

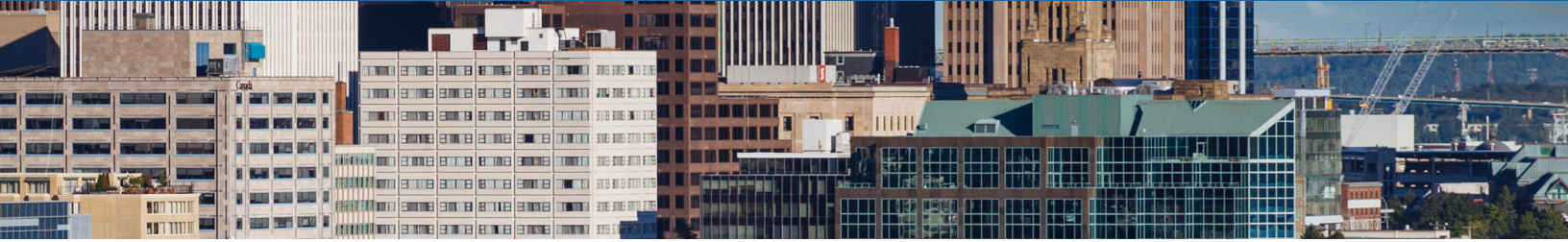
NS Criminal Justice Association



Annual Report 2025-2026

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2025 Annual General Meeting – May 21, 2026

BMO Community Room at the Halifax Central Library, Halifax NS

Video Conference Call/ In person **Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes of the 2025 AGM – May 21, 2025
4. Presidents Report
5. 2025/2026 Statement of Income and Expenditures
6. Membership Report
7. Board Development & Governance Committee Report
8. Communications Committee Report
9. John Dunlop Memorial Award
10. Policy and Education Committee Report
11. Student Award Report
12. Additional Motions
13. Nomination of new and renewing Board Members
14. By-law change
15. Other Business
16. Adjourn

2025 NSCJA Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2025 5pm-7pm

In person/Zoom

Austenville Owl's Club Dartmouth, NS

- **Call to Order** – Marlee Jordan called the AGM to order at 5:00 pm.
- **The secretary conducted the roll call-**

In attendance - In person	In attendance - via Zoom	
Sharon Martin	Erik Nielsen	Jennifer McFarlane
Diana MacKinnon	Ian Brewster	Jennifer Flanders-Schofield
Fred Honsberger	Patrick Young	Steven Deveau
Virginia Clark-Druhan	Jerome Downey	Meg Ternes
Janis Aitken	Marlee Jordan	David Mills
	Mike Warren	Robin Angel
	Kit Waters	Janis Aitken
		Verona Singer

- **Quorum achieved**
- **Regrets** - Sonya Ferrara- Deepak Prasad
- **Guest** - Lorna
- **Approval of Agenda** - Marlee moved that the agenda be approved-Robin/Fred Approved.
- **Minutes of the 2024 AGM** - Virginia reviewed the meeting minutes from the 2024. AGM. Finding no errors or omissions- Motion to approve accepted -Diana/Eric
- **President Report** - Marlee reviewed her report, noting this was a transitional year with changes in the executive. She spoke to the completion of Phase 2 of the Drug Conversation Project, gathering perspectives of the Black, African NS and Indigenous Communities and the collaboration with agencies to facilitate the gathering of these perspectives. Marlee outlined the work of the various committees including the recruitment of new Board members. Marlee acknowledged the three award recipients and thanked Diana MacKinnon for her leadership and support over the last year.
- **Motion to approve accepted** - Diana/ Jerome

- **2024/25 Statement of Income and Expenditures** - Diana reviewed the financial report and statement for the year, in Deepak's absence. Diana advised she will be passing on the Treasurer role to David Mills. Discussion took place regarding the Banff registration fee that was incurred by Marlee Jordan and this is to be submitted to CCJA for reimbursement. Motion to approve accepted-Robin/Patrick.
- **Membership Report** - Virginia reviewed the membership report, reviewed the rebates from CCJA and the complimentary memberships for award recipients. Motion to approve accepted- Fred/Patrick
- **Board Development and Governance Committee Report** - Robin presented her report. She reviewed the Board resignations (4), the 2-year terms that will expire (6), and those with 1 year left on their two-year terms (6). Offering for 2025/2027 term, Ian Brewster, Jennifer Flanders-Schofield, Jennifer MacFarlane, David Mills. Meg Ternes, Mike Warren. Reoffering for another two-year term, Robin Angel, Steve Deveau, Jerome Downey, Fred Honsberger, Kit Waters, Patrick Young. Robin also advised that based on the work during the 2024 strategic planning session, the mandate of the Marginalized Communities should be incorporated into the mandates of all the committees. All were in favour. Also, the John Dunlop Award will now be known as the John Dunlop Memorial Award. Motion to approve accepted- Jerome/Erik.
- **Communications Committee Report** - Jerome reviewed the Communications report completed by the Committee Chair, Virginia Clark-Druhan. The work completed over the last year was reviewed as well as the plans for the coming year including Board member profiles. Motion to approve accepted. Robin/ Eric Approved.
- **John Dunlop Memorial Award** - Fred Honsberger presented his report for 2024 Assessment year. Ian Brewster, Parole Officer Supervisor, CSC Kentville was this year's recipient of the John Dunlop Memorial Award. Fred reviewed Ian's many leadership achievements in his work, a staff trainer, mentor, supervisor, and annual speaker. His leadership with youth in his capacity as a Scout leader is impressive. He has initiated many youth character building activities and adventures with more to come including a trip to the Jamboree in Norway this summer. Motion to approve the report- Diana/Kit.

- **Policy and Education Committee Report** - Diana presented her report. She spoke to the two initiatives that the committee worked on this last year. The drug policy consultations- Phase 2 and preliminary consultations on the feasibility of a Health Care in Provincial Corrections symposium. For the Drug Policy Consultations, three consultations sessions took place, a total of 20 participants participated, from the Black and African Nova Scotia Community and the Indigenous community. The information was compiled and prepared for inclusion as an addendum in the 2023 report. The health care in corrections work began with a workshop in August 2024 to gather input on topics of interest from a wide range of organizations related to health care services. Further consultations regarding this initiative will take place in 2025/26. Motion to approve the report accepted-Patrick/Fred
- **Student Award Report** - Robin reviewed the Student Award, recognizing the two recipients, Anna MacGillivray and Patricia MacMaster, after a review process of 9 applicants. Both are enrolled in a social science program with a focus on social justice. For 2025/2026 the committee will update the application process to highlight that only students currently attending a post secondary college or university in Nova Scotia are eligible to apply.
- **Motion to approve** - Jen/Jerome.
- **Additional Motions** - By-law change presented by Fred
- **Motion #1-** It was moved that the following individuals be approved as members of the Board of Directors for 2025-2027. Diana/ Robin.

Robin Angel

Jerome Downey

Meg Ternes

Ian Brewster

Fred Honsberger,

Mike Warren

Jennifer Flanders- Schofield

Jennifer MacFarlane

Kit Waters

Steve Deveau

David Mills

Patricia Young

All found in favour of these appointments. Motion Passed.

- **Motion #2** Proposed NSCJA By-Law Amendments

Fred reviewed the proposed bylaw changes to section 60-

Motion to approve the changes- Jerome/ Erik, all in favour. Motion Passed.

- **Report Corrections**

A typo found on page 10 of the annual report, 31 March 2024, to change to 2025. An addition- add committee member Janis Aitken to the John Dunlop Memorial Award Committee report.

- **Motion to approve the amended report** - Fred/ Scott.
- **Adjourn** - finding no other business or agenda items the meeting Marlee motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 6:09 pm.

President's Report

The past year has been a continuance of transition and renewal for the NSCJA. Our Board of Directors have demonstrated significant dedication to the NSCJA as a key partner in promoting an equitable and humane justice system. This year, we are thanking several board members for giving their time, expertise, and mentorship to the Board and Association over several years as they move on to other passions. I'd like to extend deep appreciation to Fred Honsberger, Kit Waters, Diana MacKinnon, and Virginia Clark-Druhan who have each had meaningful impact on the NSCJA Board and the justice sector through their work over the years. We are also excited to acknowledge that 2026 is the 20th anniversary of the NSCJA and look forward to sharing more on how we plan to celebrate the anniversary in the coming months.

Over the past year, we have continued to implement our strategic plan and priorities, focusing on strengthening our internal structure and processes as well as engaging in core work related to public education and collaboration within the justice ecosystem. Thank you to each Board member for their time and effort on committee work this year.

The Board Governance Committee completed a suite of activities to support Board development including terms of reference review, review of by-laws, Board member engagement on appointment, and research into best practices on non-profit board governance to support recommendations which are currently under review.

The Policy and Education Committee designed and facilitated a three-part webinar series on bail stemming from the context of increasing numbers of individuals incarcerated awaiting trial and Bill C-14 with measures that can further increase pre-trial bail. The goal of the webinar series is to provide education and encourage dialogue among government and non-government organizations. The Committee has seen positive engagement in the webinar series, and looks forward to iterating and providing more opportunities for education and dialogue in the future.

This year's **John Dunlop Memorial Award** for professionals working in the Nova Scotia criminal justice system who exemplify excellence in their work and community activities was awarded to Mark Hobeck, Chief of Police for the Town

of Stellarton. Congratulations to Mark and we look forward to presenting the award in the coming weeks. Thank you to the Committee, and Fred in particular, for stewarding the Award.

In addition, **the NSCJA Student Awards**, offering two awards valued at \$1000 each, were promoted online and shared through several networks. The awards are open to student enrolled in post-secondary studies in the criminal justice field. Despite the Committee's efforts, no applications were received during the application period. We hope to successful provide the awards in the coming year, as part of our commitment to supporting post-secondary education in the criminal justice field and will explore strategies to enhance awareness of the award.

The Board has lots of work left to do in moving our strategies priorities forward in the coming year as a new Executive Committee is established and as we welcome new board members. This includes both internal Board structure and process related work, as well as convening and collaborating with justice-focused organizations in Nova Scotia in pursuit of improved criminal justice programs, policies, and legislation in our role as the NSCJA.

In closing, I'd like to thank the Board members for providing me the opportunity to act as President over the past two years. It's been a pleasure to work with and learn from each of you. I'd also like to thank the organizations and individuals who have collaborated with us over the past year and look forward to continuing to strengthen and build relationships.

Marlee Jordan, President, NSCJA

Financial Report

2024-2025 Statement of Income and Expenditures



COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Management of Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association as at February 28, 2026, and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information (the "financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

The financial information for the year ended February 28, 2025 was compiled in-house and was neither audited nor reviewed and is presented for comparative purposes only.



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NOVA SCOTIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended February 28, 2026

	2026	2025
REVENUES		
Membership fees	\$ 2,480	\$ 525
HRM Contract and interest	150	15,316
Fundraising	1,000	-
	<u>3,630</u>	<u>15,841</u>
EXPENSES		
Business taxes, licenses and memberships	110	120
Honorariums and stipends	2,450	820
Insurance	1,647	1,453
Interest and bank charges	78	13
Professional fees	1,545	1,531
Rentals	973	1,790
Scholarships and awards	3,894	2,294
Supplies	88	4,809
Travel	140	3,051
	<u>10,925</u>	<u>15,881</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ (7,295)	\$ (40)

See notes to financial information

NOVA SCOTIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended February 28, 2026

	2026	2025
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 48,358	\$ 48,398
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	(7,295)	(40)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 41,063	\$ 48,358

See notes to financial information

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NOVA SCOTIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
Notes to Compiled Financial Information
Year Ended February 28, 2026

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the statement of financial position of Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association as at February 28, 2026, and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended is the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities;
 - The Association is a non-profit organization under the Income Tax Act;
 - Revenues are recognized when received;
 - Purchases are recorded when invoices are received.
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Membership Report

All Memberships are dual memberships of the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association (NSCJA) and the Canadian Criminal Justice Association (CCJA).

In May 2025, the NSCJA had 33 members. At the end of fiscal 2026 (March 31), the NSCJA had 23 members.

NSCJA receives a rebate from CCJA of \$15 per Category A and higher level memberships. CCJA remitted \$345.00 on 31 March 2026 for dues collected during CCJA 2025-2026 fiscal year.

NSCJA provides complementary one-year student memberships, at a cost of \$25 per membership, to the student(s) who receive the annual student awards. Because the student awards were not granted this year, memberships were not provided

NSCJA provides a complementary one-year Category A membership, at a cost of \$60.00, for the John Dunlop Award recipient if they are not already a member of NSCJA/CCJA.

Marlee Jordan

President, NSJCA

NSCJA Board Governance Committee Report

Committee Members: *Diana MacKinnon, Patrick Young, Janis Aitken, Robin Angel (Chair)*

During the reporting period, the Governance Committee undertook the following activities:

- Completed a review of the Terms of Reference for the Board Development and Governance Committee; no revisions were required.
- Conducted the annual review of the organization's By-laws, with no changes recommended.
- Surveyed current Board members regarding their intent to stand for reappointment; four members indicated they will not be re-offering, and these vacancies remain unfilled.
- Researched current best practices in non-profit board governance and presented findings at the March 6 Board meeting. The related recommendations are pending approval.

Regarding Board membership, the Board Development and Governance Committee would like to report:

- Fred Honsberger, Kit Waters, Diana MacKinnon, Virginia Clark-Druhan have left their roles as Board Members with the Association as of the AGM
- Jennifer MacFarlane left her role as Board Member prior to the AGM
- Ian Brewster, Jennifer Flanders-Schofield, David Mills, Director, Meg Ternes, Mike Warren, Robin Angel, Steve Deveau, Jerome Downey, and Patrick Young have one year left on their two year term on the Board of Directors
- Janis Aitken, Marlee Jordan, Pegah Memarpour, and Erik Nielsen have re-offered for another two-year term (i.e., 2026-2028)

Robin Angel Chair, Board Development and Governance Committee, NSCJA

Communication Committee Report

Committee Members: *Meg Terns, Jennifer Flanders-Schofield, Diana MacKinnon, Virginia Clark-Druhan (Chair).*

The Communication Committee met on a regular basis throughout the 2025/2026 year with a goal to support the work of the association. A Communication Policy, Strategy and a plan for the year was created and presented to the Board. Goals identified included increasing awareness of the NSCJA and engagement with the membership and the public through targeted, timely and relevant communication.

Through the support of our webmaster the Committee updated the NSCJA website and Facebook with Board member bios in a Get to Know the Board feature. The Committee also promoted the John Dunlop Memorial Award the Student Award, events such as the webinar on Bail Reform and the Annual General Meeting.

Thank you to committee members for their contributions to the Communication Committee this year. With the strategy and a calendar of promotional events, the Communication Committee is well positioned for the upcoming year.

Virginia Clark-Druhan Chair, Communication Committee

John Dunlop Memorial Award Committee Report for the 2025 Assessment Year

Committee: *Janis Aitken, Robin Angel, Ian Brewster, Mike Warren, Fred Honsberger*


Recipient for the 2025 Assessment Year

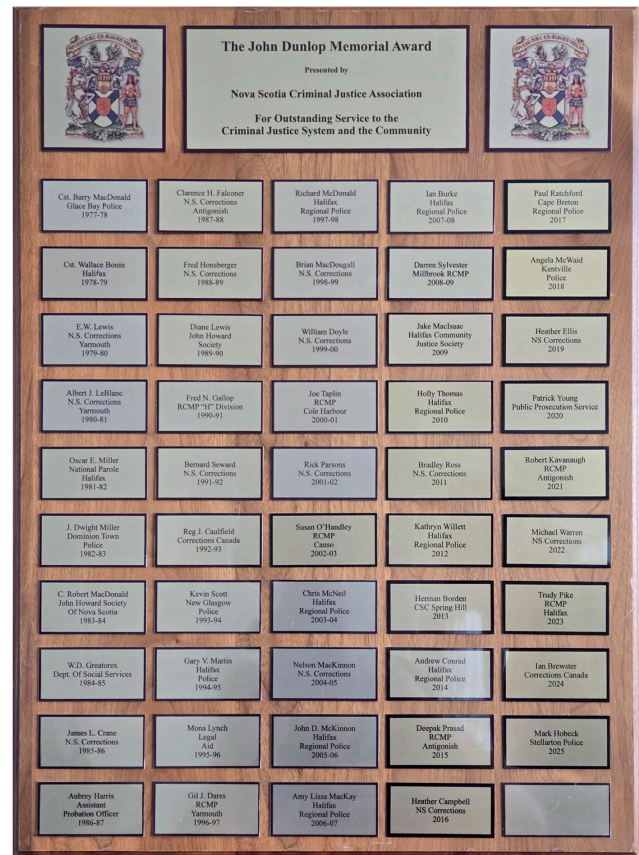
Mark Hobeck, Chief of Police for the Town of Stellarton.

Mark has given exceptional leadership to the Stellarton Town / Council / CAO plus operational leadership in policies / procedures, operations planning, strategic direction, fiscal management, staffing and overall daily management of Stellarton Police Service.

For 15 years, Mark has volunteered with the Sunshine Foundation Dream for Kids. For decades, he has coached soccer, rugby, football, basketball and hockey at both the High School and minor levels in Nova Scotia plus St. Pat's High School and Dalhousie University sports. Mark was Operations Chief for Sports Venues at the Canada Winter Games and spent four years as soccer and Field Hockey coach for the Special Olympics.

The Award was presented at the Stellarton Town Council meeting of May 11, 2026.

 **The John Dunlop Award Since 1977,** The John Dunlop Memorial Award has been presented annually to a person who has made a significant contribution to both the Criminal Justice System and the community, with a focus on youth. It is the oldest Justice Award in Canada.



The John Dunlop Memorial Award plaque that is held by the Dunlop Award recipient for one year

Commendations

The Award Selection Committee also commended the exceptional contribution of three nominees, Justin Skinner, Troye Williams and Anton Lorde. Each nominee would have been an ideal recipient of the John Dunlop Award if more than one person could be chosen. Each citation noted the specifics of their good work and concluded as follows:

“On behalf of the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association, the John Dunlop Award Selection Committee thanks you and commends you for your exceptional contribution to your profession and your community. Hopefully, this Commendation will serve as a well deserved professional reference as your career unfolds”.

The NSCJA is uniquely positioned to provide meaningful commendations in future for outstanding cross sectoral contributions to Justice. It should only do so, however, where a comparative assessment of all Dunlop Award nominees is strongly compelling.

Fred Honsberger Chair, John Dunlop Memorial Award Committee

Policy and Education Committee

Committee: *Jerome, Marlee, Erik, Meg, Fred, Pegah, Jennifer, Ian, Steven*

The NSCJA has placed a high priority on educating and informing individuals on topics, pertaining to the Justice system. Most years the NSCJA selects a topic that is relevant and current, to educate and inform government and non-government agencies that work within the Justice system. This year, we chose the Judicial Interim Release process (bail), the current challenges bail present, and what supports and services are available to individuals on bail, awaiting their trial.

The number of individuals incarcerated awaiting trial has steadily increased over the past several years. The bail reform bill, (C-14), has introduced measures that can further increase pre-trial detention.

The Policy and Education Committee organized a Webinar encompassing three sessions.

Dr. Nicole Myers, Queens University, presented on her research, regarding pre-trial detention, and the issues the Justice system present, with incarcerating individuals not yet convicted of their charges.

Patrick Young, KC, Crown Attorney from the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service, presented on the bail process in court, and what factors are considered for granting pre-trial release from custody.

Darlene MacEachern, Julie Kendall, (E-Fry Cape Breton), and Jenna Tucker, (JHSNS), presented on supports and services their organizations offer for individuals release on bail.

These sessions went well overall, and a special thank you to committee members, and presenters, that assisted with these sessions.

Going forward, the Policy and Education Committee will be discussing holding an event to commemorate the organizations 20th year.

NSCJA Student Award 2026 Report

Committee members: *Erik Nielsen, Sonya Ferrara and Robin Angel (chair), Mike Warren.*

This year, the NSCJA Student Awards were promoted online and shared through several networks. Two awards, valued at \$1,000 each, were available. The awards were open to students enrolled in the Criminal Justice field; however, despite promotional efforts by committee members, no applications were received during the reporting period.

Future Plans for the Committee:

- The Committee affirms that the Student Award is a valuable initiative and supports its continuation for the 2026–27 academic year.
- Committee members will explore and discuss strategies to enhance awareness and promotion of the award.

Robin Angel *Chair, Student Awards Committee*



The NSCJA Student Award

is offered annually to a Nova Scotia post-secondary student enrolled in a social sciences program with a focus on social justice. The award will help the student with their post-secondary education costs.

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