



Nova Scotia Chemists' Society

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President's Update - Update AGM 2012

Since "An Act Respecting the Chemical Profession" was submitted to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice in March 2010, we have had to revisit it a couple of times to address concerns. Most have been legitimate oversights. We are presently working on what we hope will be the final draft.

On your behalf, the NSCS has also been actively involved on the national level with the former *National Advisory Committee on the Profession of Chemist in Canada* now renamed as *Canada's Professional Chemists*. This group has now been named as a standing committee of the Canadian Society for Chemistry and has permanent status within the CIC. The national committee has been working on a number of important issues, which include: a) professional liability insurance, b) a Mutual Recognition Agreement between the provincial professional chemists organizations, c) a Standardized Approach for a Definition of the Practice of Professional Chemistry, d) a course on Ethics and e) support for the establishment of professional chemists organizations in provinces where they currently do not exist. The Approach to a Standardized Definition is now being reviewed by the provincial organizations and it is anticipated to be adopted in 2012. We have just received information on an insurance package and will be reviewing it at our next meeting, which is April 19th. The Ethics course, being developed by ACPA is scheduled for release at the Calgary CSC meeting, The Mutual Recognition Agreement will undoubtedly take time to resolve many complex issues.

As we start our next fiscal year, we 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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