

**NOVA SCOTIA CHEMISTS' SOCIETY
DRAFT MINUTES OF 5th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
April 23, 2008
Bedford Institute of Oceanography
1 Challenger Dr., Dartmouth, NS**

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD
May 15, 2008 AT 18:30 PM
NRC/IMB
Oxford Street, Halifax, NS**

In Attendance	
Board Members:	
Jim Frazee (JF)	
Jocelyne Hellou (JH)	Proxy Votes:
Gordon Boyce (GB)	Russell (Russ) Boyd
Mike Fraser (MF)	Bill Hardstaff
Joyce Milley (JM)	Michael (Mike) Quilliam
William (Bill) Thorpe (BT)	
Members:	Guest:
William (Bill) Bridgeo (WB)	Andrew Oestreich (Nikon)
David (Dave) Jamieson (DJ)	
Lamont Larkin (LL)	
Cory Pye (CP)	
William (Bill) Shaw	

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (BT) at 19:15.

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the fifth Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Chemists' Society (NSCS). Introductions followed.
2. **Minutes of 2007 AGM:** Copies of the draft Minutes of the fourth Annual General Meeting of the Society held on April 14, 2007 were distributed. JM noted that she was not a signing officer. GB noted that the related reports had not been distributed. The Chair (BT, Secretary of the Society) moved that the Minutes be approved as amended; seconded by JF. Approved as amended. The approved minutes will be placed on the NSCS website by the President.
3. **Business arising from the Minutes:** Lamont Larkin suggested that free membership be given to new B.Sc. graduates. JF recommended consideration of this

when drafting the new By-Laws of the Society as the current By-Laws do not allow for this provision.

4. President's Report: JF presented his report. He noted that the main focus of the Society and the Board was the drafting of the new Act. He reported that the CSC (Canadian Society for Chemistry) hosts a forum on the profession of chemistry. The advisory committee consists of representatives from sister societies in the provinces of B.C., Alberta, Ontario, Quebec (Order of chemists) and N.S. There are three representatives from the CSC. A society is in the formation stages in Saskatchewan. It was noted that the Ontario society faces challenges to their legitimacy by the provincial engineers. JH noted that in Quebec students gain membership in the Order of Chemists upon graduation. Motion was made to accept the report. Moved by JF; seconded by LL. Carried.

5. Secretary's Report: BT presented his report. Motion was made to accept the report. Moved by BT; seconded by DJ. Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report: JH presented her report. She noted that her report had been audited by DJ and Stuart Grossert. Motion was made to accept the report. Moved by JH; seconded by MF. Carried. Comments: JF commented on the waiver of the membership fee for 2008. (As the finances were in good order, it was not necessary to levy a fee for 2008. All those who were/are delinquent in their 2007 fees would be renewed without fee for 2008 provided that they paid their membership fee for 2007. – GB) GB asked about the President's trip to the CSC conference in May. (The Board had previously voted to approve the reimbursement to JF for any expenses over and above the CSC subsidy of \$750.00. – GB) JF commented that the additional expenses would be for one night's accommodation and meals. The subsidy was used to pay the airfare.

7. Nominating Committee Report: The Secretary (BT) comprised the nominating committee. At this point the President (JF) took the floor. The current officers offered to stand for reelection. Motion was made to close nominations. Moved by WB; seconded by MF. Carried. Acclaimed. A call from the Chair was made for additional nominations/volunteers. Nominated: Cory Pye and John Roscoe. Motion was made to close nominations. Moved by DJ; seconded by WB. Acclaimed. (It was agreed that the following would be officers of the Society: JF – President; JM- Vice-President; LL – Treasurer; GB- Secretary. - GB)

Refreshment Break

8. Other Business:

8.1 Professionalism

Introduction: The NSCS is incorporated under the Nova Scotia Societies' Act which makes provision for limited rights. The Right to Title and the Right to Practice require legislative incorporation. The Board is of the opinion that it is important for chemists to have professional status.

JF described a recent decision by the Government of Ontario which did not allow provision those other than P.Eng.'s and P.Geo.'s to sign off completed work of an environmental nature. Professionalism would benefit chemists, universities and society. CP suggested that the Board look to Right to Title first as this might be the easier of the two to win. JF pointed out certain political issues such as cross party support. A NSCS Act, adapting current legislation, is in development. He opined that chemical technologists may not be able to be included under our proposed Act as there were no current members in the Society. JH recommended that it would be a good idea to put P.Chem. after our names as a way to promote our efforts. GB observed that universities offered a great variety of courses that the meaning of a B.Sc. in chemistry might be diluted. JF/CP noted that universities have their own requirements and that accredited programs are in place. Portability was an issue, however. GB raised the issue of ISO accreditation. It was pointed out that such accreditation relates to documentation with little relevance to actual analytical data.

DJ asked when there would be a draft Act ready. JF stated that he would like to have one prior to the 2009 AGM (so that it could be voted on by the membership - GB). He suggested that it was 70-80% completed. One difficulty is the Right to Practice/Right to Title issue. Finally, it will be necessary to bring the draft Act and the By-Laws into congruency. WB asked about ensuring that Chemists only do work for which they are qualified. It was suggested that this will be addressed by the Code of Ethics and Code of Practice as well as the Disciplinary Committee.

GB enquired about the purpose of the May CSC NAPCC (National Association for the Practice of Chemistry in Canada) meeting. JF replied that the prime reason was to exchange views and foster communication.

9. **Next AGM Meeting:** The sixth AGM of the NSCS will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 19:00, place to be announced.

10. **Next Board of Directors' meeting:** Thursday, May 15, 2008, 18:30 at NRC/IMB. (This was subsequently changed to Monday, May 12. – GB)

11. The meeting adjourned at 21:00 on a motion by BT.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon A. Boyce/ Bill Thorpe
Incoming Secretary/out-going Secretary
May 20, 2008

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