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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The spring season has started in Corner Brook, despite a 70cm dumping of snow last week. The snow should be gone in time for our AGM.

The College of the North Atlantic is honored to host this year's AGM during the week of June 21st – 25th. Enclosed with the newsletter is a complete agenda of meetings and activities.

In addition to our usual general meetings, I have been working on several potential field activities/trips that will show you the magnificent and diverse ecological regions of the west coast of Newfoundland.

One of the key sessions that I have added to this year's AGM is the technical session scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. The technical session will provide the host college with an opportunity to show case some technical expertise and will provide a forum for a structured professional development opportunity that will benefit your programs, courses and ultimately your students. I hope that this activity will become an integral part of our annual meetings.

The first part of the technical session is titled "Student Field Assessment at CNA – the use of student field books". During this session, I will demonstrate how instructors at the college have been requiring students to complete field books for all field based labs & how this better enables the instructors to more effectively evaluate student field

performance. The second part of the session is titled "Animal Movements – an application of the ArcView software". During this session instructors and a professional biologist will demonstrate an easy and effective lab that you can take back to your college and use in your classes to demonstrate home range habitat composition and analysis. I am looking forward to these technical sessions and I hope that they will be of benefit to all participants.

The attached agenda is still somewhat tentative but I guarantee you that this will be an exciting and eye-opening experience for all. For those of you who are flying into western Newfoundland, the closest airport is in Deer Lake (~ 40 minutes drive). For those driving, you will have to use the Marine Atlantic Ferry service (<http://www.marine-atlantic.ca/>).

Arrangements can be made to have you picked up at the airport or the ferry terminal in Port au Basque.

I am recommending that you stay at Marble Inn, Steady Brook, just 5 minutes outside of Corner Brook

(<http://www.explorenewfoundland.com>). Marble Inn has a variety of accommodations ranging from single bedroom cabins to hotel suites with cost ranging from \$79.00 - \$199.00. Again, travel arrangements can be made to and from the college. For those wishing to stay in Corner Brook, a list of accommodations can be found on the city's website (<http://www.cornerbrook.com/>).

The registration fee might appear a bit high but this includes 4 lunches, 3 dinners plus a boat tour of the Bay of Islands (<http://www.crystalwatersboattours.ca/>) and remember that this is the Canadian dollar. The guest package will include the 3 dinners and the boat tour.



Dean Snow, President

North American Wildlife Technology Association

**Annual General Meeting - College of the North Atlantic – June 21-25, 2005
Corner Brook, Newfoundland**

Tentative Agenda

June 21	6:30	Arrival & registration - College of the North Atlantic (CNA)
June 22	9:00	Business meeting – CNA boardroom
	12:00	Lunch – CNA
	1:00	Technical Session (a) Student Field Assessment at CNA-the use of student field books (b) Animal Movements-an application of the ArcView software
	5:00	Bay of Islands Boat Tour – Lobster boil on the beach of Woods Island
June 23	9:00	Business meeting – CNA boardroom
	12:00	Lunch – CNA
	1:00	Depart for Gros Morne National Park http://www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/nl/grosmorne/index_e.asp
	5:00	Dinner at Parson’s Hospitality in Rocky Harbour – wild game & local cuisine

June 24 9:00 Business meeting – CNA boardroom

 12:00 Lunch – CNA

 1:00 Fish & Wildlife Presentations
 (1) John Blake – Manager of Conservation Services, Inland Fish & Wildlife Division.
 (2) Brian Hearn – Wildlife Ecologist, Canadian Forest Service

 5:00 Barbeque at CNA

June 25 9:00 A view of Newfoundland Ecosystems – all day
 (a) Pynn’s Brook – a primer on forest silviculture & management
 (b) Gaff Topsail – a mix of bog/fen & alpine barren ecosystems



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Annual General Meeting
Corner Brook, NL
June 21- 26, 2005

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Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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Name of Guests Accompanying you: _____

Registration fees

- \$ 150 C - includes meals listed on agenda
- \$ 80 C - Meal package for guest

Accommodations

Accommodations are available at Marble Inn in nearby Steady Brook, 709-634-2437, <mailto:stay@explorenl.com>, http://www.explorekayaking.com/marbleinn_page.htm.

Other local accommodations/ campgrounds and attractions may be viewed at www.cornerbrook.com or www.gov.nl.ca/tourism/ .

Method of Payment

- Check payable to College of the North Atlantic
- VISA
- Master Card

Credit Card Number

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Please feel free to email me if you require any additional information.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM TO DEAN BY MAY 20, 2005.

Executive Director's Notes – Spring 2005

The weather has finally started to warm up, so it must be time to start thinking about this year's NAWTA Annual General Meeting. The Bay of Islands Boat Tour and the trip to Gros Morne National Park sound especially interesting, but I am sure that all of the professional development activities that Dean Snow has lined up for us will make it well worth the trip to the "rock".

In last fall's newsletter I listed many of the advantages of being a NAWTA member, but I think that I should emphasize the fact that our AGM provides the opportunity to interact and share ideas with our peers. For me personally, this is the only time of the year when I get to discuss issues, and search for solutions to common problems with other professionals facing the same difficulties. In my opinion, limiting interaction to peers in your own institution limits the chance to acquire new ideas and thereby limits opportunities for improvement at both the personal and institutional level. Money invested in this kind of professional development is well worth it in the long run.

This is my third and last year as Executive Director of the North American Wildlife Technology Association. Although the learning curve has been rather steep I have enjoyed the last three years and I would like to thank all the members of NAWTA for their help and support. It has been an honour and a privilege to have served you.

Again, as always, I hope to see you at this year's AGM



Hugh Banks, Executive Director, NAWTA

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ASSOCIATION - ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS*

Central Carolina Technical College – Sumter, South Carolina USA

College of the North Atlantic – Corner Brook, Newfoundland CAN

Haywood Community College – Clyde, North Carolina USA

Holland College – Prince Edward Island CAN

Lakeland College – Vermillion, Alberta CAN

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology – Edmonton, Alberta CAN

Pennsylvania State University DuBois – DuBois, Pennsylvania USA

Selkirk College – Castlegar, British Columbia CAN

Sir Sandford Fleming College – Lindsay, Ontario CAN

Zane State College – Zanesville, Ohio USA

**OUR NEW NAWTA WEB SITE WILL BE
UNVEILED AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 21 – 25, 2005**

OUR DOMAIN NAME IS REGISTERED AS:

www.nawta.org

PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO ACCESS THIS SITE.

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