
Newsletter of Chinese Society of Nova Scotia (Vol. 1, 2009)

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Chinese Society of Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting**5th October, 2008**

Time: Meeting convened at 4:30pm; Adjourned at 6:30pm**Location:** May Garden, 1475 Canada Trust Court- Bedford Hwy

Present: Bill Bu, David Cao, Joyce Chen, David Zhizhang Chen, Doug Choo, Ricky Choi, Samson Chung, Kam Chung, Zhongmin Dong, Alex Dong, Rongjing Feng, Jason Gu, Qimin He, Wen Huang, George Kwan, Helen Kwan, Stanley Lai, Michael Lee, Kim See Leong, Joyce Leong, Herbert Li, Hayley Li, William Li, Audrey Li, Tong Jun Lin, Fang Liu, Charles Lu, Ying Lu, Aiming Pan, Yon Liu, William Ngu, Angie Lee Ngu Ping Seto, Linda Seto, Shawna Seto Moore, Jinyu Sheng, K.G. and Lynn Shih, Wu Xi, Genlou Sun, Ted Tam, Janet Tam, K.K. Tan, Kwei Ying, Francis Tan, Emily Tan, Kok-Heng Tan, Doreen Liu, Charles Tang, Anne Tang, Hong Tang, Peter Wong, Rebecca Wong, Daisy Wu, Lisa Wu, Fan Xia, Jing Yang, Pollen Yeung, Crystal Yi, Alexander Young, Diana Young, David Yung, Kathy Yung, etc.

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: The society approves the agenda of AGM 2008. Moved by Angie Lee Ngu and seconded by David Cao. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes of Sept 2007 AGM:

Moved by David Zhizhang Chen and seconded by David Cao. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Report from the Board of Directors:

Shawna Seto Moore, Chair of the Board, presented the report on its activities during the 2007-2008 fiscal year, a brief summary of the policies and/or recommendations made at the Board meetings throughout the past fiscal year were presented to the General Membership (available upon request). Moved by Zhongming Dong and seconded by Paul Liu, the motion to approve the report was carried unanimously.

4. President's report:

George Kwan was pleased to report another successful year of CSNS (The report is available upon request). Under the management of the Year 2007-2008 Executive Committee, the Society has continued its normal functions and held quite a number of activities, including several special events held under abnormal circumstance (i.e. Humanity support to Shengwei Mao's family; Donation / Fund raising total \$11,550.74 to Sichuan Earthquake; survey to the general members regarding the Olympic Torch, etc). The size of the society membership in the past year has also been increasing continuously reaching a record of 129 membership paid in full. The society is currently in a very good financial shape. Special thanks were expressed to the volunteers for their extraordinary service offered in all the activities in the Year 2007 - 2008.

5. Treasurer's report:

Joyce Chen, presented the Financial Report (available upon request). Despite the extra expenses incurred due to several special events (i.e. Humanity support to Shengwei Mao's family, Donation / Fund raising to Sichuan Earthquake,) we were able to maintain a positive balance sheet. The main source of revenue was generated from Chinese New Year Banquet and membership fee, meanwhile, an amount of \$1,946.31 was received from the ex – Lion Dance Group. The report had been audited by two board members as required and the Board of Directors had approved the report.

6. Capital Fund Report:

On behalf of the Capital Fund Committee, Alex Yeung presented the report on the status of the Capital Fund (available upon request). Due to the continuously adverse market condition in Year 2007 - 2008, the Capital Fund incurred a loss.

7. Nomination of Capital Fund Committee Member:

Kam Chung's three-year term in the Capital Fund Committee had officially ended. The Board of Directors has decided to renew her appointment in Capital Fund Committee. The nomination was for a three-year term and was approved unanimously.

8. Election of Director:

Paul Liu's term as Director has expired. As per section 17 of the CSNS Bylaw, the election of new Director was carried out. George Kwan nominated Jinyu Shen as a candidate of the Director, while David Cao nominated David Chen as another candidate of the Director. After some discussion, it was decided that David Chen to be the new Director. The nomination is for a three-year term and was approved unanimously.

9. Election of 2008-2009 Executives:

As per section 17 of the CSNS Bylaw, the election of Executive Committee for the ensuing year was carried out. Jinyu Shen was nominated as the new president for Year 2008-2009. The nomination was approved unanimously. No other executive committee members were nominated. therefore Jinyu Shen will take up the responsibilities of forming the Year 2008 – 2009 executive committee after he assumes the presidency of the Society.

10. Other Business:

Due to the lack of time, the Proposal for Bursaries and amendment of By-Laws were deferred.

11. Incoming President's Speech:

The incoming president, Jinyu Shen, thanked the members for their trust and support.

EXECUTIVES – FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

Jinyu Sheng	President
Jason Gu	Vice President
Genlou Sun	Secretary
Xiaoli Shen	Treasurer
Mei Wang	Event Coordinator
Li Zhai	Communication (webmaster@cs-ns.com)
George Kwan	Adviser

MESSAGE FROM THE CURRENT PRESIDENT

Dear Members:

It is my great honor to be the President of the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia (CSNS) in 2008/9. It is also my great pleasure to have a dynamic and united new executive team for our Society.

The CSNS has been a well-known group of promoting Chinese arts and culture in Canadian Atlantic region. Many of our members have made great efforts to our society and local communities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members, past executives and board members for their great contributions.

I would also like to inform you that the new executive team has been working collaboratively and engaging enthusiastically in preserving and promoting Chinese culture in Nova Scotia; promoting fairness and friendship among our members and with other groups; and promoting active involvement in local communities. Since October 2008 with help from many volunteers, we have successfully organized the Christmas party and the Chinese New Year Banquet. My executive team was also actively involved in the “Multicultural Night” organized by the Multicultural Council of Halifax-Dartmouth and several social events hosted by the Chinese Benevolent Association of Nova Scotia and the Halifax Chinese Language School. We will continue to do our best to serve our society members. We also encourage our members to continue to have active participations in our society.

I sincerely wish you and your family a great and prosperous year in 2009!

Jinyu Sheng

ACTIVITIES REVIEW

1. Community service

Two Chinese visitors visited Halifax Regional Municipality during Nov 24-29, 2008. The following members of CSNS served as interpreter for the two Chinese visitors: Bill Zhiyu Bu, Beatuic Chuang, Zhongmin Dong, Jason Gu, John Huang, Alen Mao, Aiming Pan, Linda Seto, Jinyu Sheng, Genlou Sun and Ted Tam (Thanks letter was included).

2. Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party was held on December 21 (Sunday), 2008, starting at 5 pm in Ondaatje Hall of McCain Building at Dalhousie University. There are over 300 people attended the party. We celebrated Christmas party with proficient performances by volunteers including Lion dance, Chinese folk and classical dances, Tai Chi show, playing of Chinese music string instruments, etc. Food and fruit (or desert) were ordered from a local Chinese restaurant, Dragon Buffet King, and served. Santa came with gifts to all children who attended the Christmas Party. Slide show for local business was presented before the performance. The 2008 Christmas party was unique in many ways and was successfully due to the hard work of our executive members and many volunteers.

3. Chinese New Year Banquet

The CSNS and Hong Kong Canada Business Association hosted the Chinese New Year Banquet to welcome the year of the OX on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Halifax Marriot Harbourfront Hotel. This event was attended by 240 guests. They include the representatives from the Province of NS (Honorable Minister of Justice) and the Halifax Regional Municipality as well as several MPs and MLAs.

Dr. Jinyu Sheng, our society's current President, and Ms. Willy Robinson, the President of Hong Kong Canada Business Association made their speeches. His Worship Mayor Peter Kelly and Honorable Cecil Clarke, Minister of Justice and Attorney General made their greetings. The banquet was featured by performances, Chinese buffet dinner and ballroom dance with live band. Thanks to Executives and other volunteer's hard work and all sponsors' support, we got 34 sponsors who provided door prizes to the banquet and about 51 companies who put their ads on the banquet brochure to support the Society.

Comments from attendants of the banquet were very positive. Dan and Sharon Haycock who had attended our Chinese New Year Banquet for the last 9 years said that they are impressed with the performance was getting better and better every year. They also said that the food was good and to be able to dance on a large dance floor. Mr. Wayne Hatcher, a first time comer, said that this is the best gala he had

ever attended and would certainly come again next year. The banquet for this year was indeed successful and very impressive.

The Executives would like to thank George Kwan and Bill Bu, who was the contact person representing H.K.C.B.A. for their hard work and significantly contribution during preparation of the Banquet.

Here are the two photos from Chinese New Year Banquet for your viewing. You may find the Brochure of “Year of the OX Chinese New Year Banquet”, the selected photos of banquet and video of performances by visiting our website www.csns.com.



4. Free Seminar

To better serve our society and Chinese community in the province in general, your executive team plans to have free seminars for our members. The first seminar was given by Michael Ruan, Sun Life Financial Advisor, on February 25, 2009, at Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Drive, Halifax.

5. Multicultural Night

To celebrate the arrival of 2009 spring time, the Multicultural Council of Halifax-Dartmouth had a Multicultural Night on March 21, starting at 6 pm in Seton Auditorium, Mount Saint Vincent University. There were 12 different cultural groups (confirmed) to perform in the event. The Chinese Society of Nova Scotia recently rejoined the Council and our society made two performances at the Night. About 40 people from Chinese Society attended the event.

6. Bowling Game

CSNS organized a bowling activity for our members to enjoy a Friday evening with their family and other members.

Time: April 25, 2009, from 7:30-9:30 pm

Location: Fairlanes Bowling Centres in Halifax Shopping Centre

Fees: The Society paid the bowling and shoe rental fees.

SOME UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1. Mother's Day Party

Mother's Day is a holiday honouring mothers, celebrated in many places around the world. To celebrate this special day and show our appreciation to the mothers of our members, Society will host a Mother's Day Party.

Time: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, Sunday, May 10, 2009

Location: The Dragon Buffet King Restaurant, 2-201 Chain Lake Drive

Fee: Under 4 yr: free

5-9 yr: \$5.00 (tea or coffee and tax included)

Over 9 yr: \$ 15.00 (tea or coffee and tax included)

Gratuity :10% of Sub total

2. 2009 HRM Multicultural Festival

Time: Yet to be determined

Location: Dartmouth Waterfront, Nova Scotia.

CSNS will have a cultural booth and cultural performances during the festival. All members are encouraged to go. An admission fee will be collected by the festival organizer.

3. The (Eleventh Annual Manulife)Dragon Boat Festival

Time: Yet to be determined

Location: Lake Banook, Dartmouth

CSNS will most likely have a team to join the boat competition.
All members are encouraged to go to watch. No admission fee is required

4. Karaoke competition

Time and location: Yet to be determined

ANNOUNCEMENT & COMMUNITY NEWS

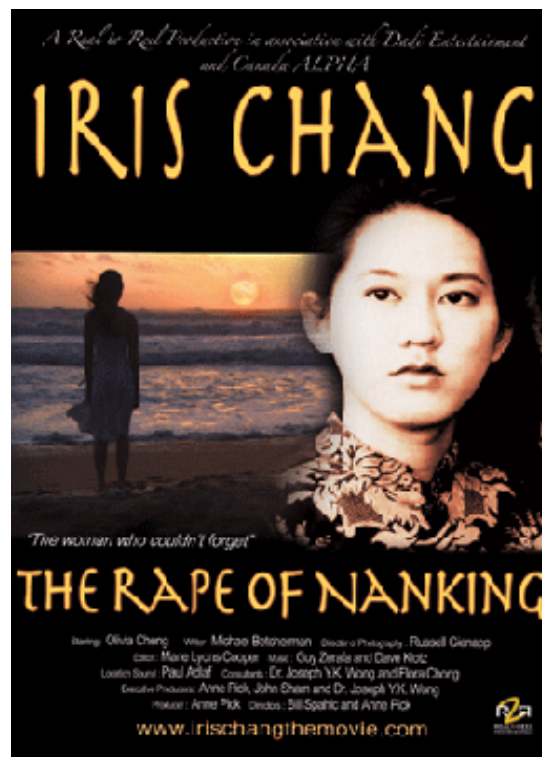
1. **Congratulations to Mr. Ted Tam**, a former president and a current member of the Society was awarded by the University of Prince Edward Island Alumni Association its Distinguished Alumni Award on September 25, 2008. This Award is to recognize the achievements of graduates of the University and is the highest honour presented by the Alumni Association. Ted's other recent recognitions include the Halifax Regional Municipality 2008 Director's Award and the CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) Award for his contribution to the public and the Municipality. He brings pride to the Chinese community. The Society wishes to extend thanks and congratulations to Ted.
2. Our senior member Ms. May Lui, founder of the Halifax Asian Heritage Month is stepping down from the Chairperson position, which she held for 9 years. She is recovering from a series of illness. We wish her full recovery soon.
3. We recently added some photos and video clips taken in our New Year Banquet on January 24. When you have time, please visit our society website at www.cs-ns.com to browse these photos and videos. We would also like to point out that most of these photos were taken by Ted Tam. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Ted for having done great volunteer jobs at many different events of our Society for many years! We would also like to thank Yuehua Lin, PhD student in Oceanography, Dalhousie University for being the webmaster for our Society.
4. The Benevolent Association of Nova Scotia will hold their annual tradition of paying tribute to the deceased Chinese in various cemeteries in HRM. Afterwards they will hold their General Meeting at Fan's Restaurant on May 17. Members of C.S.N.S. are welcome.
5. May 27th, Pier 21 will have a special screening of the moving documentary **Iris Chang: The Rape of Nanking**, as part of Pier 21's *Diversity Spotlight* film series.

Iris Chang: The Rape of Nanking tells the story of Nanking through the eyes of Iris Chang. Based on a best-selling book, the movie retraces Chang's emotional experience of writing her book by intertwining dramatic reenactments and heartrending recollections of people who saw their families murdered. For more information about the movie, please visit: <http://www.irischangthemovie.com/>

Along with this awarded movie, ALPHA (Association for Learning and Preserving the History of WWII in Asia) will come to Halifax on 26th and 27th. The founder, Dr. Joseph Wong, will lead this event, by delivering three workshops: to the educators of Nova Scotia, to students at university and high school, and to the public. Flora Chong, the vice president of ALPHA, and Saint Mary's University History Professor, Dr. Jim Morrison, O.C., will facilitate the insightful discussion on both 26th and 27th with Dr. Joseph Wong.

Dr. Joseph Wong (王裕佳) has many community involvement including the founding chairman of Yee Hong Centre For Geriatric Care and the National Movement for Harmony in Canada. He served as Chairman of the Board of the United Way of Greater Toronto from 1990 to 1992 and honorary chair since 1994. In 1986 he received the City of Toronto's highest honour, the Award of Merits and the Toronto Star named Dr. Wong its Man of the Year. Dr. Wong was awarded the Order of Canada in 1993, the Humanitarian Award, Beth Shalom Brotherhood in 1996 and the Korean Canadian Heritage Award in 1998. As the founder of ALPHA, he has been working with some 40 other groups globally to promote the Asian Holocaust Education and justice for victims of crimes against humanity during WW II in Asia. For more information about ALPHA, please visit <http://www.torontoalpha.org/>

Admission is FREE. Show begins at 7:00 p.m on May 27th in the theatre of Pier 21. For more information please call 902-402-9323 (Crystine) or 902-425-7770 (Pier21), or visit www.pier21.ca.



FRIDAY GYM SCHEDULE

The Fairview Junior High School (FJHS) gym (155 Rosedale Avenue, Halifax) is continuously available to CSNS members on most Friday nights during the school year. Our regular gym hours are from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. As follows is a list of the Fridays that are NOT available to members (the schedules are subject to cancellations on short notice from the School Board for special school events or snow days):

March 20 & 27

April 10

May 8

May 1, and May 15, 2009, gym location is changed to Clayton Park Jr. High

June 5 will be last day for gym during 2008-2009.

Members are encouraged to check the schedule at www.cs-ns.com every time before heading for the gym.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

We would like to warmly welcome the following new members:

Anna Fennell was moved from Hong Kong to Halifax in 2005 and I married Patrick Fennell in November 2008. My name changed to Anna Fennell but Chinese name remains the same. We became members of CSNS in 2008. We live in Upper Tantallon, NS. We both work at the Kent Building Supplies at Bayer's Lake. I work in the Seasonal Dept. while Pat works in the Installed Sales Dept. selling flooring. All members are welcome to see us if you have any questions regarding flooring or seasonal products.

Peter (Wai Ming) Wong and Nathalie Robichaud-Wong live in Halifax with their two daughters, Maxime Che Jen (2 and a half years old) and Élise Che Ling (9 months old). Peter graduated from Saint Mary's University in 2000 and became a Chartered Accountant in 2003. Nathalie graduated from St. Thomas University in 2001. They enjoy spending time with their daughters and look forward to participating in many Chinese Society events.

Jianwei Wei, from Qingdao, spent four years in Ocean University of China, and another three years for a Master's degree in National Oceanic Administration. After that, I worked as a research assistant in First Institute of Oceanography in Qingdao. In 2006, my wife and I moved here to start a new life. She worked in a company. I spend most of my time in Dalhousie for my PhD degree. At present, we have a 1-year old daughter. She is active and energetic. We love to know more friends/families who also have little kids.

Zuojun An, Junrong Liu, Chenyi An

Gang Chen

Carol Hazelden

Kongfei Hu

Donqing Jiang

Baoxing Li, Deling Li

Yan Li, Maurice Cornect Li, Li Shan Lu Cornect

Jili Liu, Fen Liao, Jia Liu, Olivia Liu

Ting Liu

Shaopin Lou

Zhiyuan Lu

Fuxi Ma, Jinrui Wang, Maggie Ma, Brad, Sophia

Lily Reid

Bian Tan, Yanjing O

Vong Thammachack

Zeliang Wang, Lu Feng, Luke Wang, Sophia Feng, Maoping Feng, Shurong Zhang

Ke Xiang, Chun Chun Yan, Chuqi Yan, Chuchun Yan

Jiang Wang, Zhiping Yu

Bo Yu, Zhang Yu

Li Zhai

Qin Zhang, Lin Xu

Hong Zhao , Xufeng Hu

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Membership fees – Most of the members already paid their membership fees. For those who have not remitted their membership fees, please do so by mail or drop it to one of our executives at the FJHS Friday Gym or during any Society's event. We are still accepting membership fees for year 2008 - 09. The membership fees as follows: single - \$25; family - \$40.

致华协的感谢信

华协可亲可敬的朋友们:

你们好!我们来 HALIFAX 地区参加国土资源部和加拿大规划师协会 (CIP) 签署的“中加土地规划合作研究”项目, 在对 HRM 进行为期两周的访问中, 得到了你们无私的援助, 特此致谢!

认识华协的朋友, 真是三生有幸, 使我们在他乡异地感受到了冬日暖阳般的温暖。更有 Ted Tam、Linda Seto、Alen Mao、董忠民、Jinyu Sheng、Beatuic chuang(彭碧群)、Aiming Pan、Bill Zhiyu Bu、John Huang、Dr. Genlou Sun、Jason Gu 等朋友, 百忙之中牺牲自己的时间, 给我们做翻译, 冒着严寒, 陪我们去户外踏勘现场, 令我们感激不尽。通过他们的无私帮助, 我们得以全面了解和学习 HRM 的城市建设基本情况, 并顺利完成我们的访问活动。

再次对华协朋友的无私援助表示衷心感谢, 并真心祝愿这里的每一位朋友身体健康、家庭幸福、事业蓬勃、财源滚滚!

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