

**Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture
Annual Meeting Agenda**
Glengarry Convention Centre, Truro **November 27-28, 2014**

Thursday, November 27th, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. - Registration & Sale of banquet tickets (\$20. per person) & Refreshments
- 10:00 a.m. - Call to Order – Chris van den Heuvel, 1st Vice-President
- Invocation – Tim Hennigar, TIPAC Farm
- Business meeting commences
- Declaration of Quorum
- Approval of Agenda
- President’s Address – Dennis Boudreau
- Minutes of last annual meeting (for adoption)
- Business arising from the minutes
- 10:45 a.m. - Auditors Report – PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Appointment of Auditor
- Presentation and Adoption of 2014/15 Budget
- Nomination Committee Report and first call for nominations
- Resolutions Committee Report
- Introduction of the Policy Session – Henry Vissers
- 12:00 noon - Recess for lunch (Agri-Futures Annual Meeting in Salon A) and opportunity to visit booths (Sandwiches provided in Trade show room)
- 1:00 p.m. - Meeting resumes

- Farm Safety Nova Scotia presentation – Carolyn Van Den Heuvel, Farm Safety Coordinator
 - Resolutions
 - 1:30 p.m. - Guest Speaker: Don Mills, Corporate Research Associates
“*A Province at a Crossroad*”
 - 2:30 p.m. - Policy Discussion
 - Resolutions
 - 3:15 p.m. - Coffee Break and visit display booths
 - 3:30 p.m. - Greetings and Comments by NDP Agriculture Critic, Lenore Zann, MLA
 - Greetings and Comments by PC Party NS, Larry Harrison, MLA
 - 4:00 p.m. - Update on Communications /Member Benefits, Maxine MacLean
 - Nova Scotia Agricultural Awareness – AgAmbassadors
 - 4:30 p.m. - Presentation by Nova Scotia Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Keith Colwell
 - 5:00 p.m. - Recess
 - 6:30 p.m. - Cash Bar opens in Banquet Room
 - 7:00 p.m. - Dinner (\$20.00 per person)
 - “Why Social Media is an Opportunity Farmers cannot ignore,”
Austen Brown - Winner of the N.S. Young Speakers for
Agriculture Competition
 - Environmental Stewardship Award presentation
 - Recognition Awards
 - Door prizes
- President’s Reception (MacLeod Rooms)

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- 8:30 a.m. - Early Bird Draw for Door Prizes (**must be in room to win**)
- Second call for further nominations
- Resolutions
- 9:00 a.m. - Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture report
- 9:30 a.m. - AgWeather Station, - Erin Smith, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- 9:45 a.m. - Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Ron Bonnett, President
- 10:15 a.m. - Nutrition Break and visit display booths
- 10:30 a.m. - Farm Credit Canada
Faith Matchett, VP Operations Atlantic and Eastern Canada
- Open Mic Session on Current Issues in Agriculture
- 11:40 a.m. - Completion of Election Process
- 11:45 a.m. - Recess for Farm Safety Nova Scotia Annual Meeting
- Lunch and viewing displays (Lunch provided in Trade show & Hallway)
(Note: Hotel check-out time is 12 noon)
- 1:00 p.m. - Guest Speaker: Joe Schwarcz, McGill University
“Uprooting Agricultural Myths”
- 2:00 p.m. - Policy wrap up
- Resolutions
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- 3:30 p.m. - Adjourn