

DIOCESAN LAY READERS' ASSOCIATION  
of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
ANNUAL MEETING – June 7, 2014

The Diocesan Lay Readers' Association Annual Meeting was held in St. Peter's Church, Birch Cove, Halifax, on June 7, 2014. Shirley Williams, President, was in the chair.

We began the morning with Holy Eucharist held in St. Peter's Church. The Reverend Tom Henderson was the celebrant and preached the sermon. Following the service we then proceeded to the hall for the Registration of Lay Readers and the Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President, Shirley Williams, who welcomed everyone. We opened with the Lay Readers' Prayer. Shirley asked everyone to introduce themselves.

PRESENT were Shirley Williams, President; The Reverend Tom Henderson, Warden; Dave Harrison, Vice-President; Dennis Eisan, Past President; Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer; Vicki Henrikson, Diakonia Editor and Marie George, secretary and 16 other members of the Lay Readers' Association.

REGRETS Gail Lightfoot, Lewis Hillier, Billie Myers, Pauline Liengme, Ann Ward, Helen Boniface, Eugene Cook, Irvin Walsh, Keith Campbell, and Jim McConnell.

MINUTES – Under "Present" should be included Victoria Henrikson's name. Vicki Henrikson moved and Dennis Eisan seconded that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 8, 2013 be accepted as circulated and corrected. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE none

BUSINESS ARISING –

Diakonia-- Vicki said a total of 472 Diakonia have been mailed both e-mail and regular mail. There were a few returned that we have lost contact with. Their information is not active. Parochial returns with current information are slow in coming in. Please check with your priest or priest-in-charge as to whether or not the names are being sent in with the Parochial Returns. If you do not receive a copy of the Diakonia, please see Vicki before you leave.

The question was asked as to whether or not we need to be relicensed under the new bishop. Tom assured us that we are still all licensed.

Vicki hopes you are enjoying the Diakonia and would love to hear any ideas people may have. One suggestion was that she include information on where to get a medallion. Other suggestions were to have F.A.Q.'s, a list of what to bring to the Fall Conference if attending (e.g. alb, Bible, prayer books, etc.) and perhaps having the meeting information on a separate page other than on the other side of the registration form which is to be sent in.

Board of Standards – The Reverend Tom says that Wayne Hamlin now represents us on V.S.S.T. and on the Board of Standards. Most of the Board of Standards work has been on the videos for training as a lay reader. They are to be used in conjunction with training in the parishes. The videos so far are very well done.

A new Lay Readers training program has begun in Dartmouth. They have had one session on May 25 and the second session will be in the fall

Website—Don Eldershaw operated our website for many years for which we are thankful. A decision was made to set up a new website. Don was happy if someone else would take on this task. David Harrison has set up a new website at [www.nspeilayreaders.ca](http://www.nspeilayreaders.ca)

David showed us the new site. He suggested that if there is anything you want to see on the website, let him know, and he will take it under consideration. Tom will see that this website will go through the Diocesan office.

REPORTS The President's report is printed in the last issue of the Diakonia. Tom distributed his report. Tom said that the Fall Conference will be held September 19 to 21 in Belcourt Centre, P.E.I. The Reverend Canon Paul Jennings will be the guest presenter. His topic will be "Spirituality of Preaching." Registration will be \$50. Watch the fall Diakonia for complete information.

TREASURER'S REPORT Wayne Hamlin moved the acceptance of his report included in the Annual Meeting booklet. It was audited by Cecil Verge for the year April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. Seconded by Karan Manuel. Carried.  
Budget - Wayne Hamlin moved the budget for the next year, 2014 to 2015. Seconded by David Harrison. Carried.

ELECTION We have one vacant position – secretary. There were no volunteers so Tom asked everyone to think about this position. Perhaps ask among your lay readers in your parish if anyone is interested in this position.

#### RATIFICATION OF CURRENT EXECUTIVE

##### EXECUTIVE

Warden	The Reverend Tom Henderson (appointed by the Bishop)
President	Shirley Williams
Vice President	David Harrison
Secretary	vacant
Treasurer	Wayne Hamlin
Diakonia Editor	Vicki Henrikson

## BOARD OF STANDARDS

The Reverend Tom Henderson  
The Reverend Tricia Ingram  
Shirley Williams  
Gerald Nelson  
Dennis Eisan  
Anne Sheck  
Wayne Hamlin

Stephen Hamlin moved the approval of the current executive. Lois Durant seconded. Carried.

Each member of the executive is appointed for two years except the Warden of the Lay Readers' which is appointed by the Bishop, and the immediate past president. Each member can re-offer for election after they have served their term.

## Area Representatives

Prince Edward Island	vacant
Cape Breton	Bill Boutilier
Northern Nova Scotia	Pauline Liengme
Chignecto	Anne Sheck
Eastern Shore	Judy Beaver
Dartmouth	Billie Myers
Halifax	Vacant
Fort Sackville	Lois Durant
Annapolis Valley	Vacant
South Shore	Roger Demone

These volunteers as area representatives were thanked for their commitment and declared elected.

Wayne Hamlin moved that Cecil Verge be appointed as auditor. Dennis Eisan seconded Carried.

Irvine Gray moved that the offering be donated to the Halifax West Ecumenical Food Bank. Keith Hennessey seconded. Agreed.

## MEMBERS' CONCERNS

There was concern that the material in the Report booklet could be printed on both sides of the paper. As time was limited the reports were photocopied when they were received. It cost two cents per page to be photocopied.

There was concern that not all lay readers' dues have been paid. We, as an

association, can only suggest the dues be paid.

THANK YOU The Reverend Tom Henderson and Shirley Williams presented Marie George with flowers and a token of appreciation for her eight years as secretary. Marie thanked everyone and said she had enjoyed her work with the association.

**NEXT ANNUAL MEETING    Trinity Church, Sydney Mines**

Shirley Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Marie George, Secretary

After lunch David Harrison showed several segments of the new lay reader in training videos.