

Nova Scotia Chemists' Society

DRAFT MINUTES OF 12th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 6, 2015, Time: 18:30-20:30

Location

**Sobey's Community Room, 1120 Queen Street
Halifax, NS**



In Attendance	
Board Members:	Proxy Votes:
W. J. Frazee, President (WJF)	Ms. C. Craft
Secretary-Treasurer Gordon Boyce (GAB)	Dr. S. Grossert
Sonia Gaul (SG)	Dr. J. A. Hiltz
Jocelyn Hellou (JH)	Mr. S. MacKay
	Ms. K. Michael
	Dr. J. Roscoe
Members:	Dr. J. W. Thorpe
M. Quilliam (MQ)	

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (WJF) at 18:41. The Secretary noted that a quorum had not been attained. (Note: Copies of reports mentioned in these minutes were made available to the members at the meeting including the draft minutes of the 2014 AGM.) It was decided to continue with the meeting.

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Chemists' Society (NSCS). This meeting had been rescheduled from April 22 due to unexpected scheduling conflicts.

2. **Minutes of 2014 AGM:** Copies of the draft Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Society, held on May 8, 2014, had been circulated to the membership by e-mail and available at the meeting. **Moved by GAB, seconded by JH that these minutes be approved. Carried.**

3. **Business arising from the Minutes:** Nil.

4. **President's Report AGM 2015:** The President reported on the poster recently designed by the Board to be used for information and recruitment of new members. The Standards of Practice drafted by SG and under final review was discussed briefly. It was noted that the various governments went to Ottawa to locate a chemist to deal with the chemical cache situation in Chezzetcook last fall.

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:** GAB gave a verbal report. This included a statement of routine expenses, the current bank balance (\$4,491.93 as of April 30), one un-deposited membership fee and two liabilities (Annual \$100 membership to the FCPC and \$509.92 in expenses to WJF to attend the FCPC AGM). This report was accepted without motion.

7. **Nominating Committee Report and Elections:** The Secretary comprised the nominating committee and presented a slate of four persons. The position of Registrar is an appointed position. Dr. John Roscoe continues to serve in this capacity. As only one member was present, nominations were not called. The member declined to serve on the Board at this 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.

8. **New Business - FCPC:** The Chair gave a verbal report of the **FCPC** AGM held on April 16. Formalities took place in the morning. A panel discussion in the afternoon. Some members were present via teleconference. Business consisted of an exchange of ideas, membership issues, and the progress of the various provincial societies. It appears that all societies, except for Alberta, are receiving "push-back" from their respective provincial governments, these governments not appearing to

favour professionalization of the chemists. The minutes of the FCPC are available upon request. The NSCS will continue its membership in this group. The annual fee is \$100 for NSCS. At this time, the only other cost is the travel expenses for our President to attend AGM's. It was pointed out during this meeting that all regulated societies must operate to the same standard. ~~A questionnaire is under development~~An update is being done to the Bordeleau report to see where each provincial association stand relative to the others. From it a common (as much as possible) standard will be developed.

New Business - NSCS: As it is, on occasion, difficult to arrange face to face Board meetings, WJF suggested that we explore using Skype. Further to our dealings with the NS Government, it has become clear that the NSCS is too small (membership) to be a viable operation. It was suggested that the NSCS explore options to include other groups (within Nova Scotia) in an umbrella society in order to boost membership. With increased numbers, it is hoped that the government will take the expanded group more seriously. Several professions were suggested. To further our cause, it was suggested that the Board solicit the assistance of the membership. In order to promote our newly developed poster, a "road show" was suggested.

It was noted that the annual CIC Conference is scheduled to be held in Halifax in 2016.

9. **Next AGM Meeting:** The Thirteenth AGM of the NSCS will be held in April 2016, date, place and time to be announced.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon A. Boyce
Secretary
June 8, 2015

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ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 6, 2015 (6:30-8:30 pm)

Location

**Sobey's Community Room
1120 Queen Street
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RSVP to the Secretary (nscs@chebucto.ca)

6:30-6:40	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
6:40-7:15	NSCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of the Minutes of the AGM2014 - Business arising - Report of the President - Report of Secretary/Treasurer
7:15-7:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK
7:30-7:45	ELECTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of Nominating Committee - Elections of officers and board
7:45-8:15	NEW BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress on the furtherance of the Chemical Professions Act - FCPC update - Membership in the FCPC - Other Business
8:15-8:30	Social gathering
8:30	Adjournment

Join us on May 6th and bring a prospective member; you can obtain a membership application form from our website: <http://nscs.chebucto.org/>