



Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on
Sustainability

The Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability
Annual General Meeting #8

Location: Museum of Industry, Stellarton, Nova Scotia
Date: May 24, 2007



1. **Call to order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by past president Harry Collins (who was standing in for Omer Chouinard).
2. **Approval of agenda**
Approval of agenda was approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of last meeting minutes (May 13, 2006)**
There was no business arising from the minutes.
Approval of the minutes was moved by Alice Power, seconded by P. Nagarajan and approved unanimously
4. **Financial Report**
Justin Huston, on behalf of David Boyce, presented the financial report and moved that it be adopted as presented. It was seconded by Allister Marshall and approved unanimously.
5. **Constitution Amendment**
An amendment to the Coalition's constitution with Article 18 – Borrowing Powers was proposed. Justin Huston moved that the constitution amendment be adopted with the criteria that an internal policy also be adopted to ensure the borrowing amount does not exceed \$10,000. Wilhelmina Nolan seconded the motion – which was approved unanimously.
6. **General Activity Report**
Nadine Gauvin, Executive Director, presented the Coalition-SGSL's General Activity Report, which included the Working Group reports, and also highlighted the achievements of 2006-2007. There were no questions on the report. Justin Huston applauded the efforts of the Communications and Education Working Group with respect to the refurbished website, newsletters and annual report.
7. **Governance Structure Discussion**
The '*Proposed New Coalition Governance Structure – May 2007*' discussion paper which was prepared in advance to this meeting was discussed. Harry suggested that moving into a new governance structure will require time and effort, and thereby proposed a sub-committee to undertake the task. Other comments included the following:
'*Maybe a web page forum is the approach, but needs more thought*', Justin Huston
'*We need to promote the importance of the Southern Gulf in general – to better market reasons to become involved*', John Ashton
'*Need to keep focus on ecosystem: avoid political and geographic barriers*', Irene Novaczek
'*Should look at partnering with the Coastal Communities Network – partnerships should be part of discussion*', Wayne Barchard
'*We need provincial champions to move the coalition forward into the future*', Harry Collins



Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability

'We should be looking at determining the quantity of land that falls into the Southern Gulf watershed and the profits gained or the 'health' or 'other' in each jurisdiction. This would serve to convince provinces to become more supportive of the Coalition's efforts', Chantal Gagnon

'Maybe it's a change of activities that's required, not necessarily the governance. We should also be using the Coalition website to increase our collaboration with other existing environmental groups', Wilhelmina Nolan.

Justin Huston, Chantal Gagnon and Wilhelmina Nolan agreed to join the already existing committee to determine options for a new Coalition governance structure.

8. **Steering Committee Elections**

Harry demonstrated the existing vacancies on the Steering Committee and asked for any nominations from the floor.

- David Garbary was nominated for the Nova Scotia academia seat. He accepted the nomination and was voted in by acclamation.
- Marc André Plourde was nominated for the Public-at-large seat. He accepted the nomination and was voted in by acclamation.
- Chantal Gagnon was nominated for the Public-at-large seat. She accepted the nomination and was voted in by acclamation.

Harry asked for members to each try to recruit individuals to assume the other vacant seats. Suggestions and commitments to secure individuals were made as follows:

- The PEI provincial government rep should be their new watershed person
- Irene Novaczek to ask Catherine Clough-PEI-to ask Stratford to be involved as the PEI municipal rep
- Andrew Lindsay to take back to council of Pictou for consideration to assume the NS municipal seat
- Lisa Arsenault to try and secure a Quebec First Nations rep
- Christian Fraser and Lisa Arsenault to work on securing a second Quebec NGO group
- David Daughton and Irene Novaczek to work on filling PEI NGO spots
- David VanVelzen to find a NS Industry representative

The Accepted positions on the 2007-08 Steering Committee are as follows:

CATEGORIES	PROV	GROUPS AND NAMES
NGO (2 per province)	QC	Comité ZIP - Lisa Arsenault
	QC	Vacant
	NB	MREAC – Harry Collins
	NB	GDDPC – Jocelyne Gauvin
	NS	ACZISC – Claudette LeBlanc
	NS	Friends of the Pugwash Estuary – Alice Power



Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability

	PEI	CASP- David Boyce
	PEI	Vacant
INDUSTRY (2 per province)	QC	Vacant
	QC	Vacant
	NB	La fleur du pommier – Léopold Bourgeois
	NB	Vacant
	NS	Vacant
	NS	Vacant
	PEI	Microtech Supply & Service - Terry Burgoyne
	PEI	Small business - Irene Novaczek
ACADEMIA (1 per province)	QC	Univesité du Quebec à Rimouski – Christian Fraser
	NB	Université de Moncton – Omer Chouinard
	NS	St. Francis Xavier University – David Garbary
	PEI	UPEI – Palanisamy Nagarajan
FIRST NATIONS (4 per province)	NS	Po'tlo'tek Fish & Wildlife– Allister Marshall
	QUE	vacant
	NB	Elsipogtog First Nation – Wilhelmina Nolan
	PEI	Vacant
MEMBER AT LARGE	1	Marc-André Ploudre
	2	Chantal Gagnon
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	NBDOE – Marianne Janowicz
	NS	NSDOAF – Justin Huston
	PEI	Vacant
FEDERAL GOV'T	EC	Kathryn Parlee
	DFO	John Legault

9. 2007 Scholarship Recipient Presentation

Lyanne Burgoyne, first place winner of the 2007 Coalition scholarship, presented on her thesis, *'Faunal community dynamics and the importance of macrophytes within estuaries of the Gulf'*.

10. Adjournment

Adjournment of the meeting was moved by Lisa Arsenault. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.