



Nova Scotia Chemists' Society

DRAFT MINUTES OF 13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 4, 2016, Time: 19:00-21:00

Location

**Seminar Room in the K. C. Irving Environmental Research Centre,
Acadia University, Wolfville, NS**



In Attendance	
Board Members:	Proxy Votes:
Mr. W. J. Frazee, President (WJF)	Dr. J. S. Grossert
Secretary-Treasurer Gordon Boyce (GAB)	Dr. D. Jamieson
Dr. Sonia Gaul (SG)	Ms. P. LeBlanc
	Dr. J. W. Thorpe
Members:	
Dr. J. Roscoe	

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (WJF) at 19:13. The Secretary noted that a quorum had not been attained. (Note: Copies of reports mentioned in these minutes had been made available to the members at the meeting including the draft minutes of the 2015 AGM.) It was decided to continue with the meeting.

1. The Chair welcomed the group to the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Chemists' Society (NSCS).
2. **Minutes of 2015 AGM:** Copies of the draft Minutes of the Twelveth Annual General Meeting of the Society, held on May 6, 2015, had been circulated to the membership by e-mail and were available at the meeting.

3. **Business arising from the Minutes:** Nil.
4. **President's Report:** The President had previously issued his annual report to the membership by e-mail. This report was tabled.
5. **Secretary's Report:** GAB presented his reports - a report on membership status, nomination committee report and the meeting's proxy report. They were accepted without motion.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** WJF presented the most recent financial bank statement stating a balance of \$4,590.01. (Subsequently, Income/Expense and Balance reports (as submitted to the Registry of Joint Stocks) for FY2015/2016 were circulated to the membership. These reports were accepted without motion.
7. **Nominating Committee Report and Elections:** The Secretary comprised the nominating committee. The position of Registrar is an appointed position. Dr. John Roscoe continues to serve in this capacity. No members were nominated as none could be enticed to serve and none volunteered despite appeals. Dr. Roscoe offered to serve on the Board. A previous Board member, Ms Klara Michael, had resigned due to re-location out of province. The President identified a person who had indicated interest to serve at AGM2014. This person has been approached but has declined due to pressing demands on his time.

As a quorum was not present, the following Action Plan was decided upon to be conducted via e-mail so as to avoid calling a second AGM.

- *Solicit volunteers and nominations to serve on the Board via request of the membership*
- *Request the concurrence of the membership to hold the vote for Board positions via e-mail.*
- *Request the permission of the membership for the Board to appoint members to the Board as it saw fit, in effect until the next AGM.*

As the election of officers and members to the Board was not possible, it was agreed that the current slate remain for the time being. The Secretary is to appeal again to the membership for volunteers

8. **New Business - FCPC:** SG represented the NSCS at the FCPC AGM. She attended via teleconference. She provided her notes to the Board. In due course, official minutes will be issued by the meeting recorder. WJF reviewed the background surrounding the list of questions submitted to the NSCS by the NS Department of Justice (DofJ). The draft responses that have been prepared and are

nearing finalization were also reviewed. Until the DofJ accepts our desire to professionalize the practice of chemistry in Nova Scotia, it was suggested that the NSCS operate as if it were a legally recognized regulated body. SG Indicated that the MAXXAM representative at the FCPC AGM would strongly encourage that a representative from MAXXAM in NS to join (actually re-join) the NSCS if he were contacted by the NSCS with information that there is currently no MAXXAM representative with NSC membership. Also, a MAXXAM representative has undertaken to meet with the newly formed NB society. The OCQ identified some issues with the scope of practice of chemistry as the Province of Quebec attempts to re-define a broad range of definitions of this type. FCPC will have a booth at the CSC Annual conference being held in Halifax in June. The FCPC is in the process of developing banners to be used at the CSC conference. The NSCS will have a representative at the conference. Posters and information brochures are in the process of being developed. (Now completed.) WJF and SG have passes to attend the CSC Conference. It was mentioned that the NSCS website requires updating. (This has been addressed.)

NSCS: WJF suggested that the NSCS offer a one year free membership to graduating chemists as long as they were graduating from an accredited chemistry programme. Approaching student CIC chapters could be one way to address this suggestion. He also suggested welcoming chemical technologists into membership. It was noted that the annual CSC Conference is being held in Halifax in June, 2016 and that a recruitment opportunity presented itself here.

9. **Next AGM Meeting:** The Fourteenth AGM of the NSCS will be held in May 2017, date, place and time to be announced.

10. **Next meeting of the new Board of Directors:** To be announced.

11. The meeting adjourned at approximately 19:58 on a **Motion** by GAB.

Note: The reports, mentioned above, not included in this document, are available from the secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon A. Boyce
Secretary
June 7, 2016

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ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2016 (7:00-9:00 pm)

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RSVP to the Secretary (nscs@chebucto.ca)

7:00-7:05	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
7:05-7:45	NSCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the Minutes of the AGM2015 - Business arising - Report of the President - Report of Secretary/Treasurer
7:45-8:00	REFRESHMENT BREAK
8:00-8:15	ELECTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of Nominating Committee - Elections of officers and board
8:15-8:45	NEW BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress on the furtherance of the Chemical Professions Act - FCPC update - Other Business
8:45-9:00	Adjournment
9:00	Social gathering

Join us on May 4th and bring a prospective member; you can obtain a membership application form from our website: <http://nscs.chebucto.org/>