

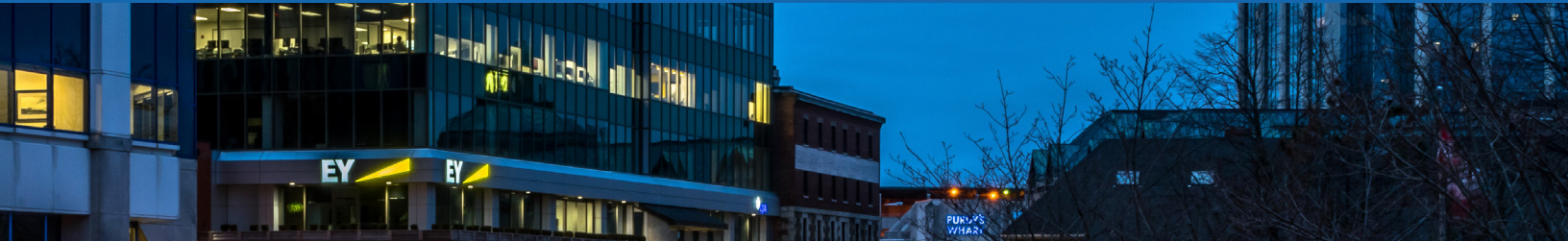
NS Criminal Justice Association



Annual Report 2022-2023

May 2023

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2023 Annual General Meeting – May 24, 2023

Video Conference Call/ In person

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM – June 3, 2022
4. Presidents Report
5. 2022/2023 Statement of Income and Expenditures
6. Communications Committee Report
7. Student Award Report
8. John Dunlop Award
9. Education & Policy Report
10. Motions
11. Board Development & Governance Committee Report
 - Election of Board Members
12. NSCJA & HRM Project - presentation
13. Adjourn

Special Meeting

Date: Monday, June 13, 2022

Time: 630pm

Location: Zoom Call

In attendance

Sharon Martin, Diana MacKinnon, Fred Honsberger, Kit Waters, Virginia Clark-Druhan, Steven Deveau, Janis Atkins, Jill McCarthy, Leisha Seymour, Pamela Yeates, Marlee Jordan, Sonya Ferrara, Verona Singer, Troy Allen, Scott MacDonald - 15

Regrets

Rachael Collins, Sarah Coley, Jennifer Haigh, John Scoville, Aileen McGinty, Amy Siciliano, Allison Hearn, Patrick Young

Item	Person Responsible
1. Roll call- Virginia Clark-Druhan completed roll call confirming quorum has been achieved.	Secretary-Virginia Clark-Druhan
2. Sharon Martin opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance. This Special meeting was called to address outstanding association business from the AGM held May 25, 2022 that failed to meet quorum. Agenda was outlined and all meeting documents and motions were sent in earlier email communication.	President-Sharon Martin
3. Election of Board Members-Fred addressed the business of Board members renewals for a further 2-year term- Troy Allen, Scott MacDonald and Virginia Clark-Druhan. Also new nominated Board Members are Racheal Collins, Sarah Coley, Janis Atkins, Marlee Jordan. Fred put forward a motion to accept the renewals and the new Board members- Kit Waters seconded- motion carried.	Fred Honsberger
4. Audited Financial Statements- Diana provided a summary of the Financial report to the Board of June 3, 2021, the amended June 3, 2021 financial report, the financial report of 12 Jan 2022, the Financial report of 13 Oct 2021 and the amended financial report of 13 Oct 2021.	Diana MacKinnon

Item	Person Responsible
5. Committee Reports -previously reviewed.	Sharon Martin
<p>6. Proposed By-law amendment-Fred proposed, seconded by Virginia, motion carried.</p> <p>Existing Section</p> <p>16. Quorum at an annual general meeting, general or special Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association meeting shall consist of 15 members of the NSCJA. No business shall be conducted at any meeting unless a quorum is present to open the meeting and, upon request, before any vote.</p> <p>Proposed Section</p> <p>16. Quorum at an annual general meeting, general or special Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association meeting shall consist of 10 per cent of the membership of the Association at the time that the meeting is called. No business shall be conducted at any meeting unless a quorum is present to open the meeting and, upon request, before any vote.</p>	Fred Honsberger
7. By -law language- motion to approve a change in the language in the Bylaws to be gender neutral- Sec. 18, 19, 27, 34, 63. Seconded by Sonya- motion carried.	Sharon Martin and Diana MacKinnon
8. Meeting adjourned 7pm	Sharon Martin

Presidents Report

This year the NSCJA Board embarked on an almost year long collaboration with the Public Safety Office of the Halifax Regional Municipality on work connected to the renewal of Municipality's public safety strategy. The main focus of the project entailed the NSCJA organizing and leading a public and stakeholder engagement and consultation process, on the topic of drug use within the context of Canadian drug policy.

In taking on this project, the NSCJA Board determined that this initiative aligned with the associations' goals of:

- Encouraging cooperation among individuals and groups in Nova Scotia interested in resolving problems that derive from criminal and delinquent behavior;
- Promoting awareness and understanding of current issues in Canadian criminal justice, including legislation, criminal justice services, public education, rehabilitation and victim resources;
- Fostering and promoting improved criminal justice programs, policies and legislation; and
- Acquiring and disseminating information and knowledge about all aspects of criminal justice

The Education & Policy Committee led the project; however, several members of the Board were involved in some aspect of this venture including; *Sarah Coley, Virginia Clark-Druhan, Deepak Prasad* and *Janis Aitken*. Most noteworthy was the time and effort put into this project by *Kit Waters, Diana MacKinnon* and *Marlee Jordan*

This project would not have succeeded had it not been for their expertise and work ethic - ***Thank you!***

The work of **the Governance and Board Development Committee** was ably led by *Fred Honsberger*. Fred's outreach efforts this year, resulted in the NSCJA attracting **9 prospective new Board members**.

In addition to supporting the work on the drug use project, **the Communication Committee** and NSCJA's webmaster *Eliot Matheson*, worked diligently this year to increase the social media profile and presence of the NSCJA. Thanks to their work, we were able to publish a newsletter and

coordinate “in house” the registration and data collection for all of the consultations that were carried out this year.

The John Dunlop Award received 18 nominations. The award will be presented over the summer to *Michael Warren*, Senior Probation Officer, Nova Scotia Correctional Services, Kentville.

It is anticipated that **the student award** recipient will be announced in the coming days.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Martin, *President, NSCJA*

2022–2023 Financial Report

Prepared by D L MacKinnon, Treasurer, NSCJA

2022–2023 Statement of Income and Expenditures and Balance Sheet

Statement of Income and Expenditure

INCOME

• Membership fees	\$ 1,375.00
• Fundraising	\$ 2,000.00
• Other Revenue 1	\$ 32,178.98
• Other Revenue 2 (HST)	\$ 4,824.00
A. Total Income	\$ 40,377.98

EXPENDITURES

• Administration	\$ 1,830.87
• \$890.00 to CCJA for memberships	
• \$208.75 for room rentals/Zoom subscription	
• \$57.12 in service charges	
• \$675.00 for scholarship and 2022 J Dunlop plaque	
• Education and training	\$ 23,187.45
• \$2,554.52 for venue rentals & catering	
• \$2,340.96 for travel, et cetera	
• \$7,598.97 in other education and learning costs	
• \$1,780.00 for an event-specific website	
• \$63.00 in service charges	
• \$8,850.00 in honorarium and stipends	
• Insurance	\$ 1,342.00
• Professional fees	\$ 3,080.00
• Other expenditures	\$ 1,752.23
B. Total Expenditures:	\$ 31,192.55
C. NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT) (A – B = C)	\$ 9,185.43
D. SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT), BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	\$ 25,567.22
E. SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT), END OF YEAR (C + D = E):	\$ 34,752.65

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

• Current Assets	
• Cash and deposits (as of 28 Feb 2023)	
▪ PayPal account	\$ 36.46
▪ Stripe account	\$ 0.00
▪ ECCU Operating account	\$ 3,693.94
▪ ECCU Fundraising account	\$ 31,017.09
▪ ECCU Equity Share account	\$ 5.00
▪ ECCU Surplus Equity Share account	\$ 0.16
• Accounts receivable	\$ 0.00
• Prepaid expenses	\$ 0.00
• Capital/Fixed Assets	
▪ Equipment	\$ 0.00
▪ Land and buildings	\$ 0.00
▪ Other capital/fixed Assets	\$ 0.00

A. Total Assets	\$34,752.66
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LIABILITIES

• Current liabilities	
• Amounts payable	\$ 0.00
• Taxes payable	\$ 0.00
• Long Term Debt	
• Mortgage	\$ 0.00
• Other	\$ 0.00

B. Total Liabilities	\$ 0.00
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EQUITY

• Retained earnings/deficit	\$ 34,752.65
• General Revenue	\$ 0.00

C. Total Equity	\$34,752.65
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (A must equal B = C)	\$34,752.65
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The “Surplus, end of year” from the 2022–2023 Statement of Income and Expenditures equals the “Total Assets and Total Liabilities and Equity” on the 2022–2023 Balance Sheet.

See Figures 1 and 2 (on pages 8 and 9) for the 2022–2023 Statement of Income and Expenditures and Balance Sheet. The Registry of Joint Stocks Companies’ form automatically rounds the amounts to the nearest dollar, rather than showing the cents.



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BALANCE SHEET FOR

Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association

(society name)

for the fiscal period ending 2023-02-28
 (yyyy/mm/dd)

ACTUAL amounts; the Joint
 Stocks forms round figures off
 to the closest dollar

2023

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and deposits	34,753	34752.65
Accounts receivable	0	
Prepaid expenses	0	

Capital/Fixed Assets

Equipment	0	
Land and buildings	0	
Other capital/fixed Assets	0	

A. Total Assets

34,753 34752.65

Liabilities

Current liabilities

Amounts payable	0	
Taxes payable	0	

Long Term Debt

Mortgage	0	
Other	0	

B. Total Liabilities

0

Equity

Retained earnings/deficit	34,753	34752.65
General reserve	0	

C. Total Equity

34,753 34752.65

Total Liabilities and Equity (A must equal B + C) 34,753 34,753 34752.65

Auditor or

Director: _____
 (signature)

Director: _____
 (signature)

Fred W Honsberger

(name)

Sarah Coley

(name)

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Figure 2 - Balance Sheet 2022-23 Final Draft

NSCJA – HRM Master Service Agreement re Drug Use in Halifax region (“the project”)

Background:

The Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association (NSCJA), with the approval of the NSCJA Board, entered a contract with the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), to assist HRM’s Public Safety Office in its development of a municipal drug policy by:

building community understanding of the issues related to current drug policy (Launch Event and Community Conversations) and

obtaining the views of key stakeholders regarding issues related to current drug policies, programs, and services.

Harmonized Sales tax (HST):

- The contract for the project was valued at \$52,000.00 plus \$7,800.00 HST. As the value of the contract exceeded \$50,000.00, NSCJA was required to charge HST (Harmonized Sales Tax). Previously, NSCJA had not charged HST and did not have a HST account with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- NSCJA requested the Association’s HST account be effective 1 December 2022; CRA approved the application and set 6 February 2023 as the effective date, and the first filing period was set at 6 – 28 February 2023. NSCJA has requested that CRA reconsider the effective date; the request remains outstanding.
- In the future the HST filing period will be from 1 March to 28 (29) February annually, to align with NSCJA fiscal year.
- Should the 6 February 2023 effective date for the HST account remain, it is anticipated that \$1,056.46 in HST expended by NSCJA between 6 and 28 February 2023 will be rebated to the Association.

Income:

- NSCJA issued four invoices for the work: 16 December 2022, 15 January 2023, 15 February 2023, and 31 March 2023.
- During fiscal year (FY) 2022-2023 payments totaling \$32,160.00 plus \$4,824.00 in HST were received on 12 January 2023 and 15 February 2023; they are included under Other revenue in the Statement of Income and Expenditures for FY 2022 – 2023. (See Figure 1 above.)
- The remaining income (\$19,840.00) and HST (\$2,976.00) for the project were received during FY 2023-2024 and will be reflected in the 2023 – 2024 Statement of Income and Expenditures.

Expenditures:

- Expenditures for the project dating from 19 Nov 2022 to 28 February 2023 were: \$26,131.05 plus \$1,693.08 in HST. See Figures 3, 4 and 5 (on pages 12, 13 and 14) for details.

At the Annual General Meeting it requested that a motion be made for the membership approve the 2022–2023 Statement of Income and Expenditures and Balance Sheet so they can be filed with the NS Registry of Joint Stock Companies.

Expenditures for the project continued into FY 2023 – 2024; these expenditures will be reflected under Education and training expenditures in the 2023 – 2024 Statement of Income and Expenditures.

NSCJA - HRM Drug Use Policy Project - Summary of Financial Activities

Date	Type of Transaction	Details of Transaction	Credit	Credit HST	Debit	Debit HST	Running Balance
19-Nov-22	E-transfer	Opening Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Refund to NSCJA Board Member four charges from NS Registry of Joint Stock Companies for documents required for liability insurance application			-\$ 49.80	\$ -	-\$ 49.80
30-Nov-22	S/C	Banking Service Charge			-\$ 1.50	\$ -	-\$ 51.30
2-Dec-22	E-transfer	Boyne Clark Lawyers LLP; legal advice required for contract negotiations with HRM			-\$ 1,600.00	-\$ 240.00	-\$ 1,891.30
2-Dec-22	E-transfer	EMSpaceCreative re Dec 2022 site hosting for Drug Use Project			-\$ 120.00	\$ -	-\$ 2,011.30
9-Dec-22	E-transfer	Atlantic Live Stream Media; \$1000.00 deposit to reserve their services for 19 Jan 2023			-\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	-\$ 3,011.30
28-Dec-22	E-transfer	Refund to Committee Member # 1 re pre-booked air transportation and hotel for Speaker #2 at 19 Jan 2023 Launch Event			-\$ 918.17	-\$ 119.85	-\$ 4,049.32
28-Dec-22	E-transfer	Eastlink Account #9848717493 for billing period 20 Dec 2022 -19 Jan 2023			-\$ 38.10	-\$ 5.72	-\$ 4,093.14
30-Dec-22	S/C	Banking Service Charges (4@ \$1.50)			-\$ 6.00	\$ -	-\$ 4,099.14
3-Jan-23	E-transfer	To Haligoniac.ca Invoice # 1586 for advertising for 19 Jan 2023 Launch Event			-\$ 300.00	-\$ 45.00	-\$ 4,444.14
12-Jan-23	E-transfer	From HRM for 1st installment for HRM - NSCJA Master Service Agreement	\$ 17,160.00	\$ 2,574.00			\$ 15,289.86
13-Jan-23	E-transfer	EMSpaceCreative re Jan 2023 site hosting for Drug Use Project			-\$ 120.00		\$ 15,169.86
16-Jan-23	E-transfer	The Peoples Counseling Clinic Invoice # 0998 for counseling at 19 Jan 2023 Launch Event			-\$ 300.00		\$ 14,869.86
18-Jan-23	E-transfer	Honorarium (\$500) and lunch per diem (\$21.35) to Speaker #5			-\$ 521.35		\$ 14,348.51
18-Jan-23	E-transfer	Honorarium (\$500), lunch per diem (\$21.35) and mileage (100km @ \$.61/km) to Speaker #1			-\$ 582.35		\$ 13,766.16
18-Jan-23	E-transfer	Honorarium to support organization: 7th Step Society of Nova Scotia			-\$ 2,000.00		\$ 11,766.16
19-Jan-23	Cheque # 1015	Aon Reed Stenhouse Inc Invoice # 3900000075137 for liability insurance policy from 12 Dec 2022			-\$ 1,342.00		\$ 10,424.16
19-Jan-23	Cheque # 1016	Grand Finale Café and Catering Invoice #044410 for catering for 19 Jan 2023 Launch Event			-\$ 800.00	-\$ 112.50	\$ 9,511.66
19-Jan-23	Cheque # 1017	Saltwire Network Inc Invoice # IN80243 for advertising for 19 Jan 2023 Launch Event			-\$ 300.00	-\$ 45.00	\$ 9,166.66
19-Jan-23	Cheque # 1018	Mikmaw Native Friendship Centre invoice #567: fee for Elder			-\$ 220.00		\$ 8,946.66
19-Jan-23	E-transfer	Honorarium to support organization: Direction 180			-\$ 1,200.00		\$ 7,746.66
19-Jan-23	E-transfer	Refund to Committee Member #3 for parking, children's corner supplies for Community Conversations, masks for all events, sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, stamped envelopes, promotional materials			-\$ 555.91	-\$ 57.16	\$ 7,133.59
19-Jan-23	E-transfer	Refund to Committee member #1 for tobacco for Elder at 19 Jan 2023 Launch Event			-\$ 40.79	-\$ 6.12	\$ 7,086.68
19-Jan-23	E-transfer	Committee Members #3 mileage (138km @ \$.61/km)			-\$ 84.18		\$ 7,002.50
20-Jan-23	E-transfer	Honorarium (\$500.00), meal per diems (\$126.15), mileage (47.4km @ \$.61/km), taxis (\$94.52), and parking (\$36.00) for Speaker # 2			-\$ 785.59		\$ 6,216.91
21-Jan-23	E-transfer	Honorarium for support organization: Canadian Association of Persons who Use(d) Drugs (CAPUD)			-\$ 1,000.00		\$ 5,216.91
21-Jan-23	E-transfer	EMSpaceCreative re website design and set-up			-\$ 1,420.00		\$ 3,796.91

NSCJA - HRM Drug Use Policy Project - Summary of Financial Activities

Date	Type of Transaction	Details of Transaction	Credit	Credit HST	Debit	Debit HST	Running Balance
26-Jan-23	E-transfer	Stipend (@ \$75 each) for seven (7) participants at 27 Jan 2023 1st voice conversation at CAPUD; five attended, remaining \$150 converted to additional Honorarium for CAPUD			-\$ 525.00		\$ 3,271.91
30-Jan-23	E-transfer	Society for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Nova Scotia Invoice #504111 for American Sign Language interpretation at 19 Jan 2023 Launch Event			-\$ 234.32		\$ 3,037.59
31-Jan-23	E-transfer	Stipend (@ \$75 each) for seven (7) participants (Total = \$525.00) in 1st voice conversation at 7th Step on 7 Feb 2023			-\$ 525.00		\$ 2,512.59
31-Jan-23	E-transfer	Refund to CAPUD for lunch costs on 27 Jan 2023 1st voice conversation at CAPUD			-\$ 52.67	-\$ 5.27	\$ 2,454.65
31-Jan-23	S/C	Banking Service Charges (16 @ \$1.50)			-\$ 24.00		\$ 2,430.65
1-Feb-23	E-transfer	Stipend (@ \$75 each) for eighth (8th) participant in 1st voice conversation at 7th Step			-\$ 75.00		\$ 2,355.65
3-Feb-23	E-transfer	EMSpaceCreative re Feb 2023 site hosting for Drug Use Project			-\$ 120.00		\$ 2,235.65
6-Feb-23	E-transfer	The Opus Café and Catering Invoice # 142 for Community Conversation on 2 Feb 2023 at the Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute			-\$ 449.00	-\$ 56.10	\$ 1,730.55
6-Feb-23	E-transfer	Refund to Committee Member #1 for food for Community Conversation on 1 Feb 2023 at the Musquodoboit Harbour Library			-\$ 79.11	-\$ 6.44	\$ 1,645.00
6-Feb-23	E-transfer	Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute Invoice #417 for room rental on 2 Feb 2023 for Community Conversation			-\$ 250.00	-\$ 37.50	\$ 1,357.50
8-Feb-23	E-transfer	Refund to 7th Step for supper costs at 7 Feb 2023 1st voice conversation at 7th Step			-\$ 101.30	-\$ 13.21	\$ 1,242.99
8-Feb-23	E-transfer	Stipend (@ \$75 each) for six (6) participants at 14 Feb 2023 1st voice conversation at Direction 180			-\$ 450.00		\$ 792.99
9-Feb-23	E-transfer	The Opus Café and Catering Invoice # 143 for Community Conversation on 8 Feb 2023 at the Sackville Library			-\$ 320.93	-\$ 40.07	\$ 431.99
13-Feb-23	E-transfer	Atlantic Live Stream Media; Invoice # 305 Balance of invoice for live streaming and closed captioning, plus additional microphones required for 19 Jan 2023 Launch Event			-\$ 3,750.00	-\$ 712.50	-\$ 4,030.51
14-Feb-23	Cheque # 1019	Saltwire Network Inc Invoice # IN82617 for advertising for Community Conversations			-\$ 500.00	-\$ 75.00	-\$ 4,605.51
14-Feb-23	E-transfer	Honorarium (\$500), mileage (220 km @ \$.61/km) to Speaker #3			-\$ 634.20		-\$ 5,239.71
14-Feb-23	E-transfer	Refund to Direction 180 for lunch costs at 14 Feb 2023 1st voice conversation at Direction 180			-\$ 101.83	-\$ 13.50	-\$ 5,355.04
15-Feb-23	E-transfer	From HRM for 2nd installment for HRM - NSCJA Master Service Agreement	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,250.00			\$ 11,894.96
15-Feb-23	E-transfer	Eastlink Account #9848717493 for billing period 20 Jan -19 Feb 2023			-\$ 32.66	-\$ 4.90	\$ 11,857.40
19-Feb-23	E-transfer	Refund for Committee Member #3 for Haligoniac.ca Invoice #1604 paid with personal Visa on 17 Feb 2023			-\$ 300.00	-\$ 45.00	\$ 11,512.40
23-Feb-23	E-transfer	Refund for Committee Member #3 for Cole Harbour Place room rental Invoice #35870 paid with personal Visa on 21 Feb 2023			-\$ 118.71	-\$ 17.81	\$ 11,375.88
23-Feb-23	E-transfer	The Opus Café and Catering Invoice #148 for Community Conversation on 2 Feb 2023 at the Dartmouth North Library			-\$ 282.57	-\$ 34.43	\$ 11,058.88

NSCJA - HRM Drug Use Policy Project - Summary of Financial Activities

Date	Type of Transaction	Details of Transaction	Credit	Credit HST	Debit	Debit HST	Running Balance
24-Feb-23	E-transfer	Peer Support stipend (@ \$75 per session) x 5 for Peer Support persons #1, #2, and #3 on Feb 1, Feb 2, Feb 8, Feb 22, and Feb 23 Community Conversations, plus mileage for Peer Support Persons #1 (121km @ \$.61/km) for 1 Feb and 22 Feb and #3 (48km @ \$.61/km) for Feb 8 and 23 Feb 2023			-\$ 478.09		\$ 10,580.79
24-Feb-23	E-transfer	Committee Member #6 Mileage (32km @ \$.61/km)			-\$ 19.52		\$ 10,561.27
24-Feb-23	E-transfer	Note-taking stipend (@ \$100 per session) for Note-taker #1 x 5 (1 Feb, 2 Feb, 8 Feb, 22 Feb, and 23 Feb) Community Conversations plus mileage 180.2km @ \$.61/km)			-\$ 609.92		\$ 9,951.35
24-Feb-23	E-transfer	Note-taking stipend (@ \$100 per session) for Note-taker #2 x 1 for Feb 8 Community Conversation, no mileage claimed			-\$ 100.00		\$ 9,851.35
25-Feb-23	E-transfer	Note-taking stipend (@ \$100 per session) for Note-taker #3 x 1 for Feb 2 Community Conversation; no mileage required			-\$ 100.00		\$ 9,751.35
25-Feb-23	E-transfer	Committee Member #1 Mileage (12 Aug 2022 - 31 Jan 2023 (918km @ \$.61/km)			-\$ 559.98		\$ 9,191.37
28-Feb-23	S/C	Banking service charges (21 @ \$1.50)			-\$ 31.50		\$ 9,159.87
					-\$ 26,131.05	-\$ 1,693.08	

Communications Committee 2023 Report

Committee Members:

Deepak Prasad (chair), Sarah Coley and Virginia Clark-Druhan.

Through the year, the committee worked with our web designer, ensuring the NSCJA website provides a functional site for NSCJA information and events.

For the HRM Drug Policy Consultation, the Committee worked with the web designer to create a new website to host the project information. A marketing and communications plan was created which resulted in good engagement for the launch event and consultation sessions. Posters for social media were created and shared through the NSCJA Facebook and LinkedIn. Posters were also shared through the Haligonian Facebook and Instagram to reach a wider audience.

Posts were shared on social media for NSCJA general information and board recruitment.

Deepak Prasad stepped down from the NSCJA Board and the Communication Committee in April 2023. The Committee thanks Deepak for his expertise and commitment to assisting the NSCJA with our communication strategy.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sarah Coley and Virginia Clark-Druhan

- Committee members

BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION
DRUG USE CONVERSATIONS
IN THE HALIFAX REGION

Be part of the conversation - join one of the community conversations!

Musquodoboit Harbour Library - February 1 - 6:00-7:30PM
Delmore "Buddy" Daye Learning Institute - February 2 - 6:30-8:00PM
Sackville Library (Lower Sackville) - February 8 - 6:00-7:30PM
St. Margaret's Centre - February 15 - 6:00-7:30PM
Cole Harbour Place - February 16 - 6:00-7:30PM
Dartmouth North Library - February 22 - 6:00-7:30PM
Keshen Goodman Library (Clayton Park) - February 23 - 6:00-7:30PM

<https://www.hrmdruguseconversations.ca>

NS Criminal Justice  Association

Student Award

2023 Report

Submitted by **Sonya and Deepak**


This year the NSCJA Student Awards were posted on-line and shared with several networks. While one \$500 was open to any student in the Criminal Justice field, the second award focused on a student who identified as Indigenous.

Unfortunately, NSCJA only received two applications – none identified as Indigenous. However, both students are currently enrolled in the Forensic Psychologically program at St. Francis Xavier University and both have just completed their second year of studies.

Keirra THOMAS, a second year STFX student, provided a very solid application package which included a work placement with the RCMP Indian Brook Detachment. She hopes to continue her workplace studies with the IWK Mental Health Program and the Mobile Mental Health Unit.

Julia BYRON, also a second year student at STFX, also provided an very solid application package that included a letter from her professor confirming that her overall class mark was the highest in a class of 54 students.


***Both applications packaged received
were outstanding and made the selection
committee's job extremely easy!***

 **The NSCJA Student Award** is offered annually to a Nova Scotia post-secondary student enrolled in a social sciences program with a focus on social justice. The award will help the student with their post-secondary education costs.

John Dunlop Memorial Award Committee Report

For the 2022 Assessment Year

Committee Membership: *Janis Aitken, Scott MacDonald, Fred Honsberger (chair)*

 **The John Dunlop Memorial Award** is presented annually to an individual who has lived for three years or more in Nova Scotia and has made a significant contribution to both the Criminal Justice System and the community, with a focus on youth. This is the 46th presentation the Award since 1977. It is the oldest Justice Award in Canada.

Recipient for 2022

The recipient for the 2022 assessment year is **Michael Warren**, Senior Probation Officer, Nova Scotia Correctional Services, Kentville.

Michael has been a Nova Scotia Justice System member for 25 years. He is responsible for 3 offices in the Annapolis Valley are at Kentville, Windsor and Middleton. He is widely regarded as a provincial role model for leadership by example through fairness, engagement, empowerment, and inclusiveness at all levels of service, often working many hours beyond the norm to support staff, Areas of contribution apart from core functions of office supervision and caseload management, include regional program leadership with Restorative Justice, Occupational Health and Safety, High Risk Domestic Violence, Homelessness, , Policy/ Procedure Reviews and Seventh Step program initiatives. Youth focused program work includes Trafficking

Exploitation Supports and provincial leadership with Intensive Rehabilitative Custody / Supervision programs.

Community based youth focused program work and youth mentorship include:

- Baseball coach for 6 years with 14/15year olds providing mentoring and coaching.
- Scorekeeper and mentor with Halifax Youth Karate program.
- 10 years with Halifax “Mini Boat Bassers” teaching and mentoring youth under 16 about fishing - and personally providing prizes for competitions.
- 5 years as organizing member of “TableTop Gaming”, working with youth in Valley / South Shore, organizing tournaments, mentoring and helping with social skills.

The John Dunlop Award will be presented to Michael at a time, to be determined by Nova Scotia Correctional Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Honsberger -Chair , John Dunlop Memorial Award Selection Committee.

Report of the Education and Policy Committee

May 2023

In August 2022, the NSCJA submitted a proposal to the HRM Public Safety Office to assist in the development of a municipal drug policy. The goals of the project were to build community understanding of the issues related to current drug policy and to obtain the views of key stakeholders regarding issues related to current drug policies, programs and services.

Key outputs of the project were:

a summary report on the consultations to include key findings and recommendations for HRM, and

recommendations on the development of a Municipal Drug Policy and establishment of a governance structure to inform this policy.

A committee was formed to provide project oversight, composed of representatives from the NSCJA Board and the HRM Public Safety Office. To ensure meaningful input from individuals with lived experience, the organizing committee was constituted with a representative from the 7th Step Society – an organization that assists those involved in the criminal justice system (many of whom are experiencing or have experienced problems related to substance abuse).

Launch Event:

To provide a framework for a series of planned community conversations, a Launch Event was presented at the Woodlawn Public Library on January 19, 2023. This event was designed in partnership with HRM community representatives and individuals who have lived experience with drugs. The event was livestreamed to broaden the opportunity for participation.

The goal of the launch event was to enhance understanding of the key issues related to current drug policy:

- Impact of current policies on individuals, communities and organizations
- Opportunities/barriers to drug decriminalization
- Lessons learned from other jurisdictions
- Ancillary services required to support policy change

The panel was composed of the following: Moderator *DeRico Symonds*, community activist; *Peter Brown*, Manager, 7th Step Society of Canada; *Jill Harnum*, Substance User Network of the Atlantic Region; *Dr. David Martell*, Physician Lead – Addictions Medicine and President, Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine; *Bill Moore*, Project Manager, Public Safety, Halifax Regional Municipality; and *Shawn Parker*, Navigator Street Outreach, North Halifax and Dartmouth.

Approximately 70 individuals attended the launch event in person: 91 via livestreaming. Following the event, the YouTube video of the event was uploaded to the NSCJA's website for ongoing viewing (there have been a total of 194 views to March 31, 2023).

Community consultations:

A series of facilitated community consultations were held throughout HRM to canvas citizens regarding the impact that drugs are having in their neighbourhoods and to solicit their input regarding steps that might be taken to address the problems they are experiencing. Consultations were scheduled for the Musquodoboit Harbour Library, Delmore Buddy Daye Institute, Sackville Library, St. Margaret's Bay Community Centre, Cole Harbour Place, Dartmouth North Library and the Keshen Goodman Library.

Focus groups with individuals with lived experience:

Three focus groups were held to obtain input from individuals with lived experience – those who were currently using, or had previously used, substances.

The project contracted with three organizations that serve these individuals: Direction 180, CAPUD (Canadian Association of People Who Use Drugs) and the 7th Step Society. These organizations assisted in developing the format for the focus groups, provided a safe space and refreshments, recruited participants and reviewed the focus group reports to ensure accuracy. The organizations were compensated for their role and individual participants were provided a stipend.

Consultations with government agencies and community organizations:

A series of consultations were held (in person and via Zoom) during the months of February and March. The organizations were provided with a summary of the issues raised in the launch and a discussion guide.

Meetings were held with the following organizations: NS Department of Health, NS Department of Justice, RCMP Halifax, NS Legal Aid (2 meetings), Public Prosecution Service, John Howard Society of NS, African Nova Scotia Justice Institute, Halifax Regional Police and three municipal councillors who are members of the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners. In addition, a detailed written submission was received from Coverdale Courtwork Services. An interview was conducted with a staff member of the Immigrant Services Association of NS (ISANS)

Based on the input received during the consultation, the committee developed recommendations for the consideration of the HRM in the development of a municipal drug strategy. The project report was submitted to the Public Safety Office in April.

The project team wishes to acknowledge the contributions made by PWUS – their brave stories and broad knowledge were invaluable in developing a comprehensive picture of the issues that must be addressed in responding to problems associated with substance use.

The committee also acknowledges with great appreciation the contributions of the Communications Committee (*Deepak Prasad, Virginia Clark-Druhan, Diana MacKinnon and Sarah Coley*).

Total budget for the project was \$52,000 plus HST. A total 751 hours in excess of the 300 hours required by the contract was contributed to the project by the committee from August 2022 to April 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Martin and Kit Waters (co-chairs), ***Diana MacKinnon, Marlee Jordan, Janis Aitken***

2022–2023 Membership Report

Prepared by *D L MacKinnon, Treasurer, NSCJA*

All memberships are dual memberships with the Canadian Criminal Justice Association (CCJA) and the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association (NSCJA).

At the start of fiscal year (FY) 2022-2023 the NSCJA had 36 members.

Throughout 2022-2023 nine members did not renew their memberships; the known reasons for their decisions include:

- Focus on other volunteer commitments
- Retirement
- Had tried the membership for a year to see if it supported their professional requirements; would look for another association that more closely aligned with their professional needs
- Moved out of their work position that made membership appropriate
- Two complementary student memberships did not renew at the end of the free membership period
- Work and personal pressures reduced available time

At year-end (i.e., 28 Feb 2023) NSCJA had 27 members. Of these 27 members, last year 14 members renew through the NSCJA website using PayPal (at a total cost for the year of \$27.12 in PayPal service fees) and NSCJA transfers the membership dues received to CCJA, and the other members renewed through the CCJA website.

NSCJA receives from CCJA \$15 per Category A and higher level memberships whether paid directly to CCJA or through the NSCJA website/PayPal account; no rebate is received for student memberships. The rebate is received annually. The most recent rebate was received on 11 April 2023; it was for renewals received during the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

NSCJA provides a complementary one-year student memberships for the student(s) who receive the annual student award(s). NSCJA awards up to two (2) \$500.00 student awards each Spring, at a cost of \$25/membership.

NSCJA also provides a complementary one-year Category A membership (at a cost of \$60.00) for the recipient of the John Dunlop Award, if the awardee is not already a member.

2023-2024 Renewals and New Members

	Anticipated renewals	Renewed	New Members
March 2023	3	3	2
April	2	2	1
May	5		
June	1		
July	4		
August	1		
September	1		
October	0		
November	2		
December	0		
January 2024	7		
February	1		
Totals	27*	4	2

* One member may move out of province and their membership will transfer to that province.

**It is requested that a motion be made
at the Annual General Meeting that the membership
approve the 2022–2023 Membership Report.**

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