

The Mining Society of Nova Scotia Annual Report - 2008

The Mining Society of Nova Scotia had a very productive year in 2008.

Meetings:

The Society held its 121st Annual General Meeting at the Inverary Inn, Cape Breton, on the beautiful Bras d'Or Lake during the second week in June with Mr. Dan MacDonald as its President. The meeting consisted of technical papers on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. The excellent quality of speakers, the Awards Dinner, social activities including golf, music and dance help make it a pleasant time for all. The Society was pleased to welcome government officials from the Dept. of Natural Resources and Mr. Jean Vavrek, Executive Director, CIM

The Honorable David Morse brought Greetings from the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources

The Society held its 43rd Annual Fall meeting in Halifax in November, 2008 and a council meeting during that meeting.

At the Fall Meeting in Halifax our new webpage was presented to council for their comments. The society is pleased to say, that through the hard work of Mr. Paul Smith and the webpage designer, Mr. Roy Mesdgath, the webpage went "live" a few weeks later. It is a work in progress and is added to and updated regularly.

The Society holds 4 council meetings during the year.

1. Annual General Meeting
2. Fall meeting
3. Winter Meeting
4. Spring Meeting

In addition to these well attended council meetings, the Society holds monthly teleconference calls.

The Following Awards were given for 2008

1. The Donald MacFadgen Memorial Award of \$500.00 to a Dalhousie Mining Engineering Student (The
2. The Frank Shea Memorial Award of \$500.00 (an increase from \$100.00 in previous years) and a \$100.00 award to the geology club where the recipient is a member
3. Another \$100.00 award to St. F.X. University in Antigonish for the best thesis in Geology
4. The Mining Society Medal (John C. Campbell)

5. Four Scholarship Medals to students at the four universities in Nova Scotia

6. The President's Citation (Sam Schwartz)

The Society held a very successful Annual General Meeting with Mr. Dan MacDonald as President. The excellent papers presented dealt with the theme – “Atlantic Canada Rich in Resources” under the direction of our Technical Chairman, Mr. Robert MacDonald, 2nd. Vice-President and covered a broad range of topics including the growing Gold Industry in Nova Scotia, the Resurgence of Coal in Nova Scotia and related subjects. Abstracts of the papers given were bound together in a book form and given out upon registration.

Membership:

Membership stayed about the same as the previous year (120). Maintaining and increasing our membership is discussed at all Council Meetings. More effort is now given to promoting members from University Students. The Society now offers to pay membership for up to 10 students.

Finance:

Although there was a slowdown in Mining Operations during the past year, the donations from our sponsors were sufficient to complete the Societies financial requirements for the year in the black. We are very thankful to our sponsors for their continued support over the years.

Mr. John C. Campbell, our Financial Chairman, always does an excellent job for the Society.

Branch Activities

The Society has two branches, one in Halifax and one in Cape Breton. Both are inactive at this time.

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