



Coalition pour la viabilité du sud du Golfe du Saint-Laurent Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability

The Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability Annual General Meeting #6

Location: Montague Curling Club, Montague, Prince Edward Island
Date: April 23, 2005

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1. **Call to order**
The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm by acting president H.Collins
2. **Approval of agenda**
Approval of agenda was moved by D.Boyce and seconded by F.Rousseau. It was approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of last meeting minutes (May 1st, 2004)**
There was no business arising from the minutes.
Approval of the minutes was moved by J.Gauvin, seconded by J.Huston and approved unanimously
4. **Treasurer's Report**
D.Boyce presented the financial report and he moved that it be adopted as presented. It was seconded by J.Gauvin and approved unanimously.
5. **Constitution Amendment**
A slight amendment to the constitution as per article 10.1 and 10.3 to include a Past-chair as an officer to the Coalition was presented. It was moved for acceptance by M.Janowicz, seconded by M.Butler and approved unanimously.
6. **General Activity Report**
N.Gauvin, Executive Director, presented the Coalition-SGSL's General Activity Report highlighting achievements, initiatives, new projects, workshops held and the number of meetings that took place in 2004-2005.
7. **Working Group Reports**
M.Janowicz presented the Science, Research & Habitat Working Group report.
J.Gauvin presented the Communications & Education Working Group report.
P.Fusk presented the Coastal Erosion Working Group report.
N.Gauvin presented the Technical Advisory Working Group report.
D.Boyce presented the Annual General Meeting 2005 Working Group report.
Harry thanked all of the Working Group participants for their efforts in the past year.
8. **Elections**
The following individuals were nominated to fill vacant seats as new members to the Steering Committee in the sectors indicated:
Irene Novaczek (Academia)
Omer Chouinard (Academia)
Guy Cormier (Industry)
Paul Laplante (Industry)
Terry Burgoyne (Industry)



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Pat Fusk (Public-at-large)

André Drapeau (Public-at-large)

They each accepted the nomination (via proxy or in person).

The Accepted positions on the new Steering Committee are as follows:

CATEGORIES	PROV	GROUPS AND NAMES
NGO (2 per province)	QC	Vacant
	QC	Vacant
	NB	MREAC – Harry Collins
	NB	GDDPC – Jocelyne Gauvin
	NS	ACZISC – Claudette LeBlanc
	NS	Vacant
	PEI	SEA - David Boyce
	PEI	Vacant
INDUSTRY (2 per province)	QC	Vacant
	QC	Vacant
	NB	Maritime Fisherman’s Union – Guy Cormier
	NB	La fleur du pommier – Léopold Bourgeois
	NB	Eco Technologies – Paul Laplante
	NS	Vacant
	NS	Vacant
	PEI	Microtech Supply & Service - Terry Burgoyne
ACADEMIA (1 per province)	QC	Vacant
	NB	Université de Moncton – Omer Chouinard
	NS	Vacant
	PEI	UPEI – Irene Novaczek
FIRST NATIONS (4 per province)	NS	Po’tlo’tek Fish & Wildlife– Allister Marshall
	QUE	Première Nation de Gespeg- Anita Vézina
	NB	Elsipogtog First Nation – Dennis Simon
	PEI	Vacant
MEMBER AT LARGE	1	Pat Fusk
	2	André Drapeau
MUNICIPAL GOV’T (1 per province)	QC	Vacant
	NB	Kent Planning Commission – Jean Goguen
	NS	Vacant
	PEI	Vacant
PROVINCIAL GOV’T (1 per province)	QC	Vacant
	NB	NBDOELG – Marianne Janowicz
	NS	NSDOAF – Justin Huston
	PEI	Vacant
FEDERAL GOV’T	EC	Francine Rousseau
	DFO	John Legault



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Discussion on the many obvious vacancies with the Steering Committee took place. It was suggested that there should be an opportunity to provide for alternates in sectors that are difficult to fill, such as what Mike Butler and Claudette LeBlanc have been doing in the past year. Claudette will represent ACZISC this year but Mike is her alternate in instances she is unavailable to attend a meeting.

In the case of three industry reps from New Brunswick accepting to sit on the Steering Committee, Marianne suggested that we consider having three reps per province for industry.

Discussion ensued on determining options to either fill the vacancies or redesign the Steering Committee format to reflect the representation attainable. The Management Committee will review this issue in the coming year.

9. Adjournment

Before adjourning Harry invited questions, comments and concerns from the floor.

* It was suggested that we try to solicit media to become members of the Steering Committee to ensure Coalition efforts are publicized and to maintain a link in the communications realm.

* An announcement was made of the upcoming ACCESS workshop to be held May 4 & 5 at the Gulf Fisheries Centre in Moncton.

* An announcement was made of the upcoming 'Linking Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge' workshop to be held May 7 in Gespeg, Quebec. This is being hosted in partnership with the Coalition-SGSL and the First Nation of Gespeg.

Harry closed by stating the increased strengths of the Coalition and thanked the Coalition's major funders: Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada for their support. He also thanked David Boyce for his hard work with organizing and hosting the 'On-site Sewage Treatment' event and providing for the AGM venue. Figurative bouquets were offered to members of both the Steering Committee and Management Committee for their dedication and contribution to the Coalition in the past year and a 'real' bouquet of flowers was bestowed upon Nadine for her commitment to the organization in the past year.

Adjournment of the meeting was moved by D.Boyce and seconded by M. Janowicz. The meeting was adjourned before 3pm.