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Communications

Very interesting and pertinent information is being posted on the **AAMS blog**. The information consists of Métis news and affairs plus green energy initiatives and much more... Check out the blog on the **AAMS web site**:
<http://acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/index.html>

Check out our new
Communications Page:
<https://acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/communications-centre.html>

AAMS Office

Claire Robicheau is the office secretary and can be contacted at aams.office@gmail.com or by phone (902) 746-3652. Or drop in at the Clare "Cultural Building", civic 795 highway1, Comeauville, N.S.

President's Report

By Joseph Jacquard – AAMS President

The 2019 AAMS Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Meteghan fire hall on March third. The afternoon consisted of music by Sébastien Dol, entertainment and the formal business meeting. Very tasty *fricot* was also served to the sixty proud Acadian Métis members by "Café Lisa". Despite the promise of inclement weather, the AAMS board of directors was very pleased with the attendance.

President Joseph Jacquard announced that he will be remaining as President for another year while Marcel d'Entremont steps up as First Vice President. Alyre Theriault remains second vice and Michael Deveau as Treasurer. This year the AAMS website administrator, Marie Rundquist, joins the board as a director. Marie lives in the United States, visits Nova Scotia yearly and has been invited by the President to board meetings via telephone conference many times in the past. The AAMS board of directors has come to depend on Marie's personal insights and pertinent inputs at board meetings.

Robert Muise, from Quinan, decided to step down as a director but remains volunteering his time answering e-mails received through the AAMS web site and other activities.

The new board of directors' executive consists of Joseph Jacquard; President, Marcel d'Entremont; First Vice, Alyre Theriault; second vice, and Michael Deveau; Treasurer. The other board members are Brian Doucet, Paul Tufts, Gilbert Chandler, Carl Deveau, Marie Rundquist and Chris Boudreau. AAMS has an exciting team / board of directors. Each director has skill sets that complement each other and working with them is always a true pleasure.

Aboriginal Day 2019

Activities for **Aboriginal day, June 21st, 2019** are still in the planning stages with the experienced help of **Jocelyne Comeau** and will be announced at a later date. Stay tuned!



Dues Reminder

Thank you to all those who have paid their 2019 dues and a special thank you to all those who included generous donations. Our ever-growing membership is now over **1760 proud Acadian Métis**. Yearly dues can be paid all year by check or money order to:

AAMS

C/O AAMS Treasurer
PO Box 25 Mavillette, N.S.
B0W 2H0

Dues payments can also be made by e-transfer:
aams.office@gmail.com

Please use password: **aams2019**

Did you know?

Wentworth Lake in southwestern Nova Scotia used to be called **Lac des Robichaud**. The lake is the largest in the Municipality of Clare and is dotted with 16 islands. In the 17th century, the Bishop of Quebec approached his superiors in the Church and asked whether his flock would be permitted to eat beaver meat on Fridays during Lent, despite the fact that meat-eating was forbidden. Since the semi-aquatic rodent was a skilled swimmer, **the Church declared that the beaver was a fish**. Being a fish, beaver barbeques were permitted throughout Lent. This part of Canon Law (Catholic church law) was never repealed and remains in effect today.

Quote:

"It is not the part of an historian to endeavor to explain away, or modify what is displeasing to him, or his friends; or to ignore documents on the other side of a disputed question. He should carefully examine all sources of information, compare them, weigh them conscientiously, and read doubtful ones in the light of those that are authentic. Who does not do this and much more, is not an historian; he is either a partisan, or a mere dabbler in history." ~ **Archbishop O'Brien in Halifax Herald (1886)**.

Student Employment Opportunity

AAMS has secured a grant through **Canada Summer Jobs** to hire a summer student.

The work will include, but not limited to, helping at the office in Comeauville, historical research, and participation in AAMS community activities.

The employment will be for **10 weeks at 35 hours per week**, with an hourly wage of eleven dollars and fifty-five cents (\$11.55).

Interested students are to **submit their résumé** to: AAMS, PO Box 25, Mavillette, N.S. B0W 2H0. Résumés received after June 1st 2019 will not be considered.

Forum Acadien 2019

The **2019 Forum Acadien** will be taking place **Par-en-Bas**. For more information please see...

<http://acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/aams-blog/forum-acadien-2019-4-5-et-6-octobre-2019-pubnico-ouest-tusket-wedgeport-250e-anniversaire-de-pere-bailly-au-cap-sable-march-29-2019>

AAMS Bursaries

Once again this year AAMS is offering **two \$500.00 bursaries** to student members for post-secondary education. Please see the **application form on the web** site: acadiens-metis-souriquois.ca/aams-bursary.html

Members

If you have any story ideas, messages or photos you would like included in the Newsletter, please contact the AAMS Office. Members are asked to submit interesting photos for the AAMS social media campaign. **The photos must be of typical Acadian Métis food, hunting, fishing, trapping, clamming, quilting, organic gardening, activities and locations... things taught by grandma and grandpa**. A one-line photo description or caption must accompany the photo as well as the name of the photographer. **Please email your photos to aams.office@gmail.com**