

# Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois (AAMS)



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## Facebook

The AAMS Facebook page has been closed or more accurately archived. It was no longer considered as an effective tool for communicating to the membership. The board of directors is looking at other options as a new comprehensive communications plan is implemented.

Check out the blog on the AAMS web site:  
<http://acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/index.html>

## President's Report

*By Joseph Jacquard – AAMS President*

The 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was another huge success with over eighty proud Acadiens-Métis members in attendance. The new board of directors consists of: Joseph Jacquard – President; Brian Doucet - First Vice-president; Alyre Thériault – Second Vice-president; Michael Deveau – Treasurer; Paul Tufts – Director; Gilbert Chandler – Director; Carl Deveau – Director; Robert Muise – Director; Chris Boudreau – Director and Marcel d'Entremont – Director.

This is a highly motivated group, ready and willing to volunteer their time and energy for the association. As President, I look forward to working closely with a highly educated and experienced board for the betterment of all Acadiens-Métis. This year we welcome two new directors, Chris Boudreau and Marcel d'Entremont. Both live in Pubnico, NS.

The board of directors is in the process of implementing a comprehensive communications plan that will cover everything about AAMS. Better ways of communicating with AAMS members are being explored: Instagram and Twitter. A blog on the AAMS web site is often updated with interesting articles and news items. The AAMS blog is very popular and closely monitored by other Métis groups across Canada.

## AAMS Office

The AAMS office, located in the Cultural Hub building (795 Highway 1) in Comeauville, has reopened this year on April 23rd. Having retired from L'Université Sainte Anne, Claire Robicheau is the new office secretary.

Claire brings to the association years of valuable secretarial experience. The office hours are from 8:30am to 4:30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. The office is to remain open year round. Please drop in for a visit, or email [aams.office@gmail.com](mailto:aams.office@gmail.com) or call the office at 902-746-3652.



## E-Transfers

Starting this year, a different dues payment option has been introduced. Paying by e-mail or E-Transfer has been a huge success with over 130 members having chosen this option to pay their dues.

In 2019, members who previously paid by E-Transfer will receive their dues notice by e-mail instead of Canada Post. Savings of over \$250.00 will be realized in paper, ink and postage.

Those who wish to pay by E-Transfer can do so by e-mailing the AAMS accountant [terry@tgrandyca.com](mailto:terry@tgrandyca.com).

Use password: aams.

## Student Employment Opportunity

AAMS has secured a grant through Canada Summer Jobs to hire a summer student.

The work will include, but not limited to, helping at the office in Comeauville, historical research, and participation in AAMS community activities.

The employment will be for 10 weeks at 35 hours per week, with an hourly wage of 11 dollars.

Interested students are to submit their résumé to: AAMS, PO Box 25, Mavillette, N.S. B0W 2H0. Résumés received after June 1st 2018 will not be considered.

# Trevor Gould

## Mi'kmaw Dancer/Drummer

He will be speaking to audiences about Mi'kmaw culture and share some singing and dancing. He is the **Key Stories Curatorial Assistant** at **Mikmawey Debert Cultural Centre**.

- Trevor Gould is an experienced singer and dancer and has been performing for more than 20 years.
- He was in the musical **DRUM!** for 10 years, and he did family shows with **Symphony Nova Scotia**.
- He sings with the **Eastern Eagle Singers** from Indian Brook.

**Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 p.m.**

**Western Counties Regional Library (Pubnico Branch)**  
Civic Number 35, Highway 335  
Pubnico NS

**This program is for ages five and older**

## AAMS Bursaries

Once again this year AAMS is offering two \$500.00 bursaries to student members for post-secondary education.

Please see the application form on the web site:  
[acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/aams-bursary.html](http://acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/aams-bursary.html)

## Members

*If you have any story ideas or messages you would like included in the Newsletter, please contact the AAMS Office.*