

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18 MAY, 2016, 7:00 PM IMMIGRATION MUSEUM PIER 21

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda**
- 2. Deceased Members-Moment of Silence**
- 3. Minutes of last Annual Meeting (20 May, 2015)**
- 4. Business arising from the Minutes**
- 5. President's report**
- 6. Treasurer's report**
- 7. Appointment of Auditor for 2016-17**
- 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. John Reid Keynote for Immigration Conference**
- 14. Adjournment**

Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 20 May 2015

Opening: The president, James Morrison, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm in the Akins Room of the Nova Scotia Archives. With 28 members and guests in attendance.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on the motion of Brian Cuthbertson and Alan Marble.

Deceased Members: As is the custom the president invited those present to stand in a minute of silence in memory of members, and former members, who had passed away during the year. He mentioned in particular Allan "Bunny" Dunlop who, he said, had a particular knack for remembering long forgotten research enquires and contributing a new source when the requestor had long forgotten even asking the question.

Announcements: The president mentioned the Canadian Irish Studies conference being held locally that started on that date and the Canadian Black Studies conference which opened the following week. Additionally Dean Jobb would be launching a book on the topic of his recent Historical Society lecture on June 4th.

Minutes of Previous Annual General meeting: the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, held May 21st 2014 were read by the Secretary. It was noted that Henry Roper, described in the minutes as being in Bermuda had actually been in England. With this correction the minutes were accepted on the motion of Henry Roper and John Macleod.

President's Report: The President, James Morrison, reviewed the highlights of his report which had been distributed. The year had been one of great programs and the society with the assistance of Sara Beanlands and Alison Froese Stoddard had promoted the lectures in a variety of traditional and social media dependent methods. Outreach had been a focus, a meeting had been held at RA Park, and the society was actively participating in a conference on immigration in Nova Scotia. The Society had been granted the patronage of his honor the lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and it was expected that we would have a lecture at Government House in the future.

The President thanked outgoing council members Iris Shae and Ross Langley for their contributions.

Treasurer: John Cordes spoke briefly to his report which had been distributed. Society revenue for the year ending March 31 2015 had been \$11,698.72 up from the previous year's total of \$9076, with increased membership revenue being the major variant. In expenditures total expense was \$10953.24 down from \$12,053. In expenses the major variant was less expense

related to Journal production. The net effect was a surplus of nearly \$750 for the year. He moved the adoption of his report which after seconding by Bill Jordan was unanimously done. Henry Roper and Allan marble then successfully moved a vote of thanks to John Cordes for stepping into the treasurer's role and reporting the Society's position with comprehensive clarity.

Appointment of Auditor: the appointment of Hugh Creighton as the Society's auditor was moved by the John Cordes, seconded by Bill Jordan and confirmed by all.

Program Report: John Grant indicated the program for the 2015-2016 was nearly complete with Sharon MacDonald opening the year with a lecture on the Alexander Graham Bell club of Baddeck.

Publications report: George Parker thanked the readers of the papers who provided editorial guidance and especially thanked Brian Cuthbertson for his devotion and service to the Journal. He added that exploring and understanding our arrangement with ProQuest, our digital 'publisher' had been a focus this year.

Publicity: Sara Beanlands indicated we had been able to promote the lectures more extensively and had benefited from the participation of radio 95.7 in inviting our speakers to be interviewed.

Membership: Rosemary Barbour indicated that our current membership today (266) was essentially the same as the previous year, 268. [This was slightly different than the fiscal year report but more current]

On the motion of Bob Harvey and Jim Fergusson these additional reports were also accepted by the Society.

Nominations Committee: On behalf of the Committee Allan Marble moved the nominations of Mike Parker and Alison Frose Stoddard as Councillors. The remaining officers and councillors had indicated a willingness to continue. The chair of the nominations committee then once, twice and thrice canvassed the room for additional nominations. There was profound silence indicating an absence of additional nominations. It was then moved by Allan Marble, seconded by John Cordes and adopted that nominations cease and the report of the committee be adopted.

The president welcomed the new Councillors to the Council.

Speaker: John Grant then introduced the evening speaker, Dale Dauphinee, a Dalhousie trained physician, former Chair of the Department of Medicine at McGill, and who was Executive Director of the Medical Council of Canada from 1993 to 2006.

Dr Dauphinee spoke on the career of Thomas Roddick – a Newfoundland born physician, schooled in the normal and model school of Truro, Nova Scotia, who apprenticed under Samuel Muir in Truro and who graduated from medicine at McGill in 1868. His paper was titled “The relevance of Sir Thomas Roddick’s leadership in Medicine in 1876-1912 to the establishment and implementation of Public Policy in Canada Today.” Roddick started his practice in a time when qualifications for physicians varied widely across Canada and indeed a person admitted to what are now the Colleges of Practice in one province could be regarded as an unrecognized quack in another province.

Although a pioneer in antiseptic medicine Roddick was unable to continue as an active surgeon due his allergies to antiseptic substances and moved his career towards academic and administrative medicine becoming active in the administration of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal and Dean of Medicine.

Detached from the pressure of patients he found himself running for Parliament and was successful. From his seat in the commons his passion became taking the unrealized promise of interprovincial free trade as outlined in the BNA Act and adapting this into the recognition of profession credentials across jurisdictions.

Success was achieved with the passage of what became known as the Roddick Act in 1912 which created the Medical Council of Canada as a body to provide uniformity in examinations to all physicians in Canada. In time this model which balanced the monopolizing tendencies of professional organizations with the public good of a wider field of entrance into a profession was adopted in the much less collegial environment of the nearly 50 American states and elsewhere.

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

Report of the President to the Annual
General Meeting of the Royal Nova Scotia
Historical Society, 18 May, 2016.

It has been a busy year for the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society with a full slate of excellent lectures and a packed house on a number of occasions. The Annual Banquet was also a highlight and our journal of last year reflects the wonderful research that is being done in the province. We are in good shape financially (see Treasurer's Report) and the Council has continued its outreach programme. We are currently re-considering our "on line" material in an effort to make it more accessible to the public. We will, of course, continue our commitment to the print edition of our well regarded Journal.

PUBLIC LECTURES

Over the past year we continued our recognition of significant historical anniversaries with John Boileau's address on Nova Scotia's recipient's of the Victoria Cross and an account of a Dutch war bride in Cape Breton by Ken Donovan. Continuing on the military theme Todd Augusta-Scott presented on Mi'kmaq military power in the region. Carole MacDonald's presentation on Gordon Sidney Harrington provided us with new perspectives on a little known Premier of the province and Meghann Jack presented to us multidisciplinary insights on material life and landscapes in Northeastern Nova Scotia. We also heard excellent local studies of the Young Ladies Club of Baddeck by Sharon MacDonald and the school consolidation movement in Antigonish County by Paul W. Bennet. Our banquet in April was treated to a highly entertaining talk by Gwendolyn Davies entitled "Outslicking Sam Slick".

OUTREACH

Our final lecture this year which takes place this evening forms part of our outreach programme for 2015-16. Over the past year our region has welcomed a number of new immigrants to the province. In order to highlight Nova Scotia's long history of immigration into the province, beginning over a year, members of the RNSHS Council met with the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Saint Mary's University, Dalhousie University, Universite de Moncton and the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia to plan a conference entitled "Immigration to Atlantic Canada: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives". The three day conference has attracted over 100 participants and features 28 presenters from the region. Our RNSHS address at Pier 21 this evening by John Reid on "Immigration to Atlantic Canada: Historical Reflections" will effectively begin the conference.

The Society has also continued its radio coverage of up coming speakers and made an number of additions to the web site in order to get the word out about what we are about.

This year our donations to the society went up by almost 10% and, in addition, we received a bequest of \$5,000 from the estate of the late Allan Dunlop as a contribution to the work of the Society. We are very grateful for this bequest and for all the support we have received.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Four council members are stepping down viz. Jerry Bannister, Alison Stoddard, Blake Brown and our long standing Vice President of Publications George Parker. They will certainly be missed and we thank you for your contribution over the past number of years.

I also want to extend my appreciation to our Vice Presidents John Grant and Sara Beanland; Secretary John MacLeod, the keeper of the record; Treasurer John Cordes, the keeper of the money; Past President Bertrum MacDonald; Rosemary

Barbour, Membership Secretary and Assistant Secretary Anjali Vohra; and all the members of Council. Special thanks goes to Brian Cuthbertson and his excellent editorial team who oversee the life blood of the Society –our highly successful JOURNAL.

Respectfully submitted,

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

President

RNSHS Comparative Income Statement

Year Ended March 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
REVENUE	Budget	Actual	Actual
Membership Dues	\$6,500.00	\$6,920.63	\$8,345.08
Publication Sales (back issues)	\$250.00	\$620.00	\$221.01
Annual Dinner	\$2,100.00	\$2,016.00	\$2,226.00
Donations	\$850.00	\$901.00	\$815.00
Royalties	\$340.00	\$332.07	\$71.01
US Exchange			\$56.48
Other income	\$5,125.00	\$1,965.42	\$5.15
TOTAL	\$15,165.00	\$12,755.12	\$11,739.73

Note: Other income for 2016-17 includes a \$5,000 bequest from the estate of the late Allan Dunlop. Other income for 2015-16 includes HST rebate for 3 earlier years (2011-14).

EXPENDITURE

Journal Design & Printing	\$5,200.00	\$4,015.00	\$4,782.50
Website design & maintenance			\$1,175.00
Printing & stationery	\$220.00	\$187.59	\$165.84
Postage	\$1,800.00	\$1,438.43	\$1,094.12
Annual Dinner	\$2,100.00	\$1,685.00	\$1,778.10
P.O. Box	\$200.00	\$172.00	\$172.00
Bank charges	\$100.00	\$91.58	\$90.84
PayPal charges	\$35.00	\$31.61	\$19.92

Speakers' gifts	\$300.00	\$160.00	\$152.00
Meeting expenses	\$150.00		\$297.73
Inventory write down	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Unrecoverable Taxes	\$600.00	\$578.86	\$622.56
TOTAL	\$12,205.00	\$11,360.07	\$13,350.62
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$2,960.00	\$1,395.05	-\$1,610.89

RNSHS Comparative Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2016 and 2015

ASSETS	2016	2015
RBC Current Account	12,826.27	13,333.40
GICs	10,067.50	5,000.00
Credit Union GIC & Share	0.00	0.00
PayPal Balance	\$513.89	\$635.50
Recoverable Taxes	578.86	622.56
Inventory	8,520.00	11,520.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$32,506.52	\$31,111.46
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00
MEMBER EQUITY		
Opening Equity April 01	\$31,111.46	\$29,500.57
Income (Loss) for the Year Ended March 31	\$1,395.05	-\$1,610.89

Closing Equity	\$32,506.51	\$31,111.46
TOTAL EQUITY	\$32,506.51	\$31,111.46

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, 2016 and supporting Records and certify them to be correct. I recommend that the Society continue the Inventory write down yearly for the next three years. The Inventory was written down by 3,000 for the last fiscal year.

Signed _____

Hugh P. Creighton

Date: May 8, 2016 _____

Report of the Vice-President: Programmes

2015-2016

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

Mindful of our mandate to support and preserve the history of Nova Scotia, the presenters to the Society in the 2015-2016 year dealt with a variety of topics, historical eras, geographic areas, and reporting concentrations. Military history was represented in the discussions of the Mi'kmaq (1675-1761) and the Nova Scotian recipients of the Victoria Cross. The consequences of war were presented in the accounts of Ella Barron, a Dutch war-bride, and generally as a cause of migration within the conference of which our final paper is a part. Social history was represented in the accounts of the young ladies of Baddeck and the material landscape of north eastern Nova Scotia. Historical biography was represented in the account of Premier G. S. Harrington, the history of education in the story of the impact of school consolidation and the history of literature in the account of the Lunar Rogue..

Chronologically, we covered years between 1675 and 2012. Geographically, we visited Ingonish, Antogonish, Baddeck, the St. Mary's River, Sydney, Halifax, and Windsor – as well as pan-Nova Scotia, the Atlantic region, and north eastern North America. We have learned about the lives of persons in important offices, those who faced horrendous events and emerged as heroes, of tricksters, and of the lives of our neighbours.

The survey of the membership has influenced the development of next years programme and both specific presenters and suggested topics have been addressed. The Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society is the senior historical society in the province and will continue to seek presentations that represent its entirety.

The Fall (2016) programme is now in place and Winter (2017) is filling up. 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

2015-2016



Report of the Vice-President Publications to the

Annual Meeting

18 May 2016

1. **The Vice-President, Publications** reports to the Council from the Editor of the *Journal*,

Brian Cuthbertson, and from the Editorial Board: Terrence Punch (Genealogical editor), Henry Roper, Karen Smith (Book review editor), and David Sutherland, the submissions assessors.

2. **The *Journal*, Vol. 18 (2015)**, at 127 pages, had a print run of 350 copies. It contained five papers, one genealogy article, six book reviews, and nine colour plates. Also included was a list of the nine papers read at monthly meetings of the Society between September 2014 and May 2015. Contributors received 20 offprints of their articles. Etc Press was paid \$3,168.25 and Meisterworks Graphic Design, \$1,449.00 The *Journal* accounted for most of Society's postage costs of approximately \$1,020.00

3. **The *Journal*, Volume 19 (2016)**. So far, Brian Cuthbertson reports there are four papers delivered, one to come, and possibly two more. Karen Smith reports at least three books for review.

4. **Digitizing the *Journal*.** ProQuest has distributed online Volume 1 forward. With tax clearance from the American IRS, we receive our full 15% royalty from ProQuest. From 2011 to 2014 the *Journal* had a total of 7,806 hits. On total sales of \$1803.60 US, our royalty was \$270.01 US.

In 2015 the *Journal* had 3,152 hits, total sales of \$630.32 US and a royalty of \$95.70 US.

Region	Usage
Africa	1
Asia	74
Aust/NZ	109
Canada	2342
Europe	38
Latin America	2
Middle East	7
US	579
Total	3152

Market	Usage
Academic	2872
Corporate	3
Government	42
Public Library	149
Schools	84
Consortia	2
Total	3152

5. The Council has indicated unhappiness with the small royalties and dissatisfaction with the quality of the abstracts and indexes that ProQuest provides for each paper. In 2015 a sub-committee including the Vice-President, Blake Brown, John Cordes, and Corey Slumkoski recommended that the Council consider using a Canadian-based digital platform to electronically distribute the *Journal*. This search continues.

Respectfully submitted

George L. Parker

Annual Report of Vice-President, Publicity, May 2016

In order to raise awareness of the Society and to promote the RNSHS public lecture series, as well as other heritage events and organizations throughout the province, we are committed to improving our publicity model and increasing our social media presence.

Alison Froese Stoddard continues to update, maintain and improve the Society web site and has increased the Society's presence on social media, including an active Facebook page and Twitter account. This past year, we increased our Facebook "likes" by 210% and noted modest growth and engagement on Twitter, where we post notices of upcoming events and help promote other heritage activities across Nova Scotia.

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

We continue to look for ways to raise the profile of the RNSHS, promote activities and events, and attract greater membership. Many thanks to 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, 18 May 2016

Type of Membership	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Life Members	16	17	17
Individual Member - Canada	184	175	160
Individual Member - USA	6	6	7
Individual Member - International	0	1	1
Institutional Member - Canada	40	37	35
Institutional Member - USA	8	9	8
Institutional Member - International	1	1	1
Additional Family Member	7	8	7
Student Member	6	5	8
TOTAL	268	259	244

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

Mr. Terrence M Punch, FRNSHS

Dr. Henry Roper, FRNSHS

Dr. David. A. Sutherland, FRNSHS

Dr. Peter B. Waite, FRNSHS

Rosemary V Barbour

Membership Secretary

April 2016

Report of the Nominating Committee of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society for 2016

The following members are nominated to hold office as members of the Executive and Council of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society for 2016-2017

President	James Morrison
Past President	Bertrum MacDonald
Vice President (Programs)	John Grant
Vice President (Publicity)	Sara Beanlands
Vice President (Publications)	Arthur Smith
Recording Secretary	John MacLeod
Assistant Secretary	Anjali Vohra
Membership Secretary	Rosemary Barbour
Treasurer	John Cordes
Councillors	Deborah Trask Corey Slumkoski Michael Parker Gregory MacNeil Monica MacDonald Randy Barkhouse

Nominating Committee
Ginny Clark
Karen Smith
Allan Marble