

## Summer 2019 Newsletter

Dear SCANS members,

As we are about to enter the dog days of summer, many of us are thinking Fall, and eagerly anticipating the new term at SCANS. You have probably seen the wonderful lineup of courses that was recently posted on our website, as well as the dates for the Information Sessions in early September. As always, the Board would like to thank the members of the Curriculum Committee, and in particular the Chapter Coordinators Linda Fraser, Phil Warman, Mary MacIntosh, Fern Jordan and Judy Savin, HRM Faculty Coordinators Mimi Little, Joan Hicks, Brian Gomes and Venues Coordinator Anne Chisholm for all their efforts in putting this together. We welcome back our returning instructors and extend a hearty welcome to our new instructors. To all our instructors, we extend our thanks and appreciation. We also thank our technical support Coordinators John Stewart and Bob Russell who are already making arrangements to meet with all the instructors to ensure all audio and visual equipment works well and in sync with their technical devices. We would be remiss if we did not thank Bill Li, our Brochures Coordinator and Website Manager for preparing the online and print versions of the brochure.

The printed brochures will be distributed in the next few days. You will note that the second course to be offered in the Liverpool Chapter has “\*TBA” after it. The second course will be announced shortly...watch our website for the announcement. If any of our members would like to put up a brochure in their apartment building or some other space they think would be a way of attracting new members, please contact Sue Hawkes, our Office Manager, to make arrangements to pick them up. We will be very appreciative of your doing so.

In June, the Board held an Orientation for their new Directors. The Board and the Curriculum Committee typically do not meet in July, but do meet in August. Members of the Curriculum Committee, however, continue their work in preparation for the next term and beyond, and members of the Board work on projects or events planned for the next several months. You have no doubt received a notice that a Public Lecture delivered by the dynamic geoscientist, Dr. Marcis Zentilli will be held at the DesBrisay Museum in Bridgewater on Wednesday, September 25, from 1:30-3:30 pm. We have been told that there are many retirement -age folk living in and around Bridgewater, who may not be aware that there are SCANS chapters in Mahone Bay and Liverpool. If you know of anyone to whom this might apply, please encourage them to come to what we know will be an outstanding lecture. We will be bringing brochures with us, and informing the audience about SCANS. Of course, we encourage any of our members to attend, particularly those living in the South Shore.

In October, we will be conducting a survey of all of our members as an integral part of our strategic planning process. The survey has been developed by Dr. Douglas Schellinck, (yes, the same Tony Schellinck who teaches “Understanding Consumer Behavior” and “A Practical Guide to Observing the Night Sky”). He will be overseeing the administration of the survey, analyzing the results, and preparing a final report. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. Schellinck for volunteering to lend us his expertise and to undertake this project for us,

You will be hearing more about this in the weeks ahead, and we will be asking all our members to participate and help shape the direction of our organization. Your voice matters!

The remarkable growth and success of the Seniors’ College is the result of the efforts of our volunteers. We depend upon our members to volunteer their time to ensure the continuity of SCANS. In the HRM Chapter in particular, we must recruit class managers each term, and this term we hope you will sign up before or at the Information Session. As Class Manager, you will be the face of SCANS as you provide support to the instructor and class members, maintain a list of attendees, and deliver announcements to the class. In this position you will learn first-hand about the “inner workings” of SCANS, and from there

you may decide you want to assume a role on the Curriculum Committee or Board of Directors. As a bonus, if you sign up at the Information Session to be a Class Manager, you will be guaranteed a seat in the class of your choice!

We are also seeking volunteers for several other positions. Each year, before the Annual General Meeting, we must audit our books. We have one member, Louise Smith who serves on the Finance Committee, who audited the books last year and will do so again this year. We need another member with accounting or bookkeeping experience to work with Louise to assume this important function. The books are usually audited over a period of one or two mornings or afternoons, in late February or early March.

Our Publicity Committee Chair, John Gillis, would welcome a third person to join his team. In this position, you will help promote SCANS through the means of print, radio, television and social media.

We are in need of someone to serve as Hospitality Coordinator. In this position your task as coordinator is made much easier as you will work with the very capable and experienced team that includes Janice and Keith Knight, and Miriam Langley.

Mimi Little has assumed the role of Feedback Coordinator on the Curriculum Committee. We appreciate her stepping into this position, and thank her for her invaluable contribution in the past three years as Faculty Co-Coordinator. Joan Hicks and Brian Gomes, our ongoing Faculty Coordinators, are looking for someone with an interest in our curriculum and course offerings and with contacts in the community to join them as Co-Coordinators.

SCANS needs you! If you have an interest in filling any of these positions, please contact our office by phone or by email, or by emailing me ([loisblockscans@gmail.com](mailto:loisblockscans@gmail.com)). Your name will be forwarded to Donna Meagher-Stewart, our Volunteer Coordinator, who will follow up with you.

We hope you are having a wonderful summer, and look forward to seeing you on September 9, September 10 and September 11 at your Chapter Information Session.

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