

**NOVA SCOTIA CHEMISTS' SOCIETY  
DRAFT MINUTES OF 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**April 22, 2009**

**19:00 – 21:00**

**McNally Boardroom  
Saint Mary's University  
Robie Street, Halifax, NS**

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE HELD  
May 21, 2009 AT 18:00 PM  
NRC/IMB  
Oxford Street, Halifax, NS**

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| <b>In Attendance</b>             |                              |
| <b>Board Members:</b>            | <b>Members (cont'd):</b>     |
| President Jim Frazee (JF)        | David (Dave) Jamieson (DJ)   |
| Vice President Joyce Milley (JM) | Michael (Mike) Quilliam (MQ) |
| Treasurer Lamont Larkin (LL)     | Michael (Mike) Robicheau     |
| Secretary Gordon Boyce (GB)      |                              |
| Cory Pye (CP)                    | <b>Proxy Votes:</b>          |
| William (Bill) Thorpe (BT)       | Cheryl Craft                 |
| <b>Members:</b>                  | Shelia Crain                 |
| William (Bill) Bridgeo           | William (Bill) Hardstaff     |
| Sonia Gaul (SoG)                 | Patricia LeBlanc             |
| Martin Gillis (MG)               |                              |
| Stuart Grossert (SG)             | <b>Guests:</b>               |
| Jocelyn Hellou (JH)              | Mark Gibson                  |
| John Hiltz                       | Andrew Wotherspoon           |

The meeting was called to order by the Chair (JF) at 19:03. (Note: Copies of all reports mentioned in these minutes were made available to the members at the meeting.)

1. The Chair welcomed everyone to the Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Chemists' Society (NSCS). Introductions of the Board followed. Everyone present was asked to identify him or herself
2. **Minutes of 2008 AGM:** Copies of the draft Minutes of the fifth Annual General Meeting of the Society, held on April 23, 2008, had been distributed by e-mail and copies were made available at the meeting. SG pointed out that he had submitted his

proxy to the Board. Moved by LL; seconded by CP that the minutes be approved as amended. Carried. The approved minutes will be placed on the NSCS website by the President.

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

**4. President's Report:** JF presented his report. It is appended to these minutes. Moved by GB; seconded by DJ that the report be accepted. Carried.

**5. Secretary's Report:** The Secretary presented his report as well as a Petty Cash report and a Membership report. They are appended to these minutes. SG pointed out that the correct name of our web service is the Chebucto Community Net. Moved by JM; seconded by BT that the Secretary's report be accepted as amended, as well as the other two reports. Carried.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer presented his report. JM asked if it had been audited. The reply was "no" but LL noted that the bank statement agreed with his report. He questioned the necessity of an audit considering the simplicity of the Society's finances and the small sums involved pointing out that a formal audit would be relatively expensive. It was mentioned that the By-Laws permitted the auditing of the Society's financial records by two members in good standing. It was agreed that SG and JH would audit the Treasurer's report. (On April 27, SG submitted to the Society via e-mail, an Audit report dated April 25.) Both the Treasurer's report and the Audit report are appended to these minutes. Moved by CP; seconded by JH that the report be accepted. Carried. Comments: Again, this year, the President will be attending the CSC conference in May, in Hamilton, in his capacity as a member of the NACPCC. It was agreed that, as had been granted the previous year, the Society would reimburse JF for reasonable expenses over and above the CSC subsidy.

**7. Nominating Committee Report and Elections:** The Secretary comprised the nominating committee. His report is appended. LL asked that his name be removed as a candidate for the position of Treasurer but that he would be willing to stand for Board member. At this point the Vice President (JM) took the Chair. JM called three times for additional nominations for the position of President. None were put forward. Moved by BT; seconded by MQ that Jim Frazee be reelected as President. Carried. JF took over the Chair. JF called three times for additional nominations for the position of Vice President. None were put forward. Moved by MG; seconded by DJ that Joyce Milley be reelected as Vice President. Carried. JF called three times for additional nominations for Secretary. None were put forward. Moved by CP; seconded by JM that Gordon Boyce be reelected as Secretary. Carried. JF called three times for additional nominations for the position of Treasurer. None were put forward. Moved by LL; seconded by MG that Li Hui Sheng be elected as Treasurer. Carried. JF called three times for additional nominations for the position of Board member. None

were put forward. Moved by DJ; seconded by JH that H. Martin Gillis, Lamont Larkin Cory Pye and John Roscoe be elected and/or relected as Board members. Carried

### **Refreshment Break (19:36)**

#### **8. An Act respecting the Nova Scotia Chemists' Society**

The President put before the membership the draft Act for the Society as developed by the Board. The Board was seeking the approval of the membership to present the Act to the Government of Nova Scotia for enactment. The floor was opened for discussion.

Mike Robicheau (Maxxam) raised the concern that there was little advertising or notice to the chemists of Nova Scotia, and their employers, of the development of the Act and the other activities of the Board. Concern was raised over the effect, largely unknown, that the enactment of the Act will have on chemists and their employers. It was reiterated that these interest groups were unaware of these concerns. It was also mentioned that membership fees in the Society would become significant with enactment. The Board pointed out that some years previously the Society had notified these interest groups by letter using the resources of the Canadian Society for Chemistry to obtain the names and addresses of interested parties. It was suggested that Statistics Canada and the Canadian Department of Industry and Science as well as equivalent provincial government resources could provide a current list of the relevant contact information to inform interested parties. Discussion ceased.

The motion, as presented in the Announcement of the Meeting and the Agenda, also appended to these minutes, was placed before the membership. Carried. Mike Robicheau cast the sole dissenting vote and requested that this be recorded. He did not object to the Act as drafted but voted against the motion due to the fact that interested parties were largely ignorant of what this was happening.

#### **9. Name of the Society**

Due to concerns raised in the past by a former member of the Board and of the Society, the name of the Society was raised for discussion. BT suggested that this was premature and that this should await the final draft of the Act as the eventual name, if different, may arise from further honing of the Act. It was moved by SoG; seconded by MR that the Society renew its efforts to make its activities, and legislative progress of the Act more widely known to Nova Scotia chemists. Carried unanimously.

#### **10. New Business**

These was no new business

11. **Next AGM Meeting:**

The Seventh AGM of the NSCS will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, place and time to be announced

12. **Next meeting of the new Board of Directors:**

Thursday, May 21, 2009, 18:00 at ARL/IMB, Oxford Street, Halifax

13. The meeting adjourned at approximately 21:00 on a motion by DJ.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon A. Boyce  
Secretary  
May 8, 2009

# *Nova Scotia Chemists' Society*

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009, Time: 19:00-21:00**

**Location**  
**McNally Main Boardroom**  
**Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS**

RSVP to the Secretary ([nscs@chebucto.ca](mailto:nscs@chebucto.ca))

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| <b>7:00-7:05</b> | <b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>  |
| <b>7:05-7:30</b> | <b>NSCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report of the President</li> <li>- Report of Secretary</li> <li>- Report of Treasurer</li> <li>- Report of Nominating Committee</li> <li>- Election of Directors &amp; Officers</li> </ul>  |
| <b>7:30-7:45</b> | <b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>  |
| <b>7:45-8:15</b> | Presentation of the draft "Act of the Nova Scotia Chemists' Society" followed by discussion and vote.<br><br>Motion:<br><br>Moved that the Members of the Nova Scotia Chemists' Society authorize the Board to proceed with An Act Respecting the Chemical Profession, as distributed, by approaching the Minister of Justice and request that the act be prepared based on this document subject to amendments being made as requested by legal counsel and the Department of Justice.<br><br>Moved By J. Milley, Seconded by G. Boyce |
| <b>8:15-8:45</b> | <b>Discussion of the name of the society.</b>   |
| <b>8:45-9:00</b> | <b>New business</b>   |
| <b>9:00</b>      | <b>Adjournment</b>  |

Join us on April 22<sup>rd</sup> and become a member of the NSCS; you can obtain a membership application form from our website: <http://nscs.chebucto.org/> or at the meeting.

