

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

CHARITABLE

IRISH SOCIETY

OF HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

AS REVISED AND AMENDED

2014

PREFACE

The Charitable Irish Society of Halifax is one of the oldest societies in the city. Founded in 1876 upon the broadest and noblest principles of charity, democracy and national feeling, at a time when class distinction, as well as racial and religious prejudices were dominating the public mind. It can be said that members, to their best ability, have ever striven to have those principles honourably maintained.

Many of our city's ablest and greatest citizens prominent in civil and professional life – whose names are closely identified with the history of this province – have associated themselves, as members, with the aims of the Society.

A complete list of the different president, other officers and members from the date of foundation will be found in tabulated form, elsewhere in this booklet.

CHARITY

The work of charity caused the formation of this Society two centuries ago and has been the reason for its longevity. While it is a national association, "Charitable" and "Irish" have equal prominence in the Society's name. Moreover, the charitable purpose of the Society dominated the original articles of association as it does the work of the Society two centuries later. From the beginning members have had a duty to "aid the poor and distressed" and while the mode of delivering that aid has changed with the years, the call of membership in the Society is directed still, as it was in 1786, to all "who are lovers of Charity". From the earliest times to 1970 a Committee of Charity directed the Society's resources to the needy. Often this charity was in the form of direct support to individuals. In the late 1960's a Committee on the Charitable Operation of the Society, chaired by James L. Ryan, brought forward recommendations which, in the words of Ronald J. Downie, the president of 1970, would 'bring the charity of the Society in line with contemporary life". Thus, in that year, our Charitable Grants Committee began its work of supporting worthwhile groups and associations which themselves exist for a variety of charitable causes. Here follows a list of the chairmen of that committee.

CHARITABLE GRANTS COMMITTEE

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| Dr. James L. Ryan | 1970-1973 |
| Ronald J. Downie, Q.C. | 1973-1976 |
| Charles J. McManus | 1976-1977 |
| George A. Healy | 1977-1987 |
| Clinton B. Havey, Q.C . | 1987-1992 |
| Leo J. Murphy | 1992-1995 |
| Noreen Murphy R.N. | 1995-1999 |
| Edward O'Brien | 1999-2002 |
| Theresa Laffin | 2002-2005 |
| Mel Earley | 2005-2006 |
| Jack Hartnett | 2006-2009 |
| Brian Downie | 2009- |

RETROSPECTIVE

When the helpless state of man, if left in his natural condition, is considered, he, of all the animal creation, will be found most in want of society. By means of well-regulation society the weakness of man is protected, his wants are relieved, his misfortunes alleviated, and his moral nature improved.

Society at large is highly benefited by every institution which has a tendency to promote private friendship; the just observance of which gradually enlarges the mind and humanizes the heart. Friendship at first is confined within a very narrow compass; extending its care and attention to a few individuals. The sentiments of benevolence produced by such intercourse, soon beget a strong inclination in the societies of particular ranks and descriptions of men are formed; new sources of benevolence are discovered; the understanding is improved; and at length generous sentiments of friendship to all mankind arise amongst those who at first associated only to extend their friendship to the natives of some particular spot on the earth. Minds thus prepared, consider the human race but as one Society, and the wants and misfortunes of every individual equally entitled to compassion and relief. Revised Constitution, C.I.S., 25 March, 1795.

On the 17th day of January, in the year 1786, a number of natives of the Kingdom of Ireland, inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, (sensibly feeling the obligation which they owed to society, and zealously wishing to promote and encourage friendship and good will amongst men), held a meeting at the house of Mr. John O'Brien, in Halifax, and signed Articles of Association for the purpose of relieving the wants and misfortunes of their countrymen, which association was styled The Charitable Irish Society.

The first regular meeting of the Charitable Irish Society was held on the seventeenth of February, 1786; a Constitution was adopted, and officers were elected.

Experience proving the utility of such a Society, its funds and numbers rapidly increased and the Society finding that the original Articles of Association were in many respects insufficient to govern the Society in its improved and enlarged state, Charles Hill and Richard John Uniacke, Esquires, were on the 17th day of May, in the year 1794, appointed to a Committee, to review and examine the former Articles, and to report on a new Constitution for the future regulation of the Society.

On the 17th day of February, in the year 1795, at the Anniversary meeting of the Society, at Mr. Gallagher's, in the Town of Halifax, the Committee made its report and a special meeting of the Society was ordered to be held on the 25th of March following for the consideration thereof; on which day the Society having met and considered the report of the Committee, a Constitution for the future regulation of the Charitable Irish Society was adopted and agreed to be observed by all its members.

In 1832 a committee, composed of Messrs. Bartholomew Hackett, Beamish Murdock, and Benjamin Slater, was appointed to revise the constitution and prepare a list of the members of the Society since its foundation, a duty which they performed to the satisfaction of the Society, and for which they received its thanks.

In 1836 the Society celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in an appropriate manner, and elected the late Honourable Joseph Howe to the presidency, an office which he filled for three successive years.

A committee was appointed on the seventeenth of May, 1852, to revise the constitution; and the report of the committee was adopted on the seventeenth of August 1853.

A committee to revise the constitution was appointed on the eighteenth of August 1862, whose report was adopted on the second of February, 1863.

In 1864 the Society was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature; and a silver seal, costing ten pounds was purchased.

The constitution was again revised in 1879.

On the eighteenth of January, 1886, the Society celebrated the centenary of its institution. There was an oration at the Academy of Music in the afternoon, delivered by the Honourable Thomas P. Gargan, of Boston, and a banquet at Masonic Hall in the evening, at which some two hundred guests were present and a number of eloquent and appropriate speeches were delivered.

At the Society's quarterly meeting held on the seventeenth of May, 1887, the President, the Honourable James Butler, announced that the late Honourable Sir William Young had bequeathed ten thousand dollars to trustees who were to pay the income arising therefrom to the Society half-yearly, "to be applied to the general purposes of its benevolent and charitable work".

At the annual meeting held on the seventeenth of February, 1890, a letter from the executors of the late Honourable James Butler was read, announcing that their testator had bequeathed one thousand dollars to them in trust to pay the income therefrom to the Society half-year, so long as it should continue to exist.

A committee was appointed in November, 1888, to again revise the Constitution; and the report was adopted in February, 1892.

On the 17th of November 1911 the Executive appointed a committee to again revise the Constitution, and their report was submitted and adopted at a meeting held October 17, 1912.

On the 17th of November, 1924, on recommendation of the Executive a committee was appointed to reprint the constitution and bring same up to date.

On the 17th of November, 1945, the Society recommended that the Constitution be revised. The President was appointed to carry out this work. The 152nd celebration saw the stag tradition broken, and the ladies were privileged to attend the banquet which was followed by a dance. In 1949 the Society published *The Irish in Nova Scotia*, By Dr. H. L.

Stewart, being the annals of the Society from 1786 to 1836.

In December 1960 the executive appointed a committee consisting of W. A. Ryan (Chairman), J. J. Powell and P. J. O'Hearn to study the Constitution with a view to possible revision. As a result of the work of this committee a number of amendments were approved at the regular quarterly meeting of November 17th, 1961 and these were incorporated in the revised printing of 1962.

On the 17th of November 1962, Dr. John P. Martin, the Society's historian unveiled a plaque at the site of the Society's first meeting – Golden Ball Inn – Sackville and Hollis Streets.

In 1970 a Charitable Grants Committee replaced the former Committee of Charity.

On the 17th of May 1977 the Hon. Desmond Guinness of Dublin was elected an "honourary member".

In 1982 the Society began a five year program to donate \$10,000.00 to Saint Mary's University to aid in the forming of a collection of Irish records in the university's library. In this year, Doreen M. Havey was elected the first woman member in the 196 year history of the Society.

In 1985 the Society formally sponsored a bid by Saint Mary's University to establish a "chair of Irish Studies".

On the 21st of May, of that year, the annual meeting adopted a revised constitution and bylaws as prepared by Clinton B. Havey, Q.C. and elected the Taoiseach, Dr. Garrett FitzGerald, TD an "honourary member".

In 1986 the Society marked the bicentennial of its funding with a Special Meeting held on the 16th of January. Nearly five hundred members and guests attended the Festival of Saint Patrick at the World Trade Convention Centre on the 17th of March, at which, the Hon. John Crosbie, Minister of Justice for Canada responded to the "Toast to Ireland and Canada". In June the Society attended, as a plaque was unveiled at Uniacke House, the country residence of the Hon. Richard John Uniacke, making it a provincial heritage building.

On 27th of September the president, Dr. Brian Craig Uniacke Cuthbertson, unveiled a plaque provided by the Society, at Glenbower Wood, Killeagh, Country Cork, in honour of the Society's founder.

On the 9th of November 1987 the Society voted to undertake the ambitious project of raising funds to acquire a copy of the Book of Kells to be placed with the Chair of Irish Studies at Saint Mary's University.

In 1988 the Society printed "the little Green Book" which included the Constitution and by-laws as amended 1985. The booklet contained the names of the executives and members listed by their year of joining from the beginning of the society in 1786. Robert (Bob) Harvey the Historian at the time was responsible for this remarkable publication.

In 1990 the replica of the Book of Kells was unveiled at the Patrick Power Library at Saint Mary's University.

In 1992 President F.B William Kelly received the report from the Committee on the Recommendation for Change which ultimately resulted in an increase in the trust of cultural affairs in addition to its charitable focus. A Special Achievement Award was initiated and awarded to Clinton Havey.

Noreen Murphy RN was elected the first female President at the AGM in 1992 for the 92-93 term.

The estate of Lawrence Lynch bequeathed \$70,000.00 to the society in 1994 and the interest

provided for a bursary at Saint Mary's University in his name.

The long deliberated Renewal Committee recommendations were officially adopted with revised By-Laws during 1995-96.

Planning and fundraising for the Irish Settlers Memorial (Celtic Cross) under the leadership of Derm Dunphy took place over 1999 and 2000.

President of Ireland Mary MacAleese became an Honourary Member.

The Charitable Irish website was launched in 2002.

The Society was presented with a plaque from Saint Mary's University on March 17th, 2003 to acknowledge the close association of the Irish and the University over its 200 year history being celebrated in 2003.

On June 5, 2003 Mary Robinson, Past President of Ireland, was awarded an Honourary membership.

In September 2003 a replica of the Jeanie Johnston an Irish emigrant barque visited Halifax and many members acted as guides to the general public over its weekend visit to the waterfront.

On March 17, 2004 the "Celtic Cross" Irish Settlers Memorial was officially dedicated and the surrounding land designated as Saint Patrick's Green.

In 2007 the Holy Cross Cemetery Trust was formed from members of the Charitable Irish, (Dr. Brian O'Brien, Michael Nee and Lorraine Lafferty, Trustees) to ensure the restoration of the thousands of headstones and to record the detail on the headstones of those buried in this most Irish Place.

Membership categories in the Society were changed to allow for family and spousal memberships which resulted in a steady increase of members.

In 2009 the Charitable Irish Scholarship was initiated for Society members entering the first year of post-secondary education. The Saint Patrick's Day parade was revived and the Society participated in this modest event with the hope to see it expand.

The estate of Doreen Havey bequeathed money to provide for the restoration of The O'Connell (Liberator Banner) in 2010. A replica of the restored banner was first carried in the Saint Patrick's Day parade on March 17, 2012.

Celebrations to mark the 225th Anniversary of the Society included a fall outing at Uniacke House, the

home of our first President Richard John Uniacke, the completion of the restoration of the Liberator banner, a resolution in the Nova Scotia Legislature to note the occasion and the designation of “Irishtown” in downtown Halifax.

The updating and reprinting of this booklet was approved as a 225th Anniversary Project.

HON. R. J. UNIACKE

Richard John Uniacke, a picturesque figure in Nova Scotia's political history, was born in Ireland in 1753. His early life was concerned mainly with the study of law and he was admitted to the bar both in Dublin and in Halifax. His fluency, striking appearance and sharp wit gave him an early fame and at the age of 28 was appointed solicitor-general for the province of Nova Scotia. His long political career was noted for several reforms, which he introduced, in the administration of government in the Province. His revision of the laws of Nova Scotia is only one of many accomplishments during a long period as Attorney General which office he held from 1797 until his death in 1830.

He was an outstanding figure of his time and is the acknowledged founder of the Charitable Irish Society.

THE STATUTES OF NOVA SCOTIA

First Session A.D. 1864

Chapter 49

An Act to Incorporate the Charitable Irish Society of Halifax
Passed on the 10th day of May, A.D., 1864

Section

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| 1. | Incorporation |
| 2. | Funds vested in corporation |
| 3. | May collect arrears |

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. James Butler, John Pugh, Patrick Wallace, John T. Compton, John Meagher, James W. Flinn, John Finn, John Doran, and such other persons as now are or hereafter shall become members of the Charitable Irish Society, according to the rules and bye-laws thereof, are hereby incorporated under the name of "The Charitable Irish Society of Halifax."
2. The funds and property of the society are vested in the corporation for charitable purposes, who are authorized to invest the same on mortgage or otherwise for the benefit of the corporation; and the corporation may purchase, take, and hold, real estate, to the value of twenty thousand dollars.
3. The corporation may collect all arrears to due to them under their bye-laws.

By-Laws of

The Charitable Irish Society of Halifax

**ARTICLE 1.
Members**

Sec. 1 Natives of Ireland, descendants of Irish men or women, and descendants or spouses of any past, present or future member of this Society shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2 A person desiring to become a member of the Society shall make application in a form to be provided by the Society and such applicant shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another; and any member proposing a Candidate shall hand in the application stating the Candidate's occupation and place of residence.

Sec. 3 The election of members shall be by the Executive.

Sec. 4 It shall be the duty of members, to assist the Officers of the Society in discharging the duties of their respective station; to obey the regular summonses and all constitutional orders of the Society; to be punctual in their attendance at its regular and special meetings, and in every respect to promote its interest; in all cases to be governed by the option of the majority; to do everything reasonable within their power to aid the poor and distressed; on all occasions to interest themselves on behalf of the oppressed or afflicted and to comfort and relieve them as far as they are able; from time to time to inform the proper officers of the Society, if cases come to their knowledge, where the poor or distressed may be assisted by the Society, and in every respect to act as friends of those who cannot help themselves; on all occasions to behave themselves in support of the laws of their country, carefully avoiding in the Society all controversy on religious or political subjects. To their fellow members they are to

conduct themselves with courtesy, using every means in their power to promote friendship and harmony in the Society, and between the individual members of it; to be ready on all occasions, as far as their circumstances and abilities permit, to assist members when in adversity or trouble.

Sec. 5 Any person who has been a member for fifty consecutive years shall be declared a Life Member. A Life Member shall be entitled to vote and to hold office, and shall be subject to the duties imposed upon members, but shall not be required to pay the annual subscription.

ARTICLE II. Honourary Members

Sec. 1 Upon the recommendation to the Executive of any two officers in writing, and the further recommendation of the Executive to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Society, any person may be admitted an Honourary Member provided three-fourths of the members present at the meeting at which he or she shall be proposed shall consent thereto.

Sec. 2 Active members of the Society may be transferred to the Honourary list upon sufficient cause being shown; provided always that three-fourth of the members present at any meeting when such transfer is proposed shall consent thereto.

Sec. 3 Honourary members although permitted to be present at the meetings of the Society shall not vote nor speak on the business transacted thereat.

Sec. 4 Any Honourary Member, if at any time desirous of becoming an active member, shall signify his or her wish in writing to the Secretary (whose duty it shall be to make known to the Executive and have such Honourary Member proposed in the usual way) and the Executive may proceed to ballot for him or her, and

upon admission he or she shall pay the regular annual subscription.

ARTICLE III. Officers of the Society

Sec. 1 The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, two Assistant Vice-Presidents (viz: Senior and Junior), Historian, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Financial Secretary and Marshall.

*Proposed change to the above:
The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Historian, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Membership Secretary and Marshall.*

Sec. 2 The Executive shall consist of the Officers plus the Immediate Past President, the Chair of the Charities Committee, the Cultural Affairs Committee, Visiting Committee and the Activities and Functions Committee and such other Chairs as may be appointed to the Executive by the Officers.

Sec. 3 The Officers shall be elected by nomination and ballot at the annual meeting and shall enter upon the duties of their several offices forthwith.

Sec. 4 The Chairs of the aforementioned committees shall be appointed annually by the Executive.

Sec. 5 Every candidate for office shall be put in nomination by a member, and no candidate shall be considered elect⁶ed unless he or she has a clear majority of the votes of the members present.

Sec. 6 When the ballot has been taken the President shall declare the number of votes each candidate has received, when (should there be no choice) the name of the candidate having the

least number of votes shall to dropped and the balloting proceeded with for the others, until one shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE IV. Duties of Officers

Sec. 1 The President. It shall be his or her duty to best represent to the community the services and best interests of the Society, to preside at all meetings of the Society, to preserve order and decorum, to state all question which shall arise for consideration, and after debate to declare the opinion of the Society according to the will of the majority thereof present, and in case any doubt shall arise with respect to the judgement of the President as to the majority in any case he or she shall proceed to ascertain the opinion of the Society by a show of hands or otherwise, the majority thus ascertained to determine the question and preclude further debate thereon.

He or she shall have power to call special meetings of the Society, and exercise such other powers as the usage of the Society has heretofore vested in him or her.

Sec. 2 The Vice-President and Assistant Vice-Presidents shall assist in conducting the business of the Society and in the absence of the President shall according to their rank perform his or her duties.

Sec. 3 The Historian shall be responsible for the keeping of records on matters relevant to the Society's work.

Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds, property, securities, books not in use, sashes and vouchers of the Society, make all proper disbursements authorized by the aforementioned committees to the amount of the appropriation made by the Society; he or she shall attend all meetings of the Society or its Officers when required, with all necessary books and papers relating to his or her office; shall meet with any Committee whose duty it may be to act in relation to the finances of the Society; at each annual meeting to render a written statement of the receipts

and disbursements of fund; and when going out of office shall deliver to his or her successor, or to whoever shall be appointed to receive the same, all monies, securities, books, writings and property of the Society which may be in his or her possession or under his or her control.

Sec. 5 The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society; keep a correct record of the business transacted thereat; shall summon the members to attend all regular and special meetings, giving in the case of special meetings at least forty-eight hours notice; shall have charge of all books and papers pertaining to his or her office, and of all property not otherwise provided for; and shall conduct appropriate official correspondence of the Society. The Assistant Secretary shall help the Secretary in the discharge of his or her duties.

Sec. 6 The Financial Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep just and true accounts between the Society and its members, credit the amounts paid and pay the same over to the Treasurer immediately, taking his or her receipt for the same. He or she shall notify each member of the amount due by him or her to the Society, and shall report in writing to the Society at its annual meeting the amount of monies received and the source whence derived during his or her year in office, with a statement of the amount due by members to the Society. He or she shall make out a list of members in arrears and call upon the same from time to time for settlement.

Sec. 7 The Marshal shall conduct all processions of the Society, subject to programme of officers or committee, and previous thereto shall see that all banners, flags and other insignia to be carried in such procession are properly fitted and in good order, and at meetings of the Society shall assist the President in enforcing order, and shall perform such other duties as the Executive shall from time to time determine.

Sec. 8 On all public occasions, the Officers are to wear green sashes or medallions with such motto thereon as the Society shall from time to time determine.

Sec. 9 Should any of the offices of the Society become vacant by the death, resignation or removal of the incumbent, or through any cause whatever, the Executive has power and authority to appoint a member to fill the vacant office until such time as elected at the first available regularly scheduled meeting of the Society for the balance of the term.

Sec. 10 The Executive shall conduct all business of the Society between regular Society meetings.

Sec. 11 The President or a total of any three of the aforementioned Officers of the Society shall have power to call special meetings of the Society and shall exercise such other powers as the usage of the Society has heretofore vested in it.

ARTICLE V. Committees

Sec. 1 The Executive shall appoint a Charities Committee, a Cultural Affairs Committee, a Visiting Committee, and an Activities and Functions Committee and may appoint a Nominating Committee as it may consider advisable.

Sec. 2 The Charities Committee, the Cultural Affairs Committee, the Visiting Committee, and the Activities and Functions Committee shall consist of no more than five members each, one of whom shall be the Chair, and the remaining members who shall be appointed by the Executive upon recommendation of the respective Chair. Such appointments shall take place annually at a time prescribed by the Executive. Subject to such direction as may be given by the Society, the respective committees may distribute from time to time and for such purposes as approved by the Society monies to be made available by the Society.

Sec. 3 At each annual meeting there shall be elected a Committee of Audit and Finance consisting of two members. It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine the books and accounts of the Society and to report thereon at the annual meeting.

Sec. 4 All Committees shall report in writing at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI. Finance and Budget

Sec. 1 Every active member shall pay an annual subscription to the Society of an amount to be set at the annual meeting of the Society for the forthcoming year.

Sec. 2 Any person who owes two previous years annual subscriptions to the Society may be dropped from membership upon approval of the Executive but shall be reinstated as a member of the Society upon payment in full of the subscriptions he or she is in arrears and of the then current annual subscription.

Sec. 3 The Executive shall annually set the budget for the upcoming calendar year on the basis of the following process:

- (a) The Chair of the aforementioned committees shall present budget requests, and
- (b) The Treasurer shall forecast revenues and operating expenses, and
- (c) The Executive shall review such requests and forecast and vote to set the budget for the upcoming calendar year.

Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall present the Society budget at the Fourth Quarterly meeting (November) and shall make the motion for the adoption of the budget as well as a motion to appropriate

to the aforementioned committees such sums as directed by the Executive.

Sec. 5 Other than funds committed to be disbursed, funds not disbursed by any of the aforementioned Committees during a given calendar year shall revert to the general funds of the Society.

Sec. 6 Any of the aforementioned Committees requiring or requesting further funding in a given calendar year may present any such request to the Executive which in turn will vote on that specific request.

Sec. 7 Except as provided in these by-laws for the expenses incident to the celebration of the annual festival and for appropriation of funds to the aforementioned committees, no additional expenditure exceeding the approved budget shall be made unless upon the approval and recommendation of the Executive.

Sec. 8 The Treasurer shall deposit funds of the Society at a branch of a chartered bank in the City of Halifax in an account in the name of the Society.

Any such funds may be disbursed or withdrawn only by cheque signed by two persons, either

(a) the President, or failing whom one of the Vice-Presidents in order of seniority, together with the Treasurer, or failing whom the Financial Secretary,

or in the alternative

(b) such other Officers of the Society as may from time to time be so authorized by the Executive.

Sec. 9 The Executive shall have the power at any time to invest all or any part of the funds of the Society, but all such funds shall

only be invested in trust funds that have been approved by the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Sec. 10 Any invested funds may be withdrawn only by resolution of the Executive on the joint order of the President and Treasurer.

Sec. 11 The Executive may require that the Treasurer and Financial Secretary each furnish a guarantee bond, the amount of said bond to be fixed by the Executive, the premium to be paid of funds of the Society.

Sec. 12 From time to time the Executive may determine the amount of any honorarium to be paid to the Treasurer or to the Financial Secretary or to the Secretary.

ARTICLE VII. Meetings of the Society

Sec. 1 Meetings of the Society shall customarily be held on or about the 17th days of February, May, September and November in each year and the meeting held in May shall be the Annual Meeting. Due notice of said meetings with proposed agenda shall be conveyed to members as the Executive deems appropriate.

Sec. 2 The meeting held in May shall be the Annual Meeting of the Society at which the reports of the Officers and the financial statement for the fiscal year ended the preceding December 31 shall be presented.

Sec. 3 All meetings shall commence at 7:30 p.m. or at such time as prescribed by the Executive.

Sec. 4 Fifteen members present shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 5 Special meetings may be called by the President under Article IV Section I, and shall be called on the requisition of at least twenty members, but in the latter case the object for which the meeting is requested must be set forth in the requisition.

Sec. 6 At all meetings of the Society members desirous of speaking on any subject under discussion shall stand and address the presiding officer, and no member shall interrupt another while speaking, or ask questions of anybody other than the presiding officer without special permission of the presiding officer.

Sec. 7 No member shall speak more than twice to any resolution or an amendment thereto, except the mover of the same.

Sec. 8 In the absence of any member who has given notice of a resolution, such resolution may be moved by any other member who is in favour of it.

Sec. 9 In all cases not herein provided for, the rules which govern the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia shall prevail.

ARTICLE VIII

Anniversary Celebration

Sec. 1 The Society will celebrate the Annual Festival on the seventeenth day of March. On that day each member of the Society is expected to wear a sprig of Shamrock. If the 17th of March should fall on a Sunday, the Festival shall be celebrated on the 16th. The mode of celebrating this Festival annually shall be decided by the Executive, and the expenses incident thereto shall be paid as part of the general expenses of the Society.

Proposed change to the above:

The Society will celebrate the Annual Festival on or about the seventeenth day of March. The mode of celebrating this Festival annually shall be decided by the Executive.

ARTICLE IX

Seal of the Society

Sec. 1 The seal to be used by this Society shall be of silver, having engraved thereon the figure of a woman resting on a harp, and bearing in her right hand a cross surrounded by a wreath one-half shamrock and the other half mayflower, with the motto "Ubique Patrium Reminisci", the whole encircled with the name of the Society, the name of the City of Halifax, and the date of the institution of the Society.

Sec. 2 The seal shall remain in the custody of the Secretary, and shall be affixed to all official documents.

ARTICLE X

No part of these By-Laws shall be repealed, altered or amended in any manner unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Society, nor then unless notice of the proposed repeal, alteration or amendment shall have been given in writing at least three months previously.

As amended 2003.

Life Members

1926

John Inglis
John Ead
J.R. Power
T. Griffin
T.M. Power
M. Scanlon
H. Lovett

1930

Michael E. Keefe

1952

Senator F.P. Quinn

1954

T.P. McCarthy

1964

Alfred T. O'Leary
W.A. Ryan

1982

Hon. Richard A. Donahoe

1987

James M. O'Connor

1994

Edward F. Lanigan

1995

J. Pierce Doyle

1997

Victor O'Connor
William Duggan
John MacDougall

1998

Edward Connolly
Aubrey Rice

1999

Harold Kelly

2000

John Carreau
James E. Donahoe
Bernard Killin
Nicholas Meagher
Dominic O'Halloran

2001

Gerald Churchill
Francis McGrath

2008

Cyril Murphy

2010

Michael O'Brien

2012

Malachi Jones

2013

William Ryan
James O'Regan

2014

Kenneth Reardon

Service Award

As part of the new direction following the adoption of the renewal recommendations, a Service Award was created to acknowledge extraordinary contributions to the Society and the community at large.

1992 Clinton Havey
1993 Robert P. Harvey
1994 Hugh McManus
1995 Archbishop James Hayes
1996 Harold Shea
1998 Noreen Murphy
1999 Frank "Tusker" O'Neil
2000 Bob Green
2001 Derm Dunphy
2004 Dr. Cyril Bryne
2005 Daniel Brownlow
2006 Dennis Ryan
2007 Paul O'Regan
2008 Ron Downie Q.C.
2009 Dr. Brian O'Brien
2010 Dr. John A.P. Sullivan
2011 Donahoe Family (225 Anniversary)
2012 J. Philip Vaughan
2013 D. Merlin Nunn Honourable Justice (ret'd)
2014 Judge Pat Curran

Scholarship Recipients

It was announced at the 2008 AGM that the CIS scholarship was being established. The executive decided that for 2009 four scholarships would be awarded valued at \$1000.00 each: Two to go to students in their first year of university as well as two to graduation high school students.

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| May 2009 | Lauren Feindel & Drew Meade (1 st year students) Daniel Feehan & Anthony Virgin (high school graduates) |
| May 2010 | Meggie Reardon & Katie Tanner |
| May 2011 | Stephanie McEwan & Daniel Morris |
| May 2012 | Hugh Layton & Siobhan Morris |
| May 2013 | Rachel Fogarty, Sarah Martin & Maria Wagner (3 awarded) |
| May 2014 | Conor Downie & Sandra Murphy |

