

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on October 16th, 2011 at the Nova Scotia Firefighters School saw a good turnout of members, manufacturers and suppliers. The day kicked off with the meeting starting at 10:00am. One new member of the Association, Darrell Langille of the Harbourview Volunteer Fire Department in Guysborough County, was present and welcomed.

The minutes from the Semi-Annual Meeting held in Truro on April 17th, were approved and will be posted to the website shortly.

There were changes in the Executive and Dave Burnet was voted in as our new President; Rod Neilson stepped into the role of 1st Vice President; and Jim Roper moved into the role of 2nd Vice President. Andy Yarrow, past President, was thanked for all his hard work and dedication to the association. Brent Denny was also thanked and recognized for his role as the longest serving past President.

Beth Searle, Executive Director, was pleased to report that as of the association's year end date, August 31st, 2011; 266 out of the 316 departments listed had registered and paid their memberships. As of the AGM there was a slight increase with 270 departments paid and 758 current members. This is an additional 97 members since the report at the May 29th BOD meeting. Beth remarked that she would be working towards increasing this number for 2011-2012. Dave Burnet, in his role as Chair of the Finance Committee, was pleased to report that the association had an operating surplus, so it was again another successful year for the association. Harold Pothier, Acting Fire Marshal, gave an update of what is taking place at the Office of the Fire Marshall. As well John Cunningham, of the Nova Scotia Firefighting School, updated the group on the operations of NSFS.

A delicious lunch was served at noon which gave members time to mingle with our suppliers and manufacturers. A special thank you goes out to our suppliers, manufacturers and John Cunningham for their generous donations of door prizes. A special thanks to John, Nancy, Faith and Nathaniel of the NSFS for arranging the event and a lunch that was enjoyed by all.

The meeting resumed at 1:00pm with the various committee annual reports. This provided all members with updates from the current standing committees. For further details of the AGM the draft Minutes will be posted to the website soon.

Before the day ended Andy Yarrow was pleased to present John Cunningham with a cheque for FDIC in the amount of \$2500.00; FSANS hopes to make this an annual donation.

Along with this recap of the AGM are a couple of pictures from the AGM 2011. Enjoy the photos and we look forward to seeing members again at the Semi-Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Holiday Inn Convention Centre, Truro, on April 15th and 16th 2012.