



Nova Scotia Chemists' Society

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President's Report - AGM 2014

The final draft of the Professional Chemistry act "An Act Respecting the Chemical Profession" which was submitted to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice on Sept 13 2012 is still in their hands. We have, however, been in communication with the new government and are now making some progress. We have been in contact with the Department of Justice and have submitted some answers to questions they have put forward. We have also been able to find an ally in Mr. Bill Horne the new MLA for Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank and a former Environment Canada Chemist. He feels that we could get our legislation before the legislature in a year or less.

On your behalf, the NSCS has continued to be actively involved on the national level with the national committee *Canada's Professional Chemists*. This group will become the *Federation of Canada's Professional Chemists (FCPC)* this year. A meeting scheduled in Vancouver on June 1st will officially form this new body. The new FCPC will be completely independent from the CIC/CSC, but will continue to collaborate with them on several issues such as curriculum accreditations. An accompanying document will be presented at this AGM on the FCPC structure for your approval.

A professional liability insurance is now available through the CPC (soon to be FCPC) and forms have been circulated.

The FCPC will continue to work on issues carried over from the CPC such as:

1. A Mutual Recognition Agreement between the provincial professional chemists organizations is still being discussed. Issues related to differences in membership still need to be resolved.
2. The Approach to a Standardized Definition has now been adopted.
3. The Ethics course, being developed by ACPA was introduced at the Calgary CSC meeting,
4. The group continues to work to help establish professional organizations in other provinces.

As we start our next fiscal year, we still need your continued support more than ever. We expect to incur additional legal and related expenses as the Act passes into law

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