

NOVA SCOTIA LEAGUE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Chairperson and Board of Directors of the
Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities, which comprise of the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal

control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Emphasis of matters

I would like to emphasize Note 6 "Going Concern Matters" which discusses loss of a major funding partner.

Basis for qualified opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the organization derives revenue from fundraising and donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of those revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising and donation revenue, the statement of operations, assets and net asset balances.

Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effect of the matter described in the Basis for qualified opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities as at March 31, 2015 and the results of operations and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

April 20, 2015
Bedford, NS

Certified General Accountant

NOVA SCOTIA LEAGUE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
March 31, 2015

	NSLEO General Fund	PAANS Fund	Total 2015	Total 2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS				
Cash and bank	55,271	20,684	75,955	67,372
Investments - GICs (0.8% interest)	10,230	-	10,230	10,150
Due from general fund	-	7,293	7,293	6,880
HST receivables	1,454	-	1,454	1,658
Prepaid expenses	806	-	806	168
	<u>67,761</u>	<u>27,977</u>	<u>95,738</u>	<u>86,228</u>
LIABILITIES				
Payables and accrued liabilities	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Deferred revenue	-	5,000	5,000	3,000
Due to PAANS fund	7,293	-	7,293	6,880
	<u>8,293</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>13,293</u>	<u>10,880</u>
NET ASSETS				
Externally restricted net assets	-	22,977	22,977	21,049
Internally restricted net assets	19,000	-	19,000	19,000
Unrestricted net assets	40,468	-	40,468	35,299
	<u>59,468</u>	<u>22,977</u>	<u>82,445</u>	<u>75,348</u>
	<u>67,761</u>	<u>27,977</u>	<u>95,738</u>	<u>86,228</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOVA SCOTIA LEAGUE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS
Year Ended March 31, 2015

	NSLEO General Fund	PAANS Fund	Total 2015	Total 2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income				
Council of Canadians with Disabilities				
- Administration and Operating Grant	25,620	-	25,620	47,580
Nova Scotia Community Services	35,100	-	35,100	35,100
Nova Scotia Community Services - PAANS	-	20,900	20,900	22,502
Nova Scotia Community Development Fund	2,500	-	2,500	-
Scholarships	-	22,000	22,000	22,500
Donations, fund raising and other	1,137	-	1,137	598
	<u>64,357</u>	<u>42,900</u>	<u>107,257</u>	<u>128,280</u>
Expenses				
Operations				
Audit	1,075	-	1,075	1,075
Bank charges	198	47	245	377
Bookkeeping and accounting	2,956	-	2,956	3,353
Consultants	467	-	467	1,250
Dues and subscriptions	1,130	-	1,130	1,142
Event and project expenses	1,057	6,801	7,858	6,027
Insurance	1,124	-	1,124	1,352
Internet and website	671	-	671	1,340
Office expenses and supplies	1,447	35	1,482	1,394
Office rent	470	-	470	250
Promotional information	1,554	610	2,164	190
Scholarships	-	22,000	22,000	22,500
Telephone and communications	774	-	774	869
Training and conferences	281	-	281	296
Travel and meetings	6,895	-	6,895	13,232
Wages and benefits	39,089	11,479	50,568	49,317
	<u>59,188</u>	<u>40,972</u>	<u>100,160</u>	<u>103,964</u>
Excess of income over expenses	5,169	1,928	7,097	24,316
Net Assets, beginning of the year	54,299	21,049	75,348	51,032
Net Assets, end of the year	<u>59,468</u>	<u>22,977</u>	<u>82,445</u>	<u>75,348</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended March 31, 2015

	NSLEO			
	General	PAANS	Total	Total
	Fund	Fund	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net inflow (outflow) of cash related to the following activities:				
Operations				
Excess of income over expenses	5,169	1,928	7,097	24,316
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items				
Investments - GICs	(80)	-	(80)	(80)
HST receivables	204	-	204	1,557
Prepaid expense	(638)	-	(638)	947
Payables and accrued liabilities	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	2,000	2,000	(1,602)
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operations	<u>4,655</u>	<u>3,928</u>	<u>8,583</u>	<u>25,138</u>
Financing				
Changes in interfund balances	<u>413</u>	<u>(413)</u>	-	-
	<u>413</u>	<u>(413)</u>	-	-
Increase (decrease) in cash in year	5,068	3,515	8,583	25,138
Cash position, beginning of year	<u>50,203</u>	<u>17,169</u>	<u>67,372</u>	<u>42,234</u>
Cash position, end of year	<u>55,271</u>	<u>20,684</u>	<u>75,955</u>	<u>67,372</u>

Cash is represented by:

Cash and bank	<u>55,271</u>	<u>20,684</u>	<u>75,955</u>	<u>67,372</u>
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NOVA SCOTIA LEAGUE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended March 31, 2015

1. DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities was incorporated under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia on March 5, 1980. The Mission Statement is **"to address issues that affect people with disabilities in Nova Scotia"**.

On a volunteer and non-profit basis the objectives of the society are:

- To bring together organizations and individuals on issues affecting persons with disabilities.
- To act in matters pertinent to the lives of persons with disabilities.
- To act in an advisory capacity and promote necessary changes both in government and private sectors in areas affecting the lives of persons with disabilities.
- To raise funds to further the objectives of the League.
- To acquire by way of grant, gift, purchase, bequest, devise, or otherwise, real and personal property and to use and apply such property to the realization of the objectives of the League.
- To buy, own, hold, lease, mortgage, sell and convey such real and personal property as may be necessary or desirable in the carrying out of the objectives of the League.

The organization is a non-profit organization under paragraph 149(1)(l) of the Income Tax Act and, as such, is not subject to federal or provincial income taxes.

Any accumulated net assets are to be used in promoting the organization's objectives and at no time will any dividends be paid.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a.) Fund Accounting

The organization follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

b.) NSLEO General Fund

NSLEO fund income represents the funds received from Council of Canadians with Disabilities, Province of Nova Scotia Department of Community Services, and miscellaneous sources of income the organization receives from fund raising activities, donations, membership dues, sales, expense recoveries and miscellaneous grants and recoveries.

General fund expenses represents all the expenses of the organization except those of the Partnership Access Awareness Nova Scotia.

c.) **Partnership Access Awareness Nova Scotia (PAANS) Fund**

PAANS was taken on as a sub-committee of NSLEO. In doing so NSLEO became the host group who organizes Access Awareness Week each year.

d.) Capital Assets

In common with many non-profit organizations, with average annual revenues in the current and prior year of less than \$500,000, expenditures for computers, software, furniture and equipment are expensed as incurred rather than capitalized and amortized over their useful lives.

e.) HST Recovery

As a registered charity, the organization is entitled to a rebate of 50% of the HST/GST on eligible expenses. These amounts become recoverable to the NSLEO General Fund.

f.) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

g.) Contributed Services

The work of the organization is dependent upon the service of volunteers. The value of these services are not recognized in these financial statements.

h.) Financial Instruments

The organization's financial instruments consist of cash and bank, investments - GICs, accounts receivable, HST receivable, accounts payables and accrued liabilities. Except as noted, it is our opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant credit, interest rate liquidity, or market risks arising from these financial instruments. Market risks result from changes in interest rates, exchange rates of foreign currencies and market prices of financial instruments.

We believe the organization is exposed to minimal risk on its financial instruments.

Credit risk

The organization is subject to a very low credit risk on amounts due from government and other not-for-profit organizations.

Our credit risk consists principally of cash and bank and investments.

We maintain cash, cash equivalents and investments with reputable and major financial institutions. We consider the risk of non-performance of these instruments to be remote.

Currency risk

We are exposed to little currency risk as no revenue is in a foreign currency and the purchases in a foreign currency are minor.

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3. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The organization has commitments for the lease of office premises and equipment in the following amounts:

March 31, 2016	-
2017	-
2018	-
2019	-
2020	-

4. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The organization is economically dependent on funding received from the federal and provincial governments. Loss of either of these funding sources could have a significant impact on the operations of the organization.

5. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Government assistance received from Federal, Provincial and Municipal Governments during the year is as follows:

	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
	2015		2014	
		of total income		of total income
Government of Canada	25,620	23.9%	47,580	37.1%
Province of Nova Scotia	58,500	54.5%	57,602	44.9%
Halifax Regional Municipality	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
	84,120	78.4%	105,182	82.0%

6. GOING CONCERN MATTERS

The operation has been given notice that its Federal funding will be phased out over the next year. As described in Note 6, the organization is economically dependent upon this support. Unless the organization can find sufficient replacement revenues, the organization may not be able to continue to operate at the level required to achieve its objectives.