

**NOVA SCOTIA CHEMISTS' SOCIETY
DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
April 14, 2007
Bedford Institute of Oceanography
1 Challenger Dr., Dartmouth, NS**

***THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD
JUNE 20, 2007 AT 6:00 PM
At Bedford Institute of Oceanography
1 Challenger Dr., Dartmouth, NS***

In Attendance	Lamont Larkin
Board Members:	Mike Quilliam
Jocelyne Hellou	
Gordon Boyce	Proxy Votes:
Bill Thorpe	Jim Frazee
	Joyce Milley
Members:	Guest:
Bill Bridgeo	Gerry MacDonell, P.Eng.
Stuart Grossert	

The meeting was called to order at 4:22 pm.

1. The Chair, Bill Thorpe, welcomed everyone to the fourth Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Chemists' Society (NSCS).
2. **Minutes of 2006 AGM:** Copies of the draft Minutes of the third Annual General Meeting of the Society held on April 22, 2006 had been distributed to members prior to this meeting. The Chair (and Secretary of the Society), Bill Thorpe, moved that the Minutes be approved as distributed, and Jocelyne Hellou seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Secretary will distribute the approved Minutes to the NSCS membership. There was no business arising from the Minutes.
3. **President's Report:** Gordon Boyce, on behalf of Jim Frazee, presented the President's report, in which he outlined some of the activities of the Board over the past year, particularly related to the primary focus of the Executive – moving forward with plans to lobby the government for legislative incorporation of the Society. As well, we made further improvements to our web site, visited corporations employing chemists and participated in the 2006 CSC Conference on Professionalism in Chemistry that was

held on May 30 in Halifax. The CSC has established a National Advisory Committee on the Profession of Chemistry in Canada – Jim Frazee and Gordon Boyce represent the Society on this committee. Bill Thorpe moved that the report be approved as read, and Gordon Boyce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Secretary's Report:** Bill Thorpe presented his report, in which he summarized the highlights of our third AGM held last April, including the election of nine Directors/Officers to the Board. He reported that six meetings of the Board were held since the 2006 AGM, and that the Society had nineteen members in good standing at the time of the 2007 AGM.

A highlight of the AGM was a presentation by Dr. Patrick Ryall, P.Geo., Registrar of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Nova Scotia. He told us about the initial unsuccessful attempts by the Geoscientists in the early 1990s in getting a joint Act with the Engineers followed by a private member's bill through the Legislature (both attempts stopped by the Architects). The Geoscientists then proceeded alone, and, using a revised Engineering Act with exemptions for engineers, managed to get their Act passed with Royal Assent achieved in 2002. Dr. Ryall felt that key issues for the NSCS were: building up membership, cutting costs by working with existing Acts and working with all stakeholder groups early in the process. Bill Thorpe moved that his report be approved as distributed, and Stuart Grossert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Financial Report:** The Treasurer, Jocelyne Hellou, presented her report, in which she reported that the Society's revenues since May 2006 totaled \$770.53 (memberships + bank interest), while expenditures were \$125.40. Our current cash balance is \$1,951.23. The Treasurer thanked our auditors, Dave Jamieson and Stuart Grossert for devoting their time to audit our finances. She noted that Joyce Milley has been added as a third signing officer of the Society, with two of three signatures required for all transactions. The Treasurer moved that her report be approved as distributed, and Stuart Grossert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Secretary was asked to check on when the fee to the Registry of Joint Stock Companies is due.

6. **Report of the Nominating Committee:** Bill Thorpe reported that all four of the current year's Directors and Officers of the Society have agreed to stand for re-election. Also, both Directors-at-Large have agreed to put their names forward for re-election.

7. **Election of Directors and Officers:** The following names were put forward to stand for election by the members as Directors and Officers of the NSCS:

Jim Frazee	President
Joyce Milley	Vice-President
Bill Thorpe	Secretary

Jocelyne Hellou Treasurer

There were no further nominations from the floor. It was moved by Bill Thorpe and seconded by Gordon Boyce that nominations for officers of the NSCS cease. The motion passed unanimously, and these four members nominated were elected as Officers of the NSCS by acclamation.

8. Election of Directors-at-Large: The following names were put forward to stand for re-election by the members as Directors-at-Large of the NSCS:

Gordon Boyce
Mike Fraser

There were no further nominations from the floor. It was moved by Bill Thorpe and seconded by Gordon Boyce that nominations for Directors-at-Large of the NSCS cease. The motion passed unanimously, and these two members nominated were elected as Directors-at-Large of the NSCS by acclamation.

9. Other Business:

9.1 Membership

Jocelyne Hellou spoke about the importance of increasing membership in the Society, particularly as we move forward with our initiative on professionalism. One of the biggest challenges is getting the private sector chemists involved. Currently the majority of our members work in academia and government.

9.2 Professionalism

Gordon Boyce presented an outline of our initiative on professionalism, highlighting the idea of the Society drafting an Omnibus Act that would cover chemists and other professionals with similar interests in the Province. Discussions with Provincial Government representatives have shown some interest on their part in our approach. A question from Stuart Grossert about the situation in other provinces led to a discussion about the CSC initiative on professionalism. Lamont Larkin suggested that the Society could consider giving free memberships to new B.Sc. graduates.

9.3 Guest Speaker

Bill Thorpe welcomed the guest speaker, Mr. Gerry MacDonell, P.Eng., who has been the technical manager of Dalhousie University's Eco-Efficiency Centre since May

2006. He was asked to make a presentation at the conclusion of the AGM on the activities of the Centre and to talk about some of its newer sustainability concepts.

10. **Next Meeting:** The next annual meeting of the members of the NSCS (AGM) will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography. On a motion by Mike Quilliam, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



J. William Thorpe
Secretary
April 21, 2008