



Agenda
Annual General Meeting
March 22, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
Future Inn, Bayer's Lake, 30 Fairfax Drive, Halifax, NS

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Round of self-introductions
4. Guests:
 - a. The Honourable Minister Sterling Belliveau, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (invited)
 - b. Stuart MacLean, CEO, Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia
 - c. Jim LeBlanc & Rick Daley, Department of Labour
5. Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting
6. Special Resolution – Proposed revisions to the By-Laws
7. Review of activities of the FSANS in 2011
8. Directors' Reports
9. Financial Review
10. Selection of Auditors for 2011
11. Election of Directors
12. Other/New Business
13. Adjournment

Special Resolution – 2012 Annual General Meeting

The Board of Directors submits for approval by the Members of the Society the proposed revisions to the By-Laws as indicated below;

- Section 2: Membership in the Society shall consist of **those who hold a valid account with the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia and pay assessments into any fisheries class or industry code approved by the Board of Directors (SIC 311,312,321 and 1021) as reported to the Safety Association by the WCBNS.**
- Section 6: Membership in the Society shall cease **if a firm ceases to qualify for membership in accordance with Section 2 of these by-laws.**
- Section 15: Quorum for a members meeting shall consist of **at least 8 members and not consist of 100% from one SIC.** No business shall be conducted at any members meeting unless a quorum is present to open the meeting and, upon request, before any vote.
- Sections 17,19,20 & 36 (Housekeeping changes to replace "Chairperson" with the inclusive term, "Chair"
 - 17. The chair or in his/her absence, the Vice Chair or in the absence of both of them, any member appointed from among those present, shall preside as **Chair** at members' meetings.
 - 19. The **Chair** may, with the consent of the meeting,...
 - 20. At any meeting, a declaration by the **Chair** that a resolution has been carried is sufficient... If a poll is demanded it shall be held by a show of hands or by secret ballot as the **Chair** may decide.
 - 36. The Chair or in his/her absence, the Vice-Chair, or in the absence of both of them, any director appointed from among the directors shall preside as **Chair** of the Board of Directors.
- Section 24 (Replacement of outdated department title)
The directors shall seek support and guidance from various stakeholders... To that end, representatives of each of the following shall be invited to every directors meeting in an ex-officio capacity:
 - a) **Nova Scotia Department of Labour**
- Section 25* : **(NEW) Directors shall be elected to a two year term with no more than one-half of the director positions elected each year, or as determined by the Officers of the Society.**
- Sections 25-53: (Housekeeping; will be re-numbered to 26 through 54, respectively.)
- Section 28* : (Existing Section 27 becomes 28* b))
 - a) **(NEW) Any director that is absent from two or more Directors meetings, and who has not sent regrets prior to the respective meetings, may be asked to resign his/her position as a director.**
- Section 34* : (Housekeeping change to bullets for clarity/readability only. NO change in wording.)
- Section 36* : (Quorum clarified by adding a middle sentence). **If an odd number of Directors is elected, quorum shall consist of the next whole number above 50% of the elected directors not consisting of 100% from one SIC.**
- Section 48* : (Reflects current financial procedures in accordance with acceptable accounting practices and respecting the Agreement between FSANS and the WCB NS.) A copy of the financial report shall be signed by **a third party appointed to conduct an external financial review** and by two directors.
- Section 50* : (Idem) **A duly qualified, reputable firm** may be appointed by the members at the annual general meeting **to conduct a third party external review of the Society** and, if the members fail to appoint **such a third party**, the directors may do so.

* Section number subject to approval of Special Resolution

NOTE: For the full copy of the FSANS existing By-Laws, please see www.fisherinessafety.ca/aboutus.htm