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*Listen to the wind, it speaks
Listen to the silence, it murmurs
Listen to your heart, it knows*

Sioux Proverb

President's Report

By Marcel Jean d'Entremont - President

Salut | Kwé | Greetings

We are slowly moving into a COVID new reality and hope to ramp up our presence and activities locally and among our membership. It has been a difficult time for organizations that depend on membership engagement when it is so difficult to come together safely. Our online presence has been strong and true, as we continue to promote our culture and lifestyle.

We must continue the great work started by our members. We are losing so many of our members as they have fulfilled long, and prosperous lives and served their association well... we must find ways to celebrate their efforts. Let us celebrate our people.

Let us not forget the very important items in our constitution; **Item 4** - *To revive and promote relationships of mutual respect, friendship and support between the Acadian Métis People and the Mi'kmaw People, as they once were prior to effective British control of governance in mainland Nova Scotia;* **Item 5** - *To enter into agreements with the Mi'kmaw People in order to negate any perceived or actual threat, conflict or competition associated with the objects of this Society. The Society does not wish to apportion the benefits and rights that belong to the Mi'kmaw People.*

Please engage with us as we continue towards these goals...

Merci | Welálin | Thank you

Marcel Jean d'Entremont, AAMS President



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Vote on constitutional changes

Sunday 27 November 2022

NSCC Burrigde Campus, Yarmouth NS

372 Pleasant Street, Room A208

from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

AAMS constitutional changes by Special Resolution at Special General Meeting of the membership November 27, 2022

Motion: First Vice-president Joseph Jacquard made the motion and Director Claire Robicheau seconded the motion. *"I move to change the wording in section Fiscal Year and Meetings, subsection 10. a., that the AGM be **eight** months rather than **three** months after fiscal year ends; and, add or accountant to section Audit of Accounts where word Auditor appears."* This motion requires a vote from general membership.

Per AAMS constitution:

Fiscal Year and meetings

10. a. The ordinary and annual general meeting of the Society shall be held within **three** months after the end of each fiscal year of the Society.

Proposed change:

10. a. The ordinary and annual general meeting of the Society shall be held within **eight** months after the end of each fiscal year of the Society.

NOTE: This change is to facilitate having AGMs in the summer and at outdoor venues.

Per AAMS constitution:

12. At each ordinary and annual general meeting of the Society, the following items of business shall be dealt with and shall be deemed to be ordinary business:

f. Appointment of **auditors**.

Proposed change:

f. Appointment of **auditors or accountant**.

Per AAMS constitution:

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

37. The **Auditor** of the Society shall be appointed annually by the Regular members of the Society at the ordinary or annual general meeting and, on failure of the members to appoint an **Auditor**, the Directors may do so.

38. ... The **Auditor** shall make a written report to the members upon the balance sheet and operating account, ... A copy of the balance sheet, showing the general particulars of its liabilities and assets and a statement of its income and expenditure in the preceding year, audited by the **Auditor**, shall be filed with the Registrar within fourteen days after the annual meeting in each year as required by law. The Society shall also make every effort to supply the financial details of its position via an accessible public forum.

Proposed changes:

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37. The **Auditor or accountant** of the Society shall be appointed annually by the Regular members of the Society at the ordinary or annual general meeting and, on failure of the members to appoint an **Auditor or accountant**, the Directors may do so.

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NOTE: This change is because we use an accountant and are no longer required to use auditors. If we go back to auditors, we do not need to change to constitution.

Can't come in person?

AAMS 2022 Special General Meeting also available through

Skype Livestream: <https://join.skype.com/izAOMogjo119>

AAMS Bursaries

We will be offering **one** \$500 education bursary in 2023!

To apply and see the AAMS honor roll:

<https://www.acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/aams-bursary.html>

AAMS Dues Reminder

Thank you to all those who have paid their 2022 dues and a special thank you to all those who included generous donations. Our ever-growing total membership is now over 1951 proud Acadian Métis.

The twenty-dollar yearly dues can be paid all year by check or money order to: AAMS Treasurer, PO Box 25 Mavillette, N.S. B0W 2H0.

Dues payments can also be made by e-transfer:

aams.office@gmail.com

NOTE: The AAMS Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers. Only the office administrator and accountant are paid.

Please use password: aams2008

National Indigenous Peoples Day 2023

AAMS plans to be active for National Indigenous Peoples Day 21 June 2023. Stay tuned for more details...

National Aboriginal Day is a day recognizing and celebrating the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Indigenous peoples of Canada, to be celebrated annually on 21 June. This date was chosen as the statutory holiday for many reasons, including its cultural significance as the summer solstice, and the fact that it is a day on which many Indigenous peoples and communities traditionally celebrate their heritage. A proposal to rename the day National Indigenous Peoples Day was made in 2017.

Quote

Atikamekw Grand Chief Constant Awashish is quoted in the article as follows, *“We need more education, we need more awareness, for everybody, but mainly to non-Indigenous elected people, they need to see us differently, they need to know us differently so they can see us as the solution of the future.”* [Click here to read more.](#)

NEW COURT DECISION!

[British Columbia \(Child, Family and Community Service\) v. W. and H., 2022 BCPC 21 \(CanLII\).](#)

PhD Candidate Jo-Anne Muise Lawless, Contract Instructor, Department of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University: “This judge recognizes the child's self-identification [Eastern Woodlands Métis] and ancestral connections (things we've been arguing for, ourselves), and, importantly, she also does away with the need for Powley conditions in attributing cultural rights for a child going into care (which is a big step forward for us)”.

PhD Sebastien Malette, Associate Professor, Department of Law and Legal Studies, Carleton University: “This is a very important ruling that recognizes the existence of Eastern Métis culture, and the right of other Métis (non-MNC) to defend and pass on that culture, and crucially: outside of the Powley framework that governs community-type rights that must be localized, but a framework which does not apply to other Eastern Métis cultural rights that must be protected from discrimination and inequity”.

See: [AAMS Blog](#)

AAMS Office

Office administrator - email aams.office@gmail.com or phone (902) 746-3652.

You can also drop in at the **Clare Cultural Hub Building**, Civic 795 highway1, Comeauville, N.S.

Open: Tuesday 9 am to 12 pm
Please call ahead of your visit to the office.

Did you know?

Mi'kmaq are Indigenous peoples who are among the original inhabitants in the Atlantic Provinces of Canada. Alternative names for the Mi'kmaq appear in some historical sources and include Gaspesians, **Souriquois** and Tarrantines. Contemporary Mi'kmaq communities are located predominantly in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, but with a significant presence in Quebec, Newfoundland, Maine, and the Boston area. In July 2022, the Mi'kmaq language was recognized as the first language of Nova Scotia.

Article by [The Canadian Encyclopedia](#) | Updated by David Joseph Gallant | Published Online August 13, 2008 | Last Edited September 7, 2022

AAMS Database Project

We have a very exciting announcement to make... we have started discussions and been accepted for a **Mitacs** grant to define, develop, design, and implement a database for the input, collection, maintenance, and security of our members personal information.

The details have yet to be worked out, but we will be asking Mitacs for \$10,000 for the development and implementation of a proper database and database management system. Our portion of that grant is \$2500. This will provide the security and flexibility to serve our members in a more accurate and efficient manner.

This is your membership money at work, providing a secure, efficient, and up-to-date system of tracking members, dues, addresses, and contact information. If we want to be treated with equity, dignity, and respect, we need to be professional and organized... stay tuned for more details...

For more info on Mitacs, see: <https://www.mitacs.ca/en>



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