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10. Welcoming New Members

We would like to warmly welcome the following new members:

- The Zhao family: Yonggan and Ping Lu
- The Li family: Shanchun (Sam) and Yajun Pan
- The Du family: Tommy and Emily He
- The Wong family: Peter Wai Ming and Nathalie Robichaud
- The Geddes family: Don and Bev
- The Hu family: Jian Jun and Xu Hui Zong
- The Feng family: Libo and Kaishi Xu
- The Lin family: Steven (Tao) and Katy (Ching Ki) Chan
- The Reid family: Lily and Travis
- Mr. Fred Zhao
- Mrs. Katherine MacDonald



Annual General Meeting

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The attended members are listed as below (in alphabetic order):

Zhizhang (David) Chen & Xiaoyan (Lisa) Wu; Samson & Kam Chung; Curtis Dietz & Gina; Zhongmin Dong & Jing Yang; David & Susan Ferdinand; Qi-ming He & Rong Jing Feng; Wen (Wilber) Huang; George & Helen Kwan; Stanley & Betty Lai; Yi Lee & Anita Gao; Kim See & Joyce Leong; Shanchun Li & Yajun Pan; Yan & Yi-Jing Li; Lei & Yan Liu; Charles Lu & Pei Zheng; May Lui; Maxwell Xining Ma & Linda Xiaoning Li; Rowena Waito & Ming Caleb Ng; Aiming Pan & Yongjuan Liu; Ping & Linda Seto; Gerry & Gail Shea; Genlou Sun & Fang Liu, Michael Sun; Kok-Heng & Doreen Tan; Charles & Anne Tang; Soulivanh & Jeannine Vongkeo; Yueping Wang & Guang Yang; Oscar & Rosalie Wong; Phillip Wong; Crystal & Robert Yi Wong; Peter & Rebecca Wong; Kuan Xu & Xiaoli Shen; ZhaoLing Xu & Hua Xu; George Ye & Julia Mao; Pollen & Kim Lam Yeung; Alexander & Diana Young; David & Kathy Yung; Andrew Zhou & Carolyn Yu; Yonggan Zhao & Ping Lu

1) Approval of Agenda (available upon request):

No changes from the floor.

2) Approval of Minutes of AGM on Oct. 9th, 2005:

Moved by May Lui and seconded by Oscar Wong, the motion to approve the minutes were carried unanimously.

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

David Young, Chairman of the Board, presented the report (Available upon request). Moved by Ping Seto and seconded by Kim Lam Yeung, the motion to approve the report was carried unanimously.

4) President's Report:

Zhongmin Dong presented verbally his report on the society activities last year. Most of the activities had been listed in the treasurer's report below.

5) Treasurer's Report:

Chunmei Yu (treasurer) was not able to attend the meeting. Zhongmin Dong presented on her behalf the treasurer's report (available upon request). A question was raised on the term, "Building fund", used in the report. It was determined to be incorrect. The correct term should be "Capital Fund". David Yung, Chairman of the board, indicated that the two board members had audited the report as required and the board had approved the report.

6) Capital Fund Report:

On behalf of the Capital Fund committee, George Kwan presented the report on the status of the capital fund (available upon request).

7) Election of Directors:

David Yung, Chairman of the Board, reported that there was one immediate vacancy in the Board of Directors. The board nominated Shawna Seto Moore for the vacancy. All were in favor for the nomination. David Yung also indicated that there would be two more vacancies in two years' time.

8) Nomination of Capital Fund Committee Member:

There was one vacancy in the Capital Fund Committee. The board had nominated and approved Alex Young for the vacancy. No objections were raised from the floor.

9) Election of 2006- 2007 Executives:

Zhongming Dong and Kim Lam Yeung nominated the five members to serve on the executives for the society: they were Zhizhang (David) Chen for the President, Rowena Ng for the Vice President/Secretary, Chou Wang for the Treasurer, Jackey Zhang for the Recreation and Aiming Pan for the Communication. The bio -sketches of the candidates were attached. Zhongming Dong also invited nominations from the floor; there was one: Mr. Shan-chun Li was nominated to serve as the 6th member of the executive committee.

The nominations were then approved unanimously.

10) Other Business:

A) Zhongmin Dong asked the members to fill out the survey sheets distributed in the meeting.

B) May Lui introduced the senior driver program administrated by the government and encouraged the eligible members to consider.

C) Zhongmin Dong indicated that during the dinner time, there would be a tape showing of the prime minister's speech on the Chinese head tax issue in the parliament.

11) Incoming President's Speech:

The incoming president, Z. David Chen, thanked the members for their trust in the newly elected executives. He also made a plea for every member to contribute to the society and to respond positively to any help request from the committee.

Executives - Fiscal Year 2006- 07

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The following members were elected to serve for the 2006- 07 fiscal year:

Zhizhang (David) Chen	President
Rowena Ng	Vice President
ShanChun Li	Secretary
Jackey Zhang	Recreation
Chou Wang	Treasurer
Aiming Pan	Communication
Zhongmin Dong	Advisor

Remarks from the President

It has been seven months since our annual general meeting (AGM) was held in last October. On behalf of the Society and its current executives, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who are concerned about the Society's development and who have supported the society in every possible means. In particular, we are grateful for many of our senior members who came out of their retirements to help the Society, and we are thankful for younger members who have contributed to the Society's events in various ways or forms. We would also like to warmly welcome the new members who have joined our Society since last October.

Our Society is a non-profit volunteer organization in Canada. Its existence relies heavily on the willingness of its members to stay together as a group as well as to volunteer their time and energy. In my opinion, to live better in a free country like Canada, staying and working together as a group is always the best and most effective way for people who share common backgrounds and interest. The purpose of having the Chinese Society is just to do that. Over its history of more than 30 years, the Society has been (A) providing a platform for networking among its members by organizing various social occasions and (B) projecting good images to Canadian public as well as interacting with other groups of the Canadian society by involving in many cultural events. The weekly gym activities and the annual Christmas party are the examples from which our members benefited in terms of physical exercises and social connections. The continued success of the new-year banquet two months ago is another example where we not only projected excellent images of Chinese cultures to public, celebrated the Chinese New Year with general Canadian public, but also helped the Society in developing its resource for its future activities and undertakings. With the largest resource we have developed by now, the current executive committee is able to organize a few more recreation and cultural activities that should be attractive to our members in the coming months. We should see some of the plans in this newsletter.

Recently, there were some renewed efforts by various ethnic groups to re-establish a HRM multi-cultural council. Its mission is to interact and coordinate directly with the municipal and provincial governments to promote understandings of different cultures, to organize concerted multi-cultural events, and to address issues related to ethnic groups. I attended one of its meetings on March 6, 2007. I was impressed by the presence of other societies representing people originally from other different countries and regions. They included Arabian Nations, German, Philippine, Korea, Portuguese, Sri-Lanka, and Taiwan. The meeting and its ensuing activities have underlined the importance of us staying and working as a group for bettering our life together in Nova Scotia.

Finally, I would like to emphasize the extreme importance of the contributions, cooperation and constructive responses from our members to successful functions of our society. The current executive committee members including myself are simply the volunteers who are willing to take the leads in handling different Society's activities and daily affairs on their spare time. They, however, have limited time, resources and knowledge; most of them have full-time and relatively young families. Therefore, contributions, cooperation and helps from our members are indispensable to the Society's success. A bit of assistance from every member can pool a big help, a piece of advice from a member may avoid an unpleasant mistake and participation of all members will make a society event unforgettable. In other words, together, we can be better and stronger.

You are encouraged to visit our Society's web site at www.cs-ns.com for other issues and future vents. You are also welcome to send emails to Chinese@cs-ns.com for any of your inquiries, questions, opinions and advices.

My best regards and wishes to every member and his/her family!

Zhizhang (David) Chen
CSNS President



Report from the Board of Directors (April 2007)

The Board met on October 28, 2006, January 7, 2007 and January 18, 2007 after the last Annual General Meeting (AGM). Rowena Ng attended the first meeting as Acting Society President and David Chen attended the last meeting as President upon his return to Halifax. Full minutes of Board meetings are available to members upon request. The current composition of the Board is Shawna Seto Moore (Chair), Paul Liu, Oscar Wong and David Yung. The following is a brief summary of the decisions made at the three Board meetings. (a) Any request for specific use of the Capital Fund must be approved initially by the Executive Committee, then the Board and finally by the General Membership. (b) When possible the Board shall give notice to the General Membership of any upcoming vacancies within the Board of Directors at least three months in advance of an upcoming AGM. As advanced notice here, the Board hereby advises that there will be two vacancies on the Board of Directors after October 2007. Kindly submit your nominations to any Executive or Board member before our next AGM. (c) While the Board does not object to the idea of the Society offering scholarships to university students, it was felt that a careful study on the size and number of the scholarships, the eligibility of applicants and the process for selecting recipients must be first carried out. (d) The Board expressed concerns about liability of non-members attending regular activities at the Fairview Junior High School and recommended the Executive Committee look into the matter of non-member liability insurance. (e) The Board has completed and accepted the Policy and Recommendation Manual which compiles all of the policies and recommendations the Board has approved to date.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Executive Committee and those members involved for their commitment and hard work in making the Chinese New Year Banquet another successful event. The generosity of your time and effort is very much appreciated by the Board.

Activities Review

A) Christmas Party

Our annual potluck Christmas Party was held on Friday, December 9th, 2006, 5:00- 10:00 PM at the Canadian Martyrs Church, 5900 Ingles St. There were over 200 people attended. We celebrated Christmas party with games, prize draw, dance performances, Christmas carols and delicious food. Santa came with gifts to children. Royal Bank supported the party by providing two prizes. The pictures of the Christmas Party can be found by visiting our website www.cs-ns.com.

B) Chinese New Year Banquet

The CSNS and Hong Kong Canada Business Association hosted the Chinese New Year Banquet to welcome the year of The Pig on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at Halifax Marriot harbourfront Hotel. This event was attended by more than 250 guests. They include the representatives from the Province of NS and the Halifax Regional Municipality as well as a few MPs and MLAs.

Dr. Zhizhang Chen, our society's current President, and Ms. Kam Chung, the President of Hong Kong Canada Business Association made their speeches. 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 21 sponsors who provided door prizes to the banquet and about 50 companies who put their ads on the banquet brochure to support the Society. You may find the pictures of this Banquet by visiting our website www.cs-ns.com.

Upcoming Activities

A) Bowling Game

Bowling is one of the most popular participatory sports in North America. The game is a test of coordination and strength but is relaxing enough to be social as well. Bowling is a sport that can be played by people of all ages, regardless of genders or physical condition.

For members to experience this relax sport and get fun of this sport, CSNS will be organizing a bowling activity for our members to enjoy a Friday evening with their family and other members.

Time: 7:30pm- 9:30pm, Friday, April 27th, 2007

Location: Bayers Road Bowlarama Ltd, (902) 455- 1519, Bayers Road Shopping Centre, Halifax, NS B3L 2C2

Fees: The Society will pay the bowling and shoe rental fees.

Drinks and foods are **not** provided by the Society but may be purchased by the attendees on their own.

B) Mother's Day Lunch Party

Mother's Day is a holiday honouring mothers, celebrated in many places around the world. Mothers often receive gifts on this day. International Mother's Day is always celebrated on May 11, but in Canada and the United States we pay tribute to our mothers on the second Sunday in May.

To celebrate Mother's Day and show our appreciation to the mothers of our members, Society is having a Mother's Day Lunch Party at Dragon Buffet King Restaurant on Saturday, May 12th, 2007, detailed are as follows.

Time: 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Saturday, May 12th, 2007

Location: Dragon Buffet King Restaurant, 201 Chain Lake Drive, Halifax

Fees: All the mothers of CSNS members will receive a free meal of \$15 (limited to one mother per family).

Other members pay \$10.00 per person for a meal of \$15.

Children between 5 - 9 years old pay \$3.00 per person for a meal of \$5.00.

Children of 4 years old and under are free.

The Society will pay the remaining fees for the meals.

We will have some games. Prizes and gifts of value up to \$100 will be drawn for all attendees.

Please be kindly advised, the above two events are only open to all the members who have paid their membership fees for the year 2006 - 07. For those who forgot to pay their membership fees, they still can remit their fees any time before the event or on the spot. The Society Payment Record Sheet will be checked against attendees at the site.

New members are always welcome to join the Society before participating in the Society's activities.

C) 2007 HRM Multicultural Festival

Time: 15- 17 June 2007.

Location: Dartmouth Waterfront, Nova Scotia.

CSNS will have a cultural booth and cultural performances during the festival.

All members are encouraged to go. A certain admission fee will be collected by the festival organizer.

D) The Tenth Annual Manulife Dragon Boat Festival

Time: July 7th 2007 on Saturday

Location: Lake Banook, Dartmouth

CSNS will most likely have a team to join the boat competition and dragon dance performance (to be confirmed).

All members are encouraged to go to watch. No admission fee is required.

The dates of the above two events might be changed due to weather. The Society will post the notice as soon as receiving information from the organizers.

Announcements and Community News

- Congratulations to our member, **Dr. Tong-Jun Lin**, Associate Professor of Department of Microbiology and Immunology and Pediatrics, Dalhousie University. Dr. Lin was just awarded the "New Investigator Award" of the Canadian Society for Immunology (CSI) in recognition of his research programs on responses to bacterial infection relevant to cystic fibrosis and pneumonia and mechanisms of mast cell activation in allergic disease. During the award ceremony, Dr. Lin was described as a wonderful example of how talented new investigators can flourish even in the current difficult research funding environment. Dr. Lin's work is funded by two operating grants from the CIHR as well as funds from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Canada.
- Congratulations to our member, **Dr. Oscar Wong**, a retired radiation oncologist. Dr. Wong received the Honorary Senior Membership Award from Canadian Medical Association. The award will be presented during the CMA Annual meeting in Digby Pine, Vancouver on June, 9th, 2007.
- Congratulations to our member, **Mrs. Linda Seto**, who has been volunteering in Northwood for years, was featured prominently in their latest newsletter. Linda has been doing a lot of work for the seniors with their financial matters. Northwood is the largest organization for seniors east of Montreal.
- Congratulations to our members, **Dr. Lei & Yan Liu!** They just have their second new born baby girl.
- Congratulations to our members, **Mr. and Mrs. Peter & Rebecca Wong!** They have their second grandson Nathan Schlitt on February 20, 2007 by their older daughter Maisie after they have their first grandson Andrew Manuel on October 29, 2006 by their second daughter Michelle.
- **Second term of Chinese School Starts on April 15, Sunday**

Chinese Language School will start its second term on April 15 (Sunday) 2007. The School has four Chinese language classes and two math classes. The language training classes start at 3:30 pm and math training classes start 1:30 pm.

The School is also very happy to announce that it is also going to have a new drawing/painting class on April 15 (Sunday) 2007, starting at 2:00 PM.

All the classes including the drawing/painting class are still accepting new students. Any students and their parents are welcome to go directly to any interested class(es) on that day.

For more information, please contact Principals of the School, Dr. Jinyu Sheng at his email sheng@dal.ca (currently he is in Beijing) and Dr. Jason Gu (he is also currently in China), or contact Ms. Li Zhai by telephone at 488-6181 or email at Li.Zhai@phys.ocean.dal.ca. For information about the drawing/painting class, you may also contact the teacher, Ms. Ruimei Zhong at 443-4387.

- **Halifax Setting up Confucius Institutes**

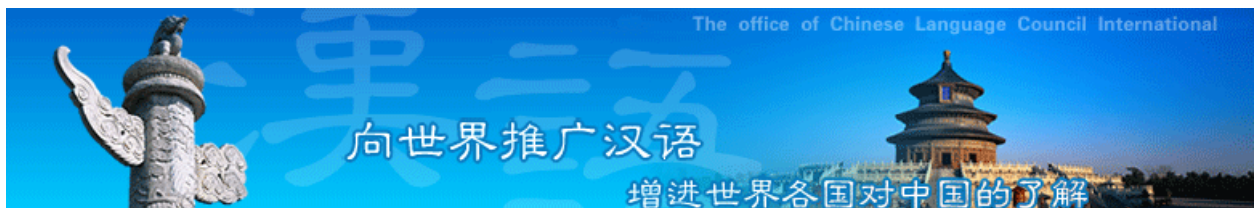
To help the world understand Chinese language and culture, to promote friendly relationships between China and the rest of the world, and to enhance the development of multiculturalism in order to contribute to the building of a harmonious world, the National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language of China plans to set up hundreds of Confucius Institute around the world.

The Headquarters of the Confucius Institutes, located in Beijing in the People's Republic of China, is the highest regulatory body of the Confucius Institutes worldwide, which provides necessary aid to the initial setup of each regional Confucius Institute.

The services offered by Confucius Institute includes offering Chinese language courses at different levels, providing professional training and giving teaching resources to Chinese language teachers. They will also promote HSK tests and the certification of teachers' ability to teach Chinese as a foreign language. It will be a center where people can come for information on China's education, culture, economics and society.

So far four Confucius Institutes have been set up in Canada, which are located in Vancouver, Montreal, Waterloo and Moncton. Mr. Bill (Zhiyu) Bu, President of Eastern Tide International Limited, a Halifax-based company specialized in building business and educational linkages, has been taking initiative to bring a Confucius Institute to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

More information may be obtained by visiting the link <http://english.hanban.edu.cn/market/HanBanE/412360.htm>.



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 for the following days (the schedules are subject to cancellations on short notice from the School Board for special school events or snow days):

13th, 20th and 27th of April, 2007
4th, 18th and 25th of May, 2007
1st and 8th of June, 2007

Notice to Members

- **Any suggestions/news** - Do you have any ideas on how to keep the Society vibrant and growing? Do you have any likes or dislikes about our regular programs? Please send us your comments via postal mail to the following mailing address:

CSNS P.O. Box 29055
Halifax Shopping Centre
Halifax, NS B3L 4T8

or by e-mail to chinese@cs-ns.com. All comments are valuable and greatly appreciated. We look forward to receiving your wisdom. Your identity will be kept confidential unless you advise us otherwise. Also, if you have any news of our members that you would like to share with others, please drop us a line or give us a call.

- **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 2006 - 07. The membership fees remain the same as before, as follows: single - \$20; family - \$35.
- **Membership drive** - Our membership drive is an on-going effort. Please introduce our Society to your friends, neighbors and co-workers. New members are always welcome. Our Society is one big happy family in Nova Scotia.

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