

EANS Newsletter

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EANS has a new President



Photo courtesy of Janice Casey

The Presidency of the Exhibitions Association of Nova Scotia recently changed hands from Brian Casey, shown on the left, to Donald MacLellan, right, at the EANS Annual General Meeting at the Holiday Inn Select, on January 23 - 24, 2009. Brian has been appointed the position of Atlantic Director, Canadian Association of Fairs & Exhibitions replacing the Late John R. Longley who passed away shortly after his retirement in October, 2008.

Donald is no stranger to the agriculture exhibitions in Nova Scotia having been active in the Association and the Eastern Nova Scotia Exhibition for many years. We are all looking forward to his leadership in the Association over the next two years. We are very fortunate to have two great representatives of our exhibitions at the Provincial and National levels. Both Donald and Brian are committed to being at your service to administer the business of the Association and seek assistance from Governments, National and International Associations that provide both funding and services to EANS. Brian will be coordinating our needs with CAFE at their Board meetings held twice each year. The first Board meeting will be held in April this year and Brian will provide a report on that meeting at the EANS Board meeting following in the Spring. Donald is now recovering from total hip replacement surgery and will be back in action in early May.

Your CAFE Representatives



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It is not often that one can capture the three key representatives of the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFE) but here they are: from left to right are Brian Casey, Atlantic Director, CAFE; Adele More, President, CAFE; Hannah Service, Executive Director, CAFE. All three attended the annual general meeting of EANS in Halifax on January 23 and January 24, 2009. We will be seeing a great deal of these representatives in the coming months as we progress towards our agriculture exhibitions and the annual CAFE convention November 18 – 21, 2009, in Charlottetown, P. E. I. For those who have not joined CAFE, the membership should be seriously considered because CAFE provides many benefits on a National level with the Federal Government and National Associations across Canada



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EANS was fortunate to have Janet Longley and family in attendance at our annual general meeting at the President's dinner and to receive a honorary award for the Late John R. Longley. The above photo shows Janet and ex-President Brian Casey prior to the dinner, relating to John's many accomplishments in the local community, the Canadian Association of Fairs and exhibitions and the Exhibitions Association of Nova Scotia. John will be sadly missed in his many helpful services and friendship in the community and the many organizations that he served. Janet's attendance at the annual meeting helped us all cope with John's passing.

Kidz Act at the EANS AGM

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At the annual general meeting of the Exhibitions Association of Nova Scotia on January 23, 2009, a part of the evening entertainment was provided by the "Kidz Act" a dance group that was selected to participate in the National Youth Talent Competition by Zone Coordinator, Ms. Tesa Maillet, Western Nova Scotia Exhibition. Four of the group travelled to the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibition convention in Saskatoon, in November, 2008. The group performed for over an hour with different segments of dance by both girls and boys to the enjoyment of members of the Association. The Kidz Act is available for bookings at fairs and exhibitions throughout the Province.



The Executive Director made a selection for a speaker at the EANS annual general meeting in Halifax on Saturday, January 24, 2009, from a list provided by the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. The above photo shows the keynote speaker, Phil Hurst, with Brian Casey at the meeting. Phil is manager of the Clay County Fair, Spencer, Iowa, USA, and his presentation "Making the Unusual the Usual" was well received by members. His presentation, occasionally mixed with satire, held a captive audience for an hour and a half. He emphasized the need to start planning your exhibition early and to ensure the event is well publicized in the media. He said that his suitcase was delayed in his flight and did not have the opportunity to wear his business suit; this certainly did not detract from his delightful and informative presentation.

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This photo shows the head table at the President's Dinner on Saturday, January 24, 2009, with some of the representative members of EANS and the Department of Agriculture. From left to right are: Burke Harris, Vice-President, EANS; Lillian Jefferson, Glen Jefferson, Executive Director, EANS, Elizabeth Crouse, previously the Superintendent of Exhibitions, Department of Agriculture, Paul LaFleche, Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture (Guest Speaker); Donald MacLellan, incoming President, EANS; Hannah Service, Executive Director, CAFE.

Dr. LaFleche, guest speaker at the annual meeting, gave a very upbeat presentation, relating to his visits with his twin daughters, to many of the agricultural exhibitions and the support of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture for the fairs and exhibitions in the Province.