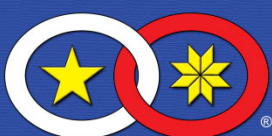


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*"The cold was so intense that
the cider was divided by an axe
and measured out by the
pound."*

Samuel Champlain 1605 diary.

President's Report

By Marcel Jean d'Entremont - President

Salut | Kwé | Greetings

First, I would like to sincerely thank the AAMS Board of Directors for putting their trust in my leadership of your association. Secondly, I want to thank all our members. It has been a humbling and fulfilling role supporting you and moving your association forward. Without you, all our approximately 1900 members, there is no AAMS. So, a sincere thank you to you all.

Members, you can continue to engage, recruit for, and support your association by going to your website, blog and social media feeds and reading and sharing all the great stories of Acadiens-Métis Souriquois life. It is with your help that we have turned the social media negative publicity tide by creating, sharing, and promoting good news stories and positive issues about us throughout the world. We are all proud Acadiens-Métis Souriquois.

Time flies when you are having fun, so it seems like I had just started as president and here we are planning our next Annual General Meeting. With COVID restrictions lifting, and with lots of people still very cautious, we are planning to try to reach as many people as possible. You can continue to engage with your association by participating in the **Live Streaming of the AGM!** We will also be streaming the AGM live through Skype. We will be posting the details and the **Live Stream** link on page 2 and on your website.

Stay tuned for your upcoming communications blitz about our history!

Merci | Welálin | Thank you

Marcel Jean d'Entremont, AAMS President



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AAMS Board of Directors

The AAMS constitution reminds us that directors should be sought from as many diverse communities as possible. The Board of Directors Executive consists of: **Marcel Jean d'Entremont** (West Pubnico) President; **Joseph Jacquard** (Wedgeport) First Vice-President; **Alyre Theriault** (Saulnierville) Second Vice-President; and **Michael Deveau** (Mavillette) Treasurer. Also, on the board are directors **Brian Doucet** (Yarmouth); **Paul Tufts** (Hebron); **Gilbert Chandler** (Hectanooga); **Carl Deveau** (Saulnierville Station); **Marie Rundquist** (Virginia USA); **Jocelyne Comeau** (Meteghan); **Ricky Muise** (Meteghan); and **Gaétan Dugas** (Caraquet N.B.).

The following members are up for re-election:

- Carl Deveau, Gaétan Dugas, Marcel d'Entremont, Michael Deveau, and Jocelyne Comeau.

AAMS Office

Our office administrator can be contacted at aams.office@gmail.com or by phone (902) 746-3652.

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

Please call ahead of your visit to the office.

Don't forget to experience **Acadiens-Metis Souriquois culture and language** through video. AAMS YouTube Chanel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh26dSmKfIR3keewzB2bkTg?>

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



AAMS 2022 AGM

This year your next annual general meeting (AGM) will be at:

NSSC Burridge Campus in Yarmouth NS

372 Pleasant Street, Room C181

from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Saturday 14 May 2022

Can't come in person?

AAMS 2022 AGM also available through

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

See your AAMS website for details!

(<https://www.acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/skype>)

AAMS Bursaries

We will be offering **two \$500** education bursaries in 2022!

To apply and see the AAMS honor roll:

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

Electronic Funds Transfer



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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 membership is now over 1915 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.

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Quote

"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

~**Aldo Leopold**, born 1887, died 1949. "A Sand County Almanac"

Aboriginal Day 2020 & 2021

2021 was the second year in a row that AAMS has not been able to celebrate Aboriginal Day (June 24th) due to COVID restrictions. Plans are being made to celebrate this important date once again.

Even though Provincial COVID protocols made it challenging, your Board of Directors continued to have regular Board meetings throughout the past year and a half. We met outdoors (usually around a campfire and often in the presence of eagles) with masks and plenty of separation. With a little planning, we found a way to continue working for our members, even in these challenging times.

Quote

"We've pursued a model of forest resource development that returns money to the owners of capital, that is invested in machines and in the manufacturing of machines and the financing of machines, not to rural communities. It's a real opportunity lost."

~ **Joan Baxter**, Journalist/author

See: [Clearcutting our losses](#)

Looking for a part time job in the Clare area?

AAMS has an opening for an **Office Administrator** at 8 hours per week in Comeauville **starting asap.**

Interested people should contact **902-746-3652** or email aams.office@gmail.com for more information.

Did you know?

Canada remembers

Did you know there was an Acadian battalion during the First World War? The francophone 165th Battalion was based in Moncton, New Brunswick, and recruited Acadians from the Maritimes. After arriving overseas, the battalion was broken up. But the soldiers who initially joined the 165th Battalion went on to proudly serve in France and Belgium.

AAMS Communications

Very interesting and pertinent information is being posted on the AAMS web site blog. The blog information is carried on Instagram, Tumblr and LinkedIn and consists of Acadian Métis news and affairs plus green energy initiatives and much more... Check out the blog on the AAMS web site:

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

Check out our new Communications Page:

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

Members If you have any story ideas, messages, or photos you would like included in the AAMS Newsletter or website, please contact the AAMS Office. Members are asked to submit interesting photos for the AAMS social media campaign. The photos must be of typical **Acadiens-Métis** food, hunting, fishing, trapping, clamming, quilting, organic gardening, activities, and locations... things taught by grandma and grandpa. A one-line photo description or caption must accompany the photo as well as the name of the photographer. Please email your photos to aams.office@gmail.com



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