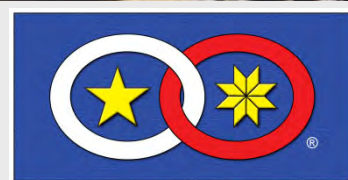


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*"A person without the knowledge of
their past, origin & culture is like a
tree without roots."*

Twisted Twigs

President's Report

By Marcel Jean d'Entremont - President

Salut | Kwé | Greetings

A sincere thank you to all those who attended our 2023 AGM and BBQ, both in person and online. We hope to continue to enhance and enlarge members' presence at our events and AGM by continuing to promote and support your association through advocacy and outreach. We had participation from all over NS, from NB, Quebec, and Virginia USA.

Due to the ongoing controversy and heightened tensions surrounding the Indigenous fishery in Baie Sainte-Marie and surrounding areas, we have been keeping a low-profile. The Municipality of the District of Argyle and the Municipality of the District Clare did not celebrate National Indigenous Day; therefore, we could not participate. We continue to monitor the situation.

We are planning to be active at *Le Congrès mondial Acadien* (World Acadian Congress: August 10 to 18, 2024) and are tentatively planning for a portable tent be erected locally that will house the AAMS-Sponsored "*Cabane de la Culture*" (a cultural hut if you wish) expressly designed to engage visitors to the CMA 2024 including members of the community. Stay tuned!

We continue to use videoconferencing for our regular directors' meetings and our AGM. We have purchased a Zoom licence so we can meet with greater consistency and less hassle. Please join us online.

Please engage with us as we continue working towards goals and mission...

Merci | Welálin | Thank you

Marcel Jean d'Entremont, AAMS President



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AAMS 2023 AGM & BBQ

Our AGM & BBQ at NSCC Burrigade Campus in Yarmouth NS was a great success, with lots of people attending face-to-face and directors and members joining online. We are looking forward to enhancing our annual get-together and considering an outside event in the future.

Looking for a new AAMS Office Administrator:

The Opportunity: Office Administrator - Association des Acadiens-Métis Souriquois (AAMS) Comeauville,
Administrative | Experienced | Part-Time: flexible hours | Competition #: 2023-02 | Commencing 01 October 2023 | **Apply ASAP**

Responsibilities: • Serving members, directors, and public in French / English by greeting, welcoming, answering incoming phone calls. If extra information is required, then contact the personnel responsible to discuss potential answers/solutions. • Update spreadsheets in relation to the organization using up-to-date computer software • Transferring and entering data from a Database, Excel, Word, or paper formats into various digital formats • Assist in organizing, promoting, and advertising activities and events with the directors and the members of AAMS or public • Manage correspondence: membership dues, letters, emails, webpage inquiries, packages • Track office supplies and place orders when necessary • Submit reports and prepare presentations/proposals as assigned • Attend & participate in events, workshops, and seminars to learn more about the history, cultural traditions, ancestry of AAMS • Find/print documents for meetings. Participate in AAMS meetings taking minutes and attendance including typing up minutes and emailing to executive in a timely manner. • Job training, onboarding, and ongoing support and guidance will be provided

Qualifications • You are a team player. • You have experience coordinating office activities and operations to assure efficiency and compliance to policies, procedures, constitution, and by-laws • Have knowledge and experience dealing with computers, phones, and office electronics, including how to keep systems and private information safe and secure • Work efficiently, effectively, and competent in prioritizing work with little supervision • Ensure smooth running of the organization and contribute to driving sustainable growth • You have good customer service skills and respect all people/cultures • Create a safe place to do business and demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion • You will have to be available some evenings and weekends for meetings and events

Congress Mondial Acadien 2024

AUGUST 10 TO 18, 2024 | Southwest Nova Scotia

The Acadian region of Southwest Nova Scotia is opening its doors to more than 400 years of history. It started right here! The region's terrain is proof of the strength, resilience, and determination of the Acadian people. Listen to the words of its inhabitants to discover all the colours of a rich history and the flavours of an Acadie that is unquestionably contemporary.

Explore Mi'kmaq and Indigenous Culture at These Halifax Exhibits

MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC
Ta'n me'j Tel-keknuo'ltiek: How Unique We Still Are

HALIFAX CITADEL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Fortress Halifax: A City Shaped by Conflict

ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA
Ta'n a'sikatikl sipu'l | Confluence

ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA
Gallery Tour and Workshop

DISCOVERY CENTRE
Indigenous Ingenuity

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF IMMIGRATION AT PIER 21
Revealing Chignecto: The Stories Within





AAMS Bursaries

We will be offering **one** \$500 education bursary in 2024!

To apply and see the AAMS honor roll:

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

CONGRATULATIONS Olivia van Aardt

Cosmetology student at the Nova Scotia
Community College Pictou Campus.

Stellarton, Nova Scotia

Winner AAMS 2023 Bursary in Honor of Marie Rundquist, Director

Yearly dues update

Due to rising operating costs and the current rate of inflation, on June 24th, 2023, during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the *L'Association des Acadiens-Metis Souriquois (AAMS)*, members present passed a motion to increase the yearly dues from twenty dollars (\$20.00) to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), effective January 1st, 2024.

It should also be noted that AAMS has increased the cost of the initial application fee from \$35.00 to \$40.00 which includes the combined costs of first-year dues, the membership card, and postage.

AAMS Dues Reminder

Thank you to all those who have paid their 2023 dues.

The twenty-five-dollar yearly dues can be paid 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

No Password Required.

Quote

"The Land is the Boss"
Gary Potts 1992

Quote

"Only to the White man was nature a wilderness and only to him was the land infested with wild animals and savage people. To us, it was tame, earth was bountiful, and we were surrounded with the blessings of the great mystery."

Hehaka Sapa~ Black Elk, Holy man of the Oglala. 1863-1950

First Nations in Nova Scotia

- Acadia First Nation (8 sites)
- Annapolis Valley First Nation
- Bear River First Nation
- Eskasoni Mi'kmaw Nation
- Glooscap First Nation
- Membertou First Nation
- Millbrook First Nation
- Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation
- Pictou Landing First Nation
- Potlotek First Nation (formerly Chapel Island)
- Sipekne'katik First Nation (formerly Indian Brook/Shubenacadie)
- Wagmatcook First Nation
- We'koqma'q First Nation

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.

Please call ahead of your visit to the office.



Did you know?



The Acadian motto is: *L'union fait la force*-- strength through unity. Both the Acadian motto and the insignia were adopted in *Miscouche*, Prince Edward Island in 1884, during the second Acadian Convention. The insignia was meant to be worn on lapels during festivities. It has a strip of blue silk cloth embossed with a star, surrounded by rays. Underneath is a vessel in full sail, with the word *Acadie* on the flag. The words on the bottom read "*L'union fait la force.*" The insignia is crowned with a red and white rosette.

Only one has been preserved at the *Musee acadien de l'Universite de Moncton*.

Photo courtesy of *Centre d'études acadiennes*

https://www.cbc.ca/acadian/feature_acadian_motto.html

AAMS Database Project: Update

We have been **approved** for a \$10,000 grant from Mitacs for the AAMS Database Project, which includes \$2500 of your money to support this initiative. All the money goes to pay an Intern we have hired to build the database developed by AAMS and the Database Management System designer.

At present, the database is designed, and the back end has been built. We are currently working on the front end (graphical user interface). Please stay tuned as we push forward with this very important initiative. This project will move us from using a paper system to a digital process to register and maintain contact with our membership.

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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