



Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 21 May 2014, 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 (15 May 2013)
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. President's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Appointment of Auditor for 2014-2015
8. Reports of the Vice Presidents
 - a. Vice-President (Programmes)
 - b. Vice-President (Publications)
 - c. Vice-President (Publicity)
9. Report of the Membership Secretary
10. Report of the Nominating Committee
11. New Business
 - a. Election of Fellow of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society
 - b. Membership fees
12. Introduction of Monthly Speaker
13. Lecture by Dr. Terrance Murphy
14. Adjournment

Minutes of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society Annual Meeting, 15 May 2013

1. **Opening:** The president called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Akins room of the Nova Scotia Archives with 54 members and guests in attendance.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 2012 annual meeting, held 16 May 2012, were read by the secretary and accepted on his motion seconded by James Morrison.
3. **Remembrance of members passed:** A moment of standing silence was observed in memory of members who had passed away during the year. A fellow of the Society (Dr W. B. Hamilton) was also specifically remembered at this time.
4. **President's Report:** The President, Bertrum MacDonald highlighted a number of points from his distributed report. The year had started with the publication of another stellar edition of the **Journal** and the availability of some issues online through ProQuest at the public and university libraries in Halifax and elsewhere. He recalled the quality and diversity of the papers presented and in particular remembered the joint program with the Nova Scotia Institute of Science in commemoration of their 150th anniversary. The membership report indicated a stability in our numbers with 284 memberships of all types being reported. The year had also seen the start of the renewal of the Society's website to something that would be more manageable and user friendly for both readers of the site and contributors to it.
5. **Treasurer's report:** Jim Fergusson reported that our combined assets, exclusive of the value of inventory, were slightly in excess of \$24,600 and that our auditor would have a report for the Council later in the year. A motion to confirm the appointment of Hugh Creighton as our continuing auditor for the coming year was moved by Alan Marble and Brian Cuthbertson and approved by those present.
6. **Reports of the Vice Presidents:**
 - a. **Program.** James Morrison reported on plans for the coming year with the early highlight being a meeting sponsored with the Royal Society on the anniversary of the Treaties of Utrecht which would be held as the Blakeley lecture in September at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. He also recommend that some small gift be given to speakers and that we investigate broadcasting or webcasting the lectures to a wider audience.
 - b. **Publications** – George Parker reported on the successful appearance of the **Journal** and thanked the editor and editorial board for their diligence and effort which resulted in a most worthy Journal.
 - c. **Publicity** - Taunya Dawson was unable to be present but included a report in the distributed documents in which she also expressed her thanks to those involved with the distribution of posters and other publicity tools.
7. **Membership Report:** A membership report had been prepared by Rosemary Barbour and was included in the distributed reports. It showed a net gain of four members to 284 for 2012-2013.
8. **Motion of Acceptance:** The combined distributed reports were accepted on a motion of John Grant and Judith Fingard.
9. **Business arising from the minutes:** None that had not been addressed in reports.

10. **Nominations report:** The nominations report proposed Sara Beanlands as Vice President of Publicity and Marilyn Gurney and Ross Langley as new Councilors. This adoption of this report was moved by Alan Marble and seconded by Jim Fergusson. After hailing three times for additional nominations and hearing neither an echo nor a nomination it was proposed that nominations cease and that the slate be adopted.

On the motion of Henry Roper and Brian Cuthbertson, Taunya Dawson, our retiring Vice President of Publicity and Sandra Barry, a retiring Councilor were thanked for the contributions they had made to the Society. Taunya had moved our meeting notices into the realm of FaceBook and Twitter, renewed our conventional postering and ensured that we made it, from time to time, into the **Herald** and **Coast**'s lists of events. Sandra Barry had aided with this and had also played a significant part in the planning and holding of our future planning session.

11. **New members:** On the motion of John Macleod and John Grant, Charles Mackenzie, John Watson and John Corbett were proposed and accepted as members in the Society.
12. **Website Preview:** Alison Froese Stoddard who had been engaged to move our website to a more useable platform gave a preview of the possibilities that the new design and software will support.
13. **Program:** There being no further business the meeting moved on to the program portion of the meeting during which retired architecture professor Allen Penney presented an illustrated paper on the life of Louisa Neville more commonly, but not better, known as Mrs. Thomas Chandler Haliburton.

Allen Penney arrived in Canada on a 47 foot ketch after an education in fine arts and architecture at Cambridge University. He quickly settled in as a professor at the local school of architecture where he became known as the builder of one of the first solar homes in Nova Scotia. Additionally he turned his academic interest towards historical architecture in Nova Scotia as represented in the various properties now part of the Nova Scotia Museum family. His study of Windsor's Clifton or the Haliburton House led him to explore the life of the woman who had influenced the evolution of the home.

He discovered that little was known about her and it was assumed that little could be known about her. Indeed her birth date and birth place are unknown. With her mother passing when she was about four she followed a path through guardianship, being kidnapped and eventually reunited at the age of 19 with her father who shortly afterwards died.

In Nova Scotia few original Haliburton family papers remain and when the eldest daughter of Thomas Chandler Haliburton was motivated to prepare information on the family in response to a potential negative biography by the provincial librarian, Blake Crofton, she turned to other family members for their keepsakes and remembrances. These accumulated papers eventually found their way via British Columbia to the Esther Clarke Wright Archive at Acadia University.

Louisa was a relative of Jane Austen and like her enjoyed a family history sprinkled with colonial military sojourns in India where her father Lawrence Neville was an officer who also authored a treatise on Cavalry Discipline. However unlike Austen who left a healthy number of letters, Louisa's literary remains appear to consist of just two documents, one of which records the destruction of family letters and muniments.

Following her father's death Louisa found herself rejected by her father's relatives who assumed responsibility for her brothers but farmed her out to a widowed Mrs. Macneil. Following her guardian's remarriage Louisa was accidentally and fortuitously placed under the direction of a Captain Piercy. Mrs Piercy's sister was the step mother of Haliburton and the daughter of Susannah Boutineau Francklin whose Nova Scotia connections are well known. A young and ill TC Haliburton was sent to England to recover with relatives and the connection to Louisa was made.

Married in 1816 in the UK the Haliburton's in Nova Scotia lived in Windsor, then Annapolis and then returned to Windsor in 1828 where she died in 1843.

Using historical images of Clifton, Allen Penney examined what they told us about the building and how they compared with reality as seen in the structure itself and in comparison to arithmetic proportions so favored by designers of the period.

He ended his paper with the story of the quest to find and identify the William Valentine portrait of Louisa, which was known from family correspondence.



**Report of the President to the
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The Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society has enjoyed an exceptional year of a full slate of very informative public lectures and has published an outstanding volume of the Society's *Journal*. The monthly lectures were very well attended, even sold-out in one instance (annual dinner meeting). Numerous factors contributed to these successes, primarily a new website and enhanced social media presence and the fact that every member of the Executive and Council actively fulfilled their responsibilities and took on new initiatives.

Public Lectures

Following a longstanding practice, the Society hosted monthly public lectures from September 2013 through May 2014, organized by Dr. James Morrison, Vice-President (Programmes), as follows:

- 18 September 2013 – “In the Balance: Atlantic Canada and the Legacy of the Peace of Utrecht,” by Dr. Elizabeth Mancke, University of New Brunswick, and panelists, Dr. Kenneth Donovan, Dr. James Hiller, and Anne Marine Lane Jonah. This event was co-sponsored by the Gorsebrook Research Institute, Saint Mary's University and hosted by the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.
- 16 October 2013 – “Nova Scotia Soldier Pensioners in their British Imperial Context, 1812-1827,” by Dr. William R. Miles, Memorial University, and Dr. Michael E. Vance, Saint Mary's University.
- 20 November 2013 – “No Paleolithic is He, but Braw Canadian Scotch: Cape Breton's Giant MacAskill,” by Dr. Laurie Stanley Blackwill, St. Francis Xavier University.
- 11 December 2013 – “Acadian Cemeteries in Nova Scotia: Changing Cultural Landscapes,” by Dr. Sally Ross, Independent Scholar.
- 15 January 2014 – “The Political Education and Revolutionary Consciousness of the Black Loyalists,” by Dr. Avua Cooper, Dalhousie University.
- 19 February 2014 – “The Loyalist Plantation: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Informing Early African-Nova Scotian Settlement,” by Dr. Catherin Cottreau-Robins, Nova Scotian Museum.
- 19 March 2014 – “Highland Shepherd: Rev. James MacGregor, 1789-1831,” by Dr. Alan Wilson, Trent University.
- 16 April 2014 – “Thomas Raddall and the ‘Jolly Millionaire’ Leo Koretz: A Young Author, a Fugitive Chicago Swindler and Nova Scotia's Dazzling Summer of 1924,” by Dean Jobb, University of King's College.

21 May 2014 – “Transformation and Triumphalism: The Irish Catholics of Halifax in the Mid-Nineteenth Century,” by Dr. Terrance Murphy, Saint Mary’s University.

As the above list highlights, scholars from institutions throughout the province as well as elsewhere in Canada were invited to present lectures. The lecture and panel, which opened the Public Lecture series in September, was made possible by a grant from the Royal Society of Canada. We are grateful to Dr. John Reid, Saint Mary’s University, who obtained the grant, which covered the travel costs of the speakers. The informative lectures attracted diverse audiences due to the range of subjects. The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, His Honour Brigadier-General, the Honourable J. J. Grant, attended the lecture presented on 19 March 2014. Many of the papers presented during this year will be revised and published in the Society’s *Journal*.

Journal

The Society’s *Journal* continues to be prepared under the capable editorship of Dr. Brian Cuthbertson (General Editor), Karen E.M. Smith (Book Review Editor), and Terrence M. Punch (Genealogical Editor), assisted by the Vice-President (Publications) and an editorial board. The latest volume, #16 (2013), includes an outstanding breadth of scholarship of interest to members and interested public. As arranged previously, all volumes of the *Journal* are available online in digital format through libraries with licensing arrangements with ProQuest. This year the Council has considered a proposal from the Patrick Power Library at Saint Mary’s University to digitize all of the volumes of *Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society* and its successor, beginning in 1878.

Website and Promotion of the Society

Following the preview of the Society’s new website at the Annual Meeting in May 2013, the site was fully developed and launched in August 2013. This new website equips the Society with a much more effective means of promoting its work as well as historical activities and events throughout the province. Alison Froese Stoddard, who was engaged to develop the website design, and Sara Beanlands, Vice President (Publicity), have enhanced the social media presence of the Society via the new website as well as Facebook and Twitter. The results of their combined efforts have been seen in the well-attended lectures and the sold-out annual dinner meeting in April 2014.

Brief to Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel

In November 2013, the Society presented a brief to the Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel on the Status and Future of Libraries and Archives, when the panel met in Halifax. Ross Langley (Council Member) and I met privately with the panel to present the brief and to respond to questions. A blog post about the brief and a copy of the document can be downloaded from the Society’s website (see mshs.ca/?p=737). The Expert Panel is expected to release its report in mid-2014.

Nomination to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board

In September 2013, the Society submitted a nomination of the Vice Admiralty Court of Halifax for Designation of National Significance to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

The Council commissioned Dr. Faye Kert to prepare a brief essay outlining the significance of the Vice Admiralty Court, which was submitted as part of the nomination documentation. In addition, Dr. Bill Laurence, Council Member, provided historical context for the nomination documentation. In January 2014, the Society was advised that the Historic Sites and Monuments Board has completed its preliminary review of our nomination and is proceeding with development of a submission report to be considered by the Board. In due course, we will learn the outcome of this process.

Membership

Membership in the Society has declined somewhat this year. To address this matter, the Council established a Working Group, co-chaired by Ross Langley (Member of Council) and Rosemary Barbour, Membership Secretary, to assess options for retaining and increasing the Society's membership. The Working Group has submitted an interim report recently and will submit a final report later this year. Among the factors influencing membership in the Society is the benefit of receiving a copy of the *Journal*. Production of the *Journal* is the Society's largest expense. Thus, consideration of options relating to membership also includes consideration of the cost of the *Journal* as well as other initiatives that the Society might wish to undertake. The Working Group is exploring several options and will make recommendations to the Council.

Future Planning

As members will recall, a future planning session was held in February 2012. A task force of the Council reviewed the numerous ideas generated in that event and identified priorities to pursue over the next two to three years. At each bi-monthly Council meeting over the past year, we have reviewed progress on these matters, some of which have already been accomplished. For example, members suggested that the work of the Society's Council be more visible. With the launch of the new website, it became possible to post both agendas and minutes of Council meeting. In addition, a list of historical associations and other related organizations throughout the province was compiled and links have been added to the Society's website. The task force also recommended establishing a better program of external communication to raise awareness about the Society's work. The new website and use of social media have been used to pursue this recommendation.

Relationships with Other Organizations

The Society has, over a period of years, developed relationships with a variety of educational institutions and associations in the province, e.g., with the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotian Institute of Science. Recently, discussion has been pursued with the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage, which may lead to selected public lectures being made accessible via digital delivery to sites throughout the province.

Additional Activities

The members of the Executive and the Council have responded to a variety of inquiries over the past several months. We are particularly interested in raising the profile of the Society locally, nationally, and internationally in order to fulfil the Society's mandate to "promote an understanding of Nova Scotia's history and cultural development."

Acknowledgements

The terms of four members of the Council and the Executive conclude with this annual meeting. I wish to extend thanks to Dr. Henry Roper, Past President, whose commitment to the Society has been exceptional. Dr. Roper has served the Society in numerous capacities and his advice at Council meetings will be missed. James Ferguson, Treasurer, will complete his term of office and Council members, Dr. William Lawrence and Marilyn Gurney, will also conclude their terms of office. I have appreciated their advice, ideas, and numerous other contributions to the management of the Society. All continuing members of the Executive and Council have been very helpful over the past twelve months. Dr. Henry Roper and Rosemary Barbour, for example, handled the coordination for the sold-out dinner meeting in April 2013. The 2014-2015 season of lectures is fully planned, thanks to Jim Morrison, Vice-President (Programmes) and even some lectures for the 2015-2016 season have been confirmed.

My term as President will conclude with this annual meeting. I wish to thank all members of the Executive and Council for their strong commitment to collaboration. It has been a privilege to work with talented team members.

Since this province has a rich heritage, with much to be studied and explored, I encourage all members to submit ideas for future events and to take an active role in encouraging new memberships and promoting the Society's lectures in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bertrum H. MacDonald, PhD

President



**Report of the Treasurer to the
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Annual Financial Report, 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014

REVENUE	Credit	Debit
Membership Dues Received	\$ 6521.23	
Publication Sales (back issues)	\$ 275.00	
PayPal Membership Dues Received ¹	\$ 344.68	
Annual Dinner, 2013	\$1600.00	
Donations	\$ 175.00	
Royalties (Access Copyright)	\$ 116.46	
HST Eligible for Rebate	\$1258.00	
Bank Interest	\$ 34.52	
Exchange/ Other Income ²	\$ 10.00	
Total Revenue	\$ 10334.89	
EXPENDITURES		
Journal Production (design, printing, delivery) ³		\$6329.03
Website design and maintenance		\$1309.24
Printing (lecture schedules and posters) & stationary		\$ 421.24
Postage		\$1526.74
Annual Dinner, 2013		\$1513.17
PO Box		\$ 197.80
Bank charges		\$ 77.52
Speakers' gifts		\$ 240.35
Meeting expenses ⁴		\$ 438.09
US Exchange/ Other Income		
Total Expenditures		\$12053.18
ANNUAL SURPLUS / DEFICIT		(\$1718.29)

Notes

1. Held in separate PayPal account
2. Net of US exchange on membership dues received over fiscal year.
3. Includes printing and delivery to Nova Scotia Archives (\$4302.15) and graphic design (\$1819.88) for *Journal* volume 16.
4. Includes \$400 catering fee for September 2013 meeting, refreshments and Nova Scotia Archives security costs for meetings continuing after 9:00 pm.

ASSETS	Credit	Debit
Royal Bank Current Account	\$ 6953.34	
Credit Union Atlantic Term Deposit and Share	\$10696.19	
PayPal account	\$ 344.68	
Deposits made after 31 March 2014	\$ 165.00	
HST Eligible for Rebate	\$ 1258.00	
Inventory of Collections and Journals	\$ 1789.50	
Total Assets	\$21206.71	
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable		-----
Members Equity		\$21206.71
Total Liabilities		\$21206.71

General Ledger, 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014

GENERAL LEDGER	Revenue	Expenditures
Individual Memberships 2012-2013	\$ 250.00	
Institutional Memberships 2012-2013	-----	
Individual Memberships 2013-2014	\$4480.00	
Institutional Memberships 2013-2014	\$ 966.00	
Individual Memberships 2014-2015	\$ 300.00	
Institutional Memberships 2014-2015	\$ 448.23	
Individual Memberships 2015-2016	\$ 25.00	
Institutional Memberships 2015-2016	\$ 26.00	
Institutional Memberships 2016-2017	\$ 26.00	
PayPal Memberships	\$ 344.68	
Publication Sales (back issues)	\$ 275.00	
Annual Dinner, 2013	\$1600.00	
Donations	\$ 175.00	
Royalties (Access Copyright)	\$ 116.46	
HST Eligible for Rebate, 2012-13	\$ 450.00	
HST Eligible for Rebate, 2013-14	\$ 808.00	
Bank Interest	\$ 34.52	
US Exchange/ Other	\$ 10.00	
Total Revenue	\$10334.89	
Journal Production		
Volume 15		\$ 207.00
Volume 16		\$6122.03
Website design and maintenance		\$1309.24
Printing & stationary		\$ 421.24
Postage		\$1526.74
Annual Dinner, 2013		\$1513.17
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US Exchange/ Other		
Total Expenditures		\$12053.18
ANNUAL SURPLUS / DEFICIT		(\$1718.29)

RBC ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening Balance			\$10552.03
Total Revenue	\$10334.89		\$20886.92
Current year deposits made after 31 March 2014	(\$ 165.00)		\$20721.92
HST Eligible for Rebate	(\$1258.00)		\$19463.92
Total Expenditures		\$12056.85	\$ 7407.07
Cheques 192,193 from last fiscal		\$ 109.05	\$ 7298.02
Less PayPal payments (held in separate account)	(\$344.68)		\$ 6953.34
Closing Balance			\$ 6953.34

Respectfully submitted,
James Ferguson
Treasurer



**Report of Vice-President (Programmes) to the
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I am very pleased to report to the Council and the membership of the Society a most successful 2013-2014 season of stimulating lectures.

2013-2014 Lecture Programme

In recognition of the 300th anniversary of the Treaty of Utrecht, 1713, the first meeting of the year for the Society featured Professor Elizabeth Mancke, who delivered the Phyllis Blakeley lecture on the topic of the implications of the Treaty of Utrecht to Nova Scotia. This lecture was followed by commentary from three other scholars of the period and a lively discussion from the sold out audience. The event was successfully hosted at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and with the assistance of John Reid, Saint Mary's University, the Society received supportive funding to the amount of \$3,000 from the Royal Society of Canada. The Gorsebrook Research Institute was also a sponsor. Continuing the theme of commemoration, the presentation of Michael Vance and William Miles in October was on the post-War of 1812 settlement of demobilized soldiers. In November, Professor Laurie Stanley Blackwell of St. Francis Xavier University spoke of Angus MacAskill that icon of Scottish Cape Breton physical strength. Dr. Sally Ross closed out the Fall series in December with a wonderfully illustrated presentation on Acadian Cemeteries in Nova Scotia.

The Winter Series of lectures began with Dr. Afua Cooper, the James Robinson Johnston Chair in Black Studies at Dalhousie University, presenting on the making of the political consciousness and identity of Black Loyalists who travelled from Nova Scotia to Sierra Leone. This was followed, in February, by Catherine Cottreau-Robins, recent Dalhousie PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies, who spoke on slavery and an early Loyalist plantation in Nova Scotia. In March, Alan Wilson, Professor Emeritus, Trent University, highlighted the career of Reverend James MacGregor, a "Gentlemen of the Enlightenment" in the Scottish diaspora of 19th century Nova Scotia. Our annual dinner in April was sold out and we were treated to a crime thriller by Dean Jobb who told us of a fugitive Chicago swindler -Lou Keyte (nee Koretz) who made Nova Scotia his home in the 1920s. The final presentation of the year in May returned to the Celtic theme with Dr. Terrance Murphy, Professor Emeritus, Saint Mary's University, analyzing the Irish Catholic community of Halifax in the mid-nineteenth century.

2014-2015 Lecture Programme

The programme for 2014-2015 is fully scheduled with at least one external location at RA Park for one of the military lectures. I await confirmation from RA Park. The lectures are as follows:

Fall 2014

17 September 2014. G. Frederick Young. “The Capture and Occupation of Downeast Maine, 1814-1815/1818”

15 October 2014. Ross Langley. “‘A Tense and Courageous Performance’: The Leadership of Allan J. MacEachen in the Introduction of Medicare”

19 November 2014. Kirrily Freeman. “The Monuments Women: Captain Edith Standen and the Restitution of Looted Art” (*Phyllis R. Blakeley Memorial Lecture*)

10 December 2014. Deborah Trask. “Putting the War of 1812 to Rest”

Winter/Spring 2015

21 January 2015. Brian Tennyson. “Nova Scotia's Part in the Great War: An Update”

18 February 2015. “Up and Coming Research” – Panel of Graduate Students at Dalhousie University and St. Mary’s University

18 March 2015. Creighton Barrett. “Helen Creighton and the Quest for Traditional Music in Nova Scotia”

15 April 2015. Ernest Dick. “Early Film In Nova Scotia”

20 May 2015. Dale Dauphinee. “Sir Thomas Roddick 1846-1923: Relevance of His Work in Medicine and Public Life Today”

The Akins Room at the Nova Scotia Archives has been booked for all lectures. If another location(s) is found, these booking(s) will be cancelled.

In closing, I would like to thank Sara Beanlands, Vice President (Publicity), for the excellent job she has done with promoting the lecture programme, which has meant large turnouts at the lecture series. My appreciation is also extended to our President, the RNSHS Council, and the membership for the topic and speaker suggestions. I already have a short list for 2015-16!!

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Morrison, CM, PhD
Vice-President (Programmes)



**Report of the Vice-President (Publications) to the
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1. **The Vice-President (Publications)** acts as a liaison between the Editor of the *Journal*, Brian Cuthbertson, and the Council. The Editor and the Vice-President are *ex-officio* members of the *Journal's* Editorial Board, whose members, Terrence Punch (Genealogical editor), Henry Roper, Karen Smith (Book review editor), and David Sutherland assess and edit papers submitted to the *Journal*.
2. **The *Journal*, Volume 16 (2013)**, with a print run of 350 copies and 238 pages per copy, was distributed in September 2013. It contained eight papers, two genealogy articles, a policy statement regarding format for genealogy articles, seven book reviews, and twenty-three colour plates. Contributors received 20 offprints of their articles. Etc Press was paid \$4,302.15, and Meisterworks Graphic Design \$1,819.88. Postage would involve another \$2,000.
Volume 17 (2014). Brian Cuthbertson reports there are seven papers and one genealogy article in process, and possibly three more papers.
5. **Digitizing the *Journal***. The contract with ProQuest signed October 2010 to digitize the *Journal* from Volume 4 onward and to make these available to their subscribers, runs until October 2014. All volumes, from volume 1 through 16, are now online via libraries with licensed access to ProQuest journal services (e.g., public libraries and university libraries). By 31 March 2013 the Society had accumulated a very modest royalty of \$17.20, but a cheque cannot be sent until the amount reaches \$25.00. The Society is required to sign a tax form for the US Internal Revenue Service in order to release all funds.
6. **Digitizing the pre-1998 serials: *Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society* (1878-1980) and the *Collections of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society* (1982-1996)**. The Patrick Power Library of St. Mary's University has expressed interest in digitizing these volumes.
7. **Future funding of the *Journal***. While funding is in no immediate danger, a Membership Working Group was struck in the spring of 2014 to consider increasing membership fees and providing future funding of the *Journal*, which is our most expensive annual undertaking. It is unlikely that grants would be available from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada or Heritage Canada.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. Parker, PhD
Vice President (Publications)



**Report of Vice-President (Publicity) to the
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In an effort 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, several important steps regarding publicity have been taken over the past year:

- Alison Froese Stoddard, a Dalhousie graduate student and RNSHS Web Assistant, developed a new and improved website that the Society launched in August 2013, which has significantly enhanced the on-line presence of the Society and greatly facilitated efforts to promote its work and activities. Alison continues to update and maintain the website, while teaching other Council members how to follow proper protocol for website management.
- Based on new design elements incorporated into the website, Alison also created a new template for the public lecture posters to ensure that RNSHS “branding” was consistent for all promotional materials.
- Public lecture posters were created and distributed for each monthly lecture and announcements were made via email and through the Society’s Twitter account (maintained by Alison Froese Stoddard) and Facebook page (maintained by Sara Beanlands). There are currently 105 “likes” on the RNSHS Facebook page.
- A new pamphlet template was created for the 2013-2014 lecture series that contained more information than previous pamphlets, including an abstract and image for each speaker. The pamphlet design will be reworked for next season so that it incorporates the new RNSHS “branding” elements. Many thanks to Anjali Vohra, Assistant Secretary, for arranging the printing and distribution of the 2013-2014 pamphlets.

While there is still much more that can be done to raise the profile of the RNSHS, promote activities and events, and attract greater membership, we now have a solid foundation of promotional material and an online and social media presence upon which to build. Many thanks to Alison Froese Stoddard for all of her hard work, and to members of Council for much needed help and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara J. Beanlands

Vice-President (Publicity)



**Report of the Membership Secretary to the
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Type of Membership	2012-2013	2013-2014
Life Members	16	16
Individual Member - Canada	195	184
Individual Member - USA	6	6
Individual Member - International	1	0
Institutional Member - Canada	39	40
Institutional Member - USA	9	8
Institutional Member - International	2	1
Additional Family Member	10	7
Student Member	6	6
Total	284	268

Fellows

Dr. Brian C. Cuthbertson, FRNSHS
 Mrs. Joan Dawson, FRNSHS
 Mr. Allan C. Dunlop, 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. Terrence M. Punch, FRNSHS
 Dr. David. A. Sutherland, FRNSHS
 Dr. Peter B. Waite, FRNSHS

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary V. Barbour
 Membership Secretary

**Report of the Nominating Committee to the
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President	James Morrison
Past President	Bertrum MacDonald
Vice President (Programmes)	John Grant
Vice President (Publicity)	Sara Beanlands
Vice President (Publications)	George Parker
Treasurer	John Cordes
Secretary	John MacLeod
Assistant Secretary	Anjali Vohra
Membership Secretary	Rosemary Barbour
Councilors	Blake Brown
	Iris Shea
	Ross Langley
	Jerry Bannister
	Deborah Trask
	Corey Slumkoski

<i>Nominating Committee:</i>	Ginny Clark
	Allan Dunlop
	Allan Marble (Chair)