

Nova Scotia Chemists' Society

DRAFT MINUTES OF 14th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 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)	13 – See report.
Secretary-Treasurer Gordon Boyce (GAB)	
Dr. Sonia Gaul (SG)	
Dr. J. Roscoe	
Members:	
Mr. Tarig Sainuddin	

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (WJF) at 19:00. The Secretary noted that, with proxies, a quorum was represented. (Note: Copies of reports mentioned in these minutes had been made available to the members at the meeting including the draft minutes of the 2016 AGM.) These are available from the Secretary upon request including the Proxy Report.

1. The Chair welcomed the group to the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Chemists' Society (NSCS).

2. **Minutes of 2016 AGM:** Copies of the draft Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Society, held on May 4, 2016, had been circulated to the membership by e-mail and were available at the meeting.

Moved by GAB, seconded by JR that the minutes be accepted. Passed.

3. **Business arising from the Minutes:** A comment that there was no member representing MAXXAM on the membership role. The NSCS was represented at the CIC AGM held in Halifax. WJF and SG attended a booth. A large banner supplied by the FCPC was on display.

4. **President's Report:** The President read his annual report to the membership. This report was tabled and is available upon request. He noted that he will be meeting with the fledging New Brunswick society on Jun 8. In a letter dated March 23, 2017, the NSCS responded to the questions the NS Department of Justice had submitted to it as a response to the meeting help in the latter's office with respect to legislative recognition of the practice of chemistry. This letter was accompanied by a substantial of supporting documents. The President reported that he had received an acknowledgement its receipt.

5. **Secretary's Report:** GAB presented the following 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 annual report for the 2016/2017 year.

Moved by GAB seconded by SG that the report be accepted. Passed.

Subsequent to this meeting, a member volunteered to audit the finances of the Society. The Income/Expense and Balance sheets, will be submitted to the Registry of Joint Stocks as per their requirements.

At this point, Mr. Sainuddin asked several questions. In reply, the President stated that, currently, there is no provision for membership of students and that this point would be addressed under New Business. As to the status of chemistry and the chemists' profession in NS, he was informed that there was no status and that the aim of the NSCS was to achieve this. He was informed that the NSCS has requirements regarding standards of practice, that Health and

Safety courses and refresher courses are available and required and that members must adhere to Labour Code requirements.

7. Nominating Committee Report and Elections: The Secretary comprised the nominating committee. No nominations came forward despite several pleas to the membership. Mr. Sainuddin was asked to serve as a director. He accepted. At the prior AGM, the President identified a person who had indicated interest to serve previously. This person had been approached but has declined due to pressing demands on his time. He will be approached again.

The current Board was acclaimed in their present positions.

8. New Business - The provision for a student member category was put before the meeting. The motion to amend the By-Laws, with commentary, had been circulated to the membership.

Moved by JR, seconded by SG that the motion be voted upon as presented. Passed. The membership is to be informed. The By-Laws will be redrafted incorporating the motion and sent to the NS RJS for acceptance.

With respect to the submission to the Department of Justice as mentioned in Item 4, the Present is to contact the department to arrange a meeting.

9. FCPC: The AGM was held April 27. The President, as did many members, attended via teleconference. In his report to this meeting, WJF noted that, in the elections of officers, he was elected Treasurer. He will also remain as NSCS representative on the council. The budget of the FCPC is \$5000.00 and is raised by contributions, based on membership size, from the constituent societies. WJF plans to set up a bank account in the name of the FCPC. Currently, the funds of the council are run through the Alberta society. Current matters being dealt with are accreditation vis-a vis university courses and the appropriate qualifications of a chemist. This will be done working through the auspices of the CSC. Another matter concerns mobility and the MOU the object of which is to have all the societies accredited similar to the OCQ. Professional development requirements are a third matter.

10. Other Business: Nil.

11. Next AGM Meeting: The Fifteenth AGM of the NSCS will be held in May 2018 at a date, place and time to be announced.

12. Meeting of the new Board of Directors: June 22, current location.

13. The meeting adjourned by JR.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon A. Boyce
Secretary
June 1, 2017

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ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Location

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

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 AGM2016 - 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"> - Motion to establish a Student Membership classification - 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/>