



Nova Scotia Chemists' Society

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President's Report

Annual General Meeting, April 22, 2009

This is an exciting year for the Nova Scotia Chemists' Society. We have finished the draft for the "Act Representing the Chemical Profession". This is to be voted on at this meeting and if passed will be review by a lawyer. Then it will be presented to the government for enactment. Our timing is almost perfect. This year interprovincial agreements are being put in place that allows professional credentials to be transferable from province to province. This means that our provincial government will have to bring professional standards up to those in other provinces and since, in the Province of Quebec, chemist have had full professional status for many years there is now support for the same here.

I have, also, been representing the NSCS on the National Advisory Committee for the Profession of Chemistry in Canada (NACPCC). This committee has been looking into five key areas. They are (1) Insurance, (2) Promotion of Chemistry and the Profession, (3) Transferability, (4) Core Competencies and (5) Professional Content into Curricula. The committee has been meeting by teleconference about every two months. Three of the above issues have come to major prominence. They are Insurance, Transferability and Core Competencies, Transferability and Core Competencies being closely related. The committee will be meeting in Hamilton, Ontario on May 31st. The main topics will be Transferability and Core Competencies and the effect of the interprovincial agreements on labour mobility.

Our tasks in the new year will be to get the Professional Chemist's Act passed and the by-laws ready and accepted. This should be a very exciting task, but will require a concerted effort from every one in the Society.

Respectfully submitted

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President