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professionnels du nouveau-brunswick

Greetings APANB-AAPNB Members,

It is with pleasure that I write to you as the first President of the *Association of Professional Archaeologists of New Brunswick - Association des archéologues professionnels du Nouveau-Brunswick* (APANB - AAPNB, the "Association"). Our first formal communication was in July and we have some recent updates, news and announcements that I would like to share.

In the time since the official formation of the Association in April 2013, we held our first General Membership Meeting, nominated a Board of Directors, formed multiple committees and during Board Meetings formed an Executive Council. Our Board has been meeting regularly and tackling a number of issues and action items that arose out of our General Membership Meeting.

The General Membership Meeting was held at the Metepenagiag Heritage Park on August 10. This inaugural meeting of the group was productive, informative and positive. The meeting was attended by 13 members representing New Brunswick archaeological professionals from the public and private sectors, universities, museum institutions and First Nations communities, as well as an active member of the professional community in Nova Scotia. At this meeting we also heard presentations covering a number of topics concerning recent archaeological research, fieldwork, and appointments in both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Perhaps most productively there was positive and insightful discussion about the formation and background of the Association, the current bylaws, mission statement and objectives, and how these should or can be revised. Among the many topics were the criteria for eligibility and titles of membership categories, costs for enrollment, the Associations' role in lobbying and/or representing professional archaeologists with provincial regulatory bodies, engaging students in the Association and seeking out a wider membership. As an association we struck several committees which were tasked to study the bylaws, and began a communications and membership/student recruitment strategy. Furthermore, a finance committee was formed to assume the fiduciary responsibilities for the Association.

In addition to the business of the Association, a series of action items came out of the day-long session. All present agreed that a primary concern in the region is ongoing and increasing coastal erosion of archaeological resources. There was also wide ranging discussion of the research and fieldwork context in New Brunswick, and strategies to both increase the amount of research and fieldwork undertaken, and reduce unnecessary barriers to these activities. In light of this, it was agreed that the next General Membership Meeting (November 23, 2013) will be held in St. Andrews, New Brunswick and that a significant portion of the day will be devoted to the discussion of coastal erosion. We hope this meeting will engage our membership, professionals who are not (yet) members, the public and multi-disciplinary researchers to join in.

Our committees have been working hard since the inaugural General Membership Meeting and will be presenting updates on their progress at the next meeting. In particular, we would like to inform membership and the public that they can now follow the Association via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/APANB.AAPNB/> and on the web at [www.apanb\\_aapnbtd.ca](http://www.apanb_aapnbtd.ca).

Finally, I would like to introduce the inaugural Board of Directors and Executive for the Association:

- Dr. Susan Blair (Department of Anthropology, University of New Brunswick) – President
- Ken Holyoke, M.A., RPA (Stantec Consulting Ltd.) – Vice-President
- Darcy Dignam, M.A., RPA (AMEC Environment & Infrastructure) – Treasurer
- Tricia Jarratt, M.A. (Independent Researcher) – Secretary
- Michael Rooney, B.A. (Stantec Consulting Ltd.) – Board Member
- Ramona Nicholas, B.A. (Metepenagiag Heritage Park) – Board Member

With thanks to those who attended our inaugural meeting, and to our current (and future) membership, we invite you to join us all in Saint Andrews on November 23, 2013.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Susan E. Blair**

President,

Association of Professional Archaeologists of New Brunswick - *Association des archéologues professionnels du Nouveau-Brunswick*