

### random thoughts

First off, I would like to thank council members who have finished their recent terms with NSIA- Heather Anne Grant and Dale McIsaac, it was a great pleasure working with you over the past 3 years. I would also like to welcome new members- John McCabe and Janette McDonald, I look forward to working with you in the coming months and years.

Congratulations to Jeff Norrie who is our President for the coming year and our President-Elect Mike Kittilsen, along with Bob, I am sure you will continue to lead NSIA onward and upward.

Next month will be our final edition of the News Bulletin until September. If you would like to submit any articles please feel free to send them my way.

As we continue to make changes and add content please consider the following- I am hoping in the fall to add a new "Announcements" which can include births, deaths, engagements, marriages, etc. please send submissions to Bob.

**Cheers,  
Brad**

### Coming Events

**The Atlantic Agrology Workshop will be held on November 4-5<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro. This Biennial event is being hosted by NSIA. For more information call Bob or visit:**

[www.nsgrologists.ca](http://www.nsgrologists.ca)

## President's Welcome

Submitted by Jeff Norrie

It is a distinct pleasure and honour to address you as President of the NSIA. Having been involved with the NSIA for over a decade, it seems we're evolving into a well-rounded "responsive" organization, with outstanding, interesting programs and features. This past year's activities included presentations on subjects ranging from population demographics, communication skills and land-use planning, to a tour of regional farm-market operations. Our semi-annual and annual meetings, Lunch 'n Learn and Professional Development sessions are great opportunities to stay up-to-date on current agricultural affairs and allow for thought-provoking discussion and networking. Moreover, stay tuned for information on the Atlantic Agrology Workshop to be hosted in Truro in November, 2010. As you know, if you involve good people, it's easy to build up a well-informed, well-respected network of agricultural experts. That is your NSIA! We are fortunate to have excellent volunteers able and eager to provide helpful information on agricultural programs, professional development, certified nutrient management plan programming, networking, government relations, and current and future agricultural activities. This is your institute and we do our best to provide you with the best learning opportunities possible. Please feel free to get involved, attend some of our development sessions and support the Institute as we strive to support you. I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to serve and I look forward to the year together.

Most Sincerely,

*J. Norrie*

President, Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists

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## NSIA Annual Meeting

Submitted by: Bob Vair

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Best Western Glengarry at 3:00 p.m. on April 15, 2010. Twenty-four people were in attendance. Our guest speaker was Shirley Hazen with the Nova Scotia Department of Finance who spoke on trends in population. NSIA 50 Year Pins were presented to Albert W. MacPhee and Jack D. Johnson and NSIA 25 Year Pins were presented to William G. Thomas, Dr. Alan H. Fredeen, Scott Acker, Gerald Post, and Ruth Grant. The following members received their Membership Certificates at this Annual Meeting: Articling Agrologists – Erin F. MacPherson, Samantha Lacey, Jolene MacEachern, Adebusoye Onanuga, Mark Rose, Brent Jackson, and Professional Agrologists – Sean Carson, John McCabe, Chris Cutler, Monica Sani-Berry, Nancy McLean, Tim Delaney, Bradley McCallum, Heather McLean, Lynda Weatherby.

# NSIA Honours and Awards – 2010

Submitted by: Jeff Norrie, Photos by: Bob Vair

Each year, we take an evening to recognize life achievements, dedication, and outstanding contributions to agriculture in Nova Scotia at the NSIA Honours and Awards Banquet. This year's awards dinner and ceremonies were held at the Best Glengarry Convention Centre following the AGM on April 15, 2010. The following agricultural leaders were well deserving of recognition due to their outstanding contribution to our agricultural community.

## Honorary Member Award



Photo: Jeff Norrie, winner Laurie Jennings of Masstown Market, and Lori Kittilsen

## The C.A. Douglas Award



Photo: Jeff Norrie, winner John Lewis (AgraPoint), Penny and Drew Douglas

## Outstanding Young Agrologist



Photo: Jeff Norrie, winner Earl Pickard (CIBC), and Heather-Anne Grant

## Outstanding Farm Family



Photo: Jeff Norrie, winner John and Trudy Eisses and family, and Sonny Murray

## Distinguished Agrologist



Photo: Sonny Murray, winner Larry Lutz (Scotian Gold), and Jeff Norrie

## Distinguished Life Member



Photo: Jeff Norrie, winner Lorne Crozier (NSDA), and Bob Murray

We'd like to congratulate the winners and their families, and thank them for their important role in the continued development of our agricultural community

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## NSIA Registrar's Report

Submitted by: Bob Vair

Since January 1, 2010 we would like to recognize the following new members-

Student Members: Nicholas Brown, Amanda Ward, Shawn Loo, Chris Hiemstra, Kendra Juurlink

Articling Agrologists: Adebusoye Onanuga, Mark Rose, Brent Jackson

Professional Agrologists: Chris Cutler, Monica Sani-Berry, Nancy McLean, Bradley McCallum, Marie-Josée Garand, Michael Devanney

Lynda Weatherby has completed the Articling Agrologist Program and is now a Professional Agrologist

Heather McLean has been re-instated as a Professional Agrologist

Tim Delaney has transferred into Nova Scotia as a Professional Agrologist

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## Meet the new 2010– 2011 NSIA Council

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