

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20 MAY, 2015, 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 (21 May, 2014)**
- 4. Business arising from the Minutes**
- 5. President's report**
- 6. Treasurer's report**
- 7. Appointment of Auditor for 2015-16**
- 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 by Dr. Dale Dauphinee**
- 14. Adjournment**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 21 May 2014, 7:30 pm, Nova Scotia Archives

1. **Opening of Meeting:** The President called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm with 62 members and guests in attendance. The agenda for the meeting had been circulated in advance and when no additions were offered in response to the call for changes and additions the agenda was adopted.
2. **Deceased members:** The Society observed a moment of silence in appreciation and remembrance of the contributions of members who had passed away during the year. Joan Payzant, a former councillor and Vice President, and Evelyn Fergusson a long time faithful attender were specifically remembered.
3. **Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting:** The minutes of this meeting, held May 15 2013, had also been distributed prior to the meeting and were read by the Secretary, John Macleod. On his motion, seconded by John Grant these minutes were accepted as read.
4. **Business arising from the minutes:** Upon a quick comparison of the minutes and the agenda for this Year's meeting it was concluded that there was no business not already contemplated in the agenda.
5. **President's Report:** Bertrum MacDonald, the President, reviewed the year now behind us. He commented on the high quality of the lectures and the general interest and attendance that they engendered. In particular he was pleased that the Society had been able to partner with the Royal Society of Canada for the Treaty of Utrecht commemoration. We were also involved with the Royal Society's Expert Panel on the future of libraries and archives in Canada presenting a brief to the panel at their Halifax session. At last year's annual meeting we saw the preview of the new website; during the year we enjoyed its realization. Our role in a project commenced during David Sutherland's term as President recently came to fruition when a letter was recently received from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada indicating that our nomination of the Court of Vice Admiralty as being worthy of commemoration in connection with its activity during the Napoleonic period and the War of 1812 had been received by the Board and forwarded for additional research. While not a guarantee of acceptance it was indicative that it would receive detailed consideration. He thanked retiring Council members Marilyn Gurney and William Lawrence who had completed their terms; James Ferguson our Treasurer who also was not reoffering and Dr. Henry Roper who would be displaced as Past President this year. Dr Roper had made the long passage of service through the Council, Vice Presidencies, and President and had sat at the Council table for more than a decade and had contributed much during this time.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** James Ferguson's distributed report showed operating fund revenue of \$10,334.89 and expenditures of \$12053.18 leaving an excess of expense over revenue of \$1718.29. Our non-operating account financial assets were valued at \$21,206.71. This report was accepted on his motion after being seconded by Allan Marble.

7. **Appointment of Auditor:** The same duo of Allan Marble and James Ferguson also successfully moved the renewal of Hugh Creighton as our auditor for the 2014-2015 year.
8. **Reports of the Vice Presidents:**
- a. **Program – James Morrison:** Dr Morrison reviewed the program for the 2014-2015 season which was finalized in content but not yet set for dates and locations. Some topic related location like RA Park might be worked into the program.
 - b. **Publications – George Parker:** reviewed the progress of the Journal and commented on our arrangement with ProQuest, for digital access and the ensuing royalties which seemed less than expected.
 - c. **Publicity – Sara Beanlands:** commented on the use of Facebook and Twitter as well as e-mail as channels in which we reminded our members of the program and also reached out to others who might be interested in the work of the Society.
9. **Membership:** Rosemary Barbour’s report as Membership Secretary had also been distributed. We had a slight decline to 268 memberships from 284 the previous year.
10. **Nominations Committee:** Allan Marble on behalf of his fellow committee members, Allan Dunlop and Ginny Clark presented the nominations report as follows:

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

For three times additional nominations were sought from the audience; and for three times none were heard. Thus the traditional requirements had been met in the usual manner and the slate was adopted as proposed.

11. **Acceptance of reports:** With the exception of the separately moved Treasurer’s and Nominations reports the remaining reports were accepted in bulk on the motion of Robert Harvey and Terrence Punch.
12. **Signing Officers:** The acceptance of new officers would necessitate the authorization of new signing officers for the Society’s bank accounts at both the Royal Bank of Canada and Credit Union Atlantic. On the motion of Rosemary Barbour and James Ferguson it

was moved, seconded and adopted that the President (James Morrison); the Treasurer (John Cordes) and the Secretary (John MacLeod) be named as the signing officers for the Society and that any two of them be authorized to sign cheques on the Society's accounts. It was additionally authorized in a second motion successfully put by the same proponents that the Treasurer be authorized to enter into arrangements for electronic banking.

13. **Fellowship:** Rosemary Barbour presented a petition of nomination seeking the conference of a fellowship of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society on Henry Roper both for his service to the Society and also for his work as an author, editor and reviewer whose scholarship had brought significant additions to the public knowledge of Nova Scotian history. Speaking in additional support of the award, Brian Cuthbertson, the editor of the Journal, remarked that without Henry's past and continuing service to the Journal there would have been many more problems for all and much more work for himself. His contribution to the success of the Journal, he said, had been substantial. All present concurred in this nomination. Unfortunately Dr Roper was in Bermuda so the awarding of the fellowship would happen at a future meeting should he accept the honour.
14. **New Business: dues motion:** Outgoing president Bertrum MacDonald reviewed the work of two committees of the Council which had separately looked at the membership and financial basis of the Society and had recommended increases in dues. While one committee had looked at a rate increase in isolation the other had looked at membership growth and retention with the knowledge of the recommendation of the first committee and a view to future possibilities of separating the membership fee into potential components of donation and services. For this reason the present recommendation is for an increase of \$5.00 for all memberships. This would address some of the increased postal cost in an immediate way while allowing time to consider other options. This proposal was moved by John Grant and Jim Morrison. One member, John Kitz, suggested a larger increase was warranted. It was noted we had 16 life members which represented an annual cost of about \$400 dollars. After a short period of discussion the motion was put and adopted.
15. **Speaker:** The President, James Morrison, then introduced the evening's speaker, Dr Terrance Murphy, Emeritus Professor of Saint Mary's University who spoke on "Transformation and Triumphalism: The Irish Catholics of Halifax in the Mid-Nineteenth Century."

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



Report of President to the Annual General Meeting

20 May 2015

It has been an eventful year for the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society. I will try to avoid all mention of the winter that we endured although it was eventful too. There was a full slate (8) public lectures, three Grad student presentations and a well-received Volume 17 (2014) of our Society's JOURNAL that included many of those lectures. If a major theme for the year was to be identified, it would have to be outreach and thanks to the efforts of our Executive and Council we were able to reach audiences that we had not reached before.

PUBLIC LECTURES

Over the last 2-3 years there have been significant historical anniversaries, our lectures reflected a recognition of such events. The War of 1812-1815 was marked by Dr.G.F. Young's analysis of the occupation/capture of Downeast Maine as well as Deborah Trask's presentation on the War of 1812's grave sites. Dr. B.Tennyson presented an update of Nova Scotia's role in the Great War and Dr. K. Freeman presented the Phyllis R. Blakeley Memorial Lecture on a "Monument Woman" Edith Standen and looted art in World War 2 at R.A. Park. In addition Dr. R. Langley dealt with the role of Allan J. MacEachern and the introduction of medicare, Dr. C. Barrett looked at Helen Creighton's early collecting in Nova Scotia and this evening Dr. D. Dauphinee will review the contribution of Thomas Roddick to Canadian medicine. Our banquet this year featured retired archivist Ernie Dick on early film in Nova Scotia complete with film clips and we also had a panel of 3 new history scholars viz. Meghan Carter, Katherine Crooks and Hilary MacKinlay all Graduate students at Dalhousie presenting their current research interests. In all, a wonderfully diverse programme. Thanks to the assiduous efforts of John Grant our VP (Programmes) our programme for 2015-16 is in place and he even has candidates for 2016-17. So do approach him if you have a topic or know of someone who might be interested in presenting to the Society. Thank you John.

JOURNAL

Our journal is in the capable hands of Editor Brian Cuthbertson with the assistance of Terrence Punch (Genealogical Editor), Henry Roper, Karen Smith (Book Reviews), David Sutherland and George Parker, our VP Publications. Our move to an on line JOURNAL has led to a wider

distribution with over 3,000 hits in 2014. Our Society has much to offer in terms of a fuller understanding of Nova Scotia's history as the only Nova Scotia centred history journal in the province. Thank you George.

PATRON

This year your Council approached Government House and His Honour Brigadier-General J.J. Grant agreed to be patron of the Society. He has expressed a great deal of interest in the Society's activities and will host one of our lectures in the coming year.

OUTREACH

As I mentioned earlier, the Executive Council has been focused on outreach and we have taken a number of initiatives to get the word out about our activities. Some examples include: a full house at Royal Artillery park for Dr. Freeman's lecture, a regular monthly interview of guest speakers by Rick Howe on News 95.7, the appearance of our JOURNAL in store venues like "Atlantic News" and an increasingly active website with lots of "likes" and "tweets" thanks to Alison Froese Stoddard. Currently Council is working with Pier 21 and Saint Mary's University to jointly host a conference May 2016 on historical/contemporary perspectives of immigration in Nova Scotia. Given our ongoing concern with membership, which had a slight decline this year, it is important for the Society to maintain a diverse outreach in its promotion of "an understanding of Nova Scotia's history and cultural development" as our mandate states. Our thanks to Sara Beanlands (VP Publicity), John Grant and Rosemary Barbour for all their efforts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In the upcoming year we will be losing two very dedicated members of council in Iris Shea and Dr. Ross Langley as they conclude their terms of service to the Society. We thank you for your dedication over the years. As I complete my first year as President I wish to express my appreciation to our Executive and Council for their support over the past year; to John MacLeod for his meticulous keeping of our public record and on a personal note to Bertrum MacDonald our immediate past President for his sage advice and accumulated wisdom which I was able to draw upon.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Morrison, CM, PhD

President

Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society Treasurer's Report

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES	Year Ended March 31/15	Year Ended March 31/14
REVENUE		
Membership dues	8,375.08	6,865.91
Bank Interest, Other	0.00	34.52
Sale of Publications	221.01	275.00
US Exchange	56.48	10.00
Royalties		116.46
Annual Dinner Fees	2,226.00	1,600.00
Donations	815.00	175.00
Other	5.15	
TOTAL REVENUE	11,698.72	9,076.89
EXPENDITURES		
Journal Production	5,499.88	6,329.03
Printing	190.72	421.24
Website	1,175.00	1,309.24
Postage	1,258.24	1,526.74
Annual Dinner Expenses	2,035.82	1,513.17
Meeting Expense	330.14	438.09
Bank Charges	90.84	77.52
PO Box	197.80	197.80
Speakers' Gifts	174.80	240.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,953.24	12,053.18
INCOME (LOSS)	745.48	-2,976.29
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
	As of March 31 2015	As of March 31 2014
ASSETS		
Royal Bank Current Account	13,320.76	6,953.34
Credit Union Atl - Term Deposits and Shares	0.00	10,696.19
RBC Investment Certificate	5,000.00	
Paypal Account	606.67	344.68
HST Refund	1,897.92	1,258.00
Copies of Journals and Collections	11,520.00	1,789.50
TOTAL ASSETS	32,345.35	21,041.71

	MEMBER EQUITY	
Member Equity April 01 - Restated for Inventory Note 1	31,599.87	24,018.00
Income (Loss) for Year	745.48	-2,976.29
Member Equity March 31	32,345.35	21,041.71
TOTAL MEMBER EQUITY	32,345.35	21,041.71
NOTE 1		
Inventory Count as of March 31, 2015 less adjustment to lower Inventory Value		



Report of Vice-President: Programme to the Annual Meeting 20 May 2015

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

Thanks to the effort of the former (2013-2014) V. P. – Programmes, our current president, Dr. James Morrison, the Society's nine meetings included a programme rich in variety and broad in interest. We were treated to presentations that dealt with the War of 1812, World War I, and World War II. We also heard about the history and politics of medicine as well as folksong and early filming-making Nova Scotia. Our presenters included historians at various stages of their careers from master's students to independent researchers to retired professors. The Society has thanked them individually and repeats its appreciation for their generosity in sharing the product of their research and labour with us.

The programme for 2015-2016 is now largely in place and the membership will be advised of it in the usual way. We also have some candidates lined up for the 2016-2017 sessions but would be very pleased to be made aware of prospective presenters. Please do not wait to be approached but rather inform the Society's Executive if there is a paper or topic that could be shared at a future meeting.

My thanks to the President and the V.P.: Publicity for their assistance and to the Council for its support.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Grant, V. P. – Programmes; 2014 -2015



**Report of the Vice-President Publications to the Annual Meeting
20 May 2015**

1. **The Vice-President, Publications** reports to the Council from the Editor of the *Journal*, Brian Cuthbertson, and the Editorial Board (Terrence Punch (Genealogical editor), Henry Roper, Karen Smith (Book review editor), and David Sutherland, the submissions assessors.
2. **The *Journal*, Vol. 17 (2014)**, at 162 pages, had a print run of 350 copies, was distributed in September 2014. It contained five papers, one genealogy article, five book reviews, and twenty-three colour plates. Contributors received 20 offprints of their articles. Etc Press was paid \$3990.50 and Meisterworks Graphic Design, \$1,509.38. The *Journal* accounted for most of Society's postage costs of \$1,258. 24.
3. **Volume 18 (2015)**. Brian Cuthbertson reports there are five papers and one genealogy article, possibly one more paper, and Karen Smith reports at least books for review.
5. **Digitizing the *Journal***. The contract with ProQuest (October 2010-) began with Volume 4, and now includes from Volume 1 onward. Our Copyright Clearance with the American IRS, allows us full royalties from ProQuest's subscribers. Royalties and hits to date: 2012: \$17.20; 1,368 hits. 2013: \$821.41; 3,338 hits. 2014: 3,100 hits; royalty not yet available. In 2014 we received royalties of \$71.01 from the Canadian Copyright Agency.

Region	Usage	Usage Percent
Africa	3	0.1%
Asia	76	2.5%
Aust/NZ	136	4.4%
Canada	2215	71.5%
Europe	28	0.9%
Latin America	3	0.1%
Middle East	6	0.2%
US	633	20.4%
Total	3100	100.0%

6. **Future Funding of the *Journal***. The Membership Working Group in 2014 suggested endowing a fund for the *Journal* and selling advertising space the inside back cover.

Respectfully submitted, **George L. Parker**



Annual Report of Vice-President, Publicity, May 2015

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 continuing to increase our publicity efforts, based on the model developed last year.

- Alison Froese Stoddard continues to update, maintain and improve the Society web site. She has also increased the Society's presence on social media with an active Facebook page and Twitter account. As of May 5, 2015, our Facebook page has 263 "likes" and 153 Twitter followers. We also promote other heritage events and organizations through our social media sites and notifications.
- Based on design elements incorporated into the website, Alison also created a new template for the RNSHS public lecture series pamphlet, which includes a tear-off membership form. Thanks to Anjali Vohra for arranging the printing and distribution of the 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 each of our presenters. These interviews typically take place a few days before the lecture and allow us to reach a much wider audience. We now 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 Alison and members of Council for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara J. Beanlands

Vice-President, Publicity



Report of the Membership Secretary to the Annual General Meeting, 20 May 2015

Type of Membership	2013-2014	2014-2015
Life Members	16	17
Individual Member - Canada	184	175
Individual Member - USA	6	6
Individual Member - International	0	1
Institutional Member - Canada	40	37
Institutional Member - USA	8	9
Institutional Member - International	1	1
Additional Family Member	7	8
Student Member	6	5
TOTAL	268	259

Fellows

Dr. Brian C Cuthbertson, FRNSHS
Mrs. Robert 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
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 2015

**Report of the Nominating Committee of the
Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society for 2015**

The following members are nominated to hold office as members of the Executive and Council of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society for 2015-2016.

President	James Morrison
Past President	Bertrum MacDonald
Vice President (Programs)	John Grant
Vice President (Publicity)	Sara Beanland
Vice President (Publications)	George Parker
Recording Secretary	John MacLeod
Assistant Secretary	Anjali Vohra
Membership Secretary	Rosemary Barbour
Treasurer	John Cordes
Councillors	Blake Brown Jerry Bannister Deborah Trask Corey Slumkoski Alison Froese-Stoddard Michael Parker

Nominating Committee:

Ginny Clark
Karen Smith
Allan Marble