

Summer 2018

Dear SCANS Member,

I hope this email finds you all indulging in the pleasures of summer. For some, I am sure memories of SCANS have receded into the darkest corners of your mind. We wanted to let you know that both the Board of Directors and Curriculum Committee met in June, and plans for the Fall Term have been front and center in the minds of many of these hard working members. The Fall Brochure and Information Sessions and Course Selection will be available in mid-August, and you will receive notice by email of these dates from our Office Manager/Registrar, Alison Cullingham.

Heather Schellinck, Curriculum Committee Chair, and I visited the Mahone Bay and Chester Chapters in June. We were pleased to see that both Chapters have many enthusiastic members who lend their support to the Chapter Coordinators whenever required. I would like to thank Jenny Sandeson who has stepped down as Mahone Bay Chapter Coordinator for her many years of providing leadership to that Chapter. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Judy Savin who is stepping into the position. Judy has served on the Chapter Committee for several years, is currently a Board Director, and represents Mahone Bay at Curriculum Committee meetings.

I would also like to extend special thanks to Sandra Phillips who has stepped down as the Coordinator of our Truro Chapter. Sandra served on the Board for several years, and was Coordinator in Truro since the inception of that Chapter in January 2011. Sandra's contribution to SCANS and to the Truro Chapter has been invaluable. Phil Warman is now the Truro Chapter Coordinator. Phil is a familiar face to many of us, since he has served on the Board and has been an instructor for SCANS in many of our Chapters. We wish him every success in his new role.

The Board has established ad hoc committees to continue pursuing our strategic goals, and John Gillis, our Publicity Chair, now has a committee consisting of SCANS member Ian Johnson, and Board Director Shirley Lee. John and his committee will continue to work with those members who look after publicity in each Chapter. They are endeavouring to ensure that news about SCANS events and courses gets out in a timely manner and reaches our targeted audience, and that there is consistent messaging across all areas where SCANS is represented.

I continue to be impressed by the enthusiasm shown by so many of our volunteers. Barry Mills, our long time and effective Class Manager Coordinator recently

announced that he is retiring from that position, but will be stepping in as Co-Coordinator of the Public Lectures Committee. As a not-for-profit organization, SCANS relies on volunteers to carry out many important functions. We are trying to encourage the sharing of responsibilities in many of our Board and Curriculum Committee positions so that no one person will have to carry too onerous or heavy a workload. Toward that end, Board Director Jocelyn Hellou graciously volunteered to take on the Class Manager Coordinator position, and as we “go to press” I am happy to report that Nancy Eisener has agreed to be co-chair. They will be assisted by Board Director Valerie Latus. In addition, John Stewart, our very capable equipment/technical coordinator is seeking recruits to assist with audio-visual equipment in HRM SCANS classes. If you are able to lend a hand here, please feel free to contact Alison Cullingham (SCANSinfo@gmail.com) and she will let John know.

The Board of Directors asked me at our last meeting if I would convey appreciation and thanks to all Class Managers, past and present, for the important role they have played and continue to play in providing support and assistance to instructors and class members in each of our courses. It is often through the graciousness extended by our Class Managers that new members come to appreciate SCANS and continue to take courses year after year. It is also through acts of kindness and the obliging manner extended to our instructors that these individuals keep on coming back to teach for SCANS. So we salute and thank you all, Class Managers, and may your numbers increase!

Have a wonderful summer all. We look forward to seeing you in September at our Information Sessions.

Lois Block
President, SCANS Board of Directors