 2019

RNSHS Financial Statement for Fiscal 2018-19

<u>REVENUE</u>	2018-19	2017-18
Membership Dues	\$6,237.67	\$6,544.52
Publication Sales	\$415.25	\$225.00
Annual Dinner	\$1,800.00	\$2,371.00
Donations	\$900.00	\$975.97
Bank interest (GICs)	\$95.09	\$53.60
HST Rebate Received	\$535.87	\$683.74
Royalties	\$231.97	\$152.75
TOTAL	\$10,215.85	\$11,006.58
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Journal Production	\$11,069.56	\$0.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage	\$1,657.45	\$724.30
Annual Dinner	\$2,229.28	\$1,766.40
P.O. Box	\$218.50	\$213.90
Bank fees	\$102.20	\$88.00
PayPal fees	\$53.23	\$45.31
Meeting expenses	\$736.42	\$339.26
Inventory write down	\$2,000.00	\$3,500.00
TOTAL	\$18,066.64	\$6,677.17
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$7,850.79)	\$4,329.41

RNSHS Balance Sheet as at March 31

<u>ASSETS</u>	2019	2018
RBC Current Account	\$18,162.72	\$12,752.49
RBC GICs	\$16,000.00	\$26,330.95
PayPal Balance	\$57.00	\$430.23
Inventory	\$4,020.00	\$6,020.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$38,239.72	\$45,533.67
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts payable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outstanding cheques	\$570.63	\$13.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$570.63	\$13.79
TOTAL EQUITY	\$37,669.09	\$45,519.88
Change in Total Equity	(\$7,850.79)	



Report of the Vice-President: Programmes 2018 -2019

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

Mindful of our mandate to support and preserve the history of Nova Scotia, the presenters to the Society in the 2018-2019 year dealt with a variety of topics, historical eras, geographic areas, and reporting styles. We continue to celebrate the contribution of Dr. Blakeley through the annual Phyllis R. Blakeley Memorial Lecture and introduced the Allan Dunlop Occasional Lecture in the history of sport in Nova Scotia.

In our usual eclectic nature, military history was represented in “Charlie’s War: The Life and Death of a South African Soldier in the No. 2 Construction Company, 1917-1918” and “HMS Jervis Bay – the Nova Scotia and Maritime Connections”. Women’s history was represented in “Women and the War at Home: Pictou County Women in Industrialized Work, 1939 to 1945: The New Woman Worker of Shipbuilding” and the relationship between history and geography emphasised in “Coastal Stories: A History of the Eastern Shore Islands”. Historical biography was represented in the account of the “Malagash Man: Chief Justice Lorne Clarke and Canadian Judicial Biography; the history of medicine in “Halifax was Plunged Into Gloom: The Impact of the Spanish Influenza Pandemic in Nova Scotia 1918 – 1920; the history of sport in “The Home of Cricket: The Sport of Cricket in Pictou County, to 1914”; the history of law in “Invisible Victims: The Trial for the Murders of the Emoneau Family of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia in 1791”; and the history of the Mi’kmaq in “Encountering the Indigenous Other in Historic Nova Scotia, 1749 – 1900”. Chronologically, we highlighted years between 1749 and 1988 and geographically we criss-crossed the province and reflected events that influenced the Atlantic region, Canada, and north eastern North America.

The Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society is the senior historical society in the province and will continue to seek presentations that represent its entirety. Thank you to all the speakers who so willingly shared the product of their research with the Society. Congratulations and thanks to the *Journal* for its work in publishing many of the presentations and preserving our history.

The Fall (2019) and Winter (2020) programme is now in place. 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 Vice President for publicity for their assistance and to the Council for its support.

John N Grant, VP – Programme: 2018 - 2019



Report of Vice-President Publications for 2018-19 Year

A major achievement for the year was the publication of Volume 21 of the *Journal* in February 2019. The volume is a strong one that contains very substantial articles, as well research notes and book reviews. In congratulating the authors, I would like also to thank the journal's editor, Anne Marie Lane Jonah, for the enormous amount of consistent hard work that went into the successful completion of this task. Thanks are extended as well to the members of the Editorial Board for their support and their contributions to the process. The projected publication date for Volume 22 is September 2019, which will bring the *Journal* back to its customary publication cycle.

The Editorial Board of the *Journal* met twice during the year, on 1 October 2018 and 7 May 2019, with a variety of editorial and policy matters being discussed at each meeting. The Board has reviewed a new set of Policy Guidelines for the *Journal* that gained approval by the RNSHS Council at its meeting on 20 March 2019, with a view to proposing certain clarifications.

Thanks to the invaluable work of the Vice-President Publicity, Tanja Harrison, a draft agreement was reached with EBSCO Publishing, Inc., for aggregated distribution of the *Journal*. The agreement was approved in principle by the Council on 20 March 2019, but with a response also expected from the Editorial Board.

Also discussed by the Editorial Board on 7 May 2019 was the possibility of offering digital subscriptions to the *Journal*, as an option for members of the Society. The purposes would be to save on production costs while also accommodating the wishes of some members who would prefer electronic rather than print copies. The Editorial Board has agreed to suggest testing the preferences of the membership, and to invite the Council then to strike a joint committee to bring forward specific recommendations.

John Reid

7 May 2019



Annual Report of the Vice-President, Publicity - May 15, 2019

It has been a pleasure to participate for a second year as a member of Council and to take on the role of VP Publicity. Here are a few highlights of activity since the last Annual General Meeting:

- Feedback from the 2015 member survey indicated the need for better access to lectures. In an effort to extend reach and assist Members who are unable to attend talks in person, our first live-stream via Facebook (FB) was piloted in December 2018. As of this month, we have live-streamed five lectures with most presenters agreeing to keep the taped lectures posted to the Society's FB page. Thanks to John Cordes for uploading the videos to our YouTube channel (with permission) and linking them to our website. Anyone with an internet connection – regardless of having an FB account – can now view these presentations online.
- Promotion of the public lecture series has been consistent, with emails distributed via the listserv as well as announcements posted to the Society's Twitter and FB account. In addition to better accessibility, the goal this year was also to increase engagement by adding more historical images (with permission) to accompany the lecture promotional campaigns.
- A diligent approach to our social media presence was taken over the past year. Our followers continue to grow, including Facebook (from 711 likes to 1041 likes, and now 1093 followers) and Twitter (from 370 to 450 followers) as of this writing. The RNSHS listserv subscriptions have also grown with a total of 313 contacts now receiving our mail-outs.
- In consultation with the VP Publications and the Editor of the RNSHS Journal, I assisted with navigating an EBSCO license (academic content provider) to add full-text articles to the America History & Life database. We anticipate the license agreement to be finalized soon.
- Most recently, a partnership was made with Historic Nova Scotia (HNS) to promote to our presenters the opportunity to publish their research in a shortened version for addition to the HNS website and app. The first 'story' based on an RNSHS lecture has since been published.

I have appreciated Members' advice and support throughout the year. Thanks to John Cordes for continuing to maintain the RNSHS web site and to Sara Hollett for working with me to help keep the Society's social media channels updated and for technical support during the public lectures.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanja Harrison
Vice-President, Publicity



Report of the Membership Secretary to the Annual General Meeting, 15 May 2019

Membership as of 31 March 2019

Type of Membership	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Life Members	17	15	15
Individual Member - Canada	142	136	132
Individual Member - USA	11	7	6
Individual Member - International	1	0	0
Institutional Member - Canada	35	34	35
Institutional Member - USA	9	9	9
Institutional Member - International	1	1	1
Family Members	5	4	4
Student Member	7	3	5
TOTAL	228	209	207

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

Rosemary V Barbour
 Membership Secretary

April 2019

**Nominating Committee
May 2019**

POSITION:	NAME	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
PRESIDENT-	Sara Beanlands	2017
PAST PRESIDENT-	James H. Morrison	2017
VICE PRESIDENT- PROGRAMMES	Vacant	
VICE PRESIDENT PUBLICITY	Tanya Harrison	2018
VICE PRESIDENT PUBLICATIONS	John Reid	2018
SECRETARY	John MacLeod	2001
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Anjali Vohra	2007
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Rosemary Barbour	2002
TREASURER	Robin Orr	2019
COUNCILLOR	Gregory MacNeil	2017
COUNCILLOR	Claudine Bonner	2018
COUNCILLOR	Albert Lee	2019
COUNCILLOR	Dan Conlin	2018
COUNCILLOR	Sara Hollett	2019
COUNCILLOR	Mattias Rudorff	2019