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New Brunswick Fencing elects new Board of Directors

At the 2013 annual meeting of members held in Fredericton on October 5, members elected Diane Raiche-Phillips from Rothesay as President. Diane is a coach with Renforth Fencing Club and an active fencer. She recently served as team manager for the NB fencing team at the 2013 Canada Games in Sherbrooke. Two new directors were also elected. Mark Dobson of Quispamsis is the provincial membership registrar, youth rankings manager and the father of provincial program fencer, Will Dobson. Anne Bardou of Rothesay is an active fencer from the Renforth club. Continuing as directors are Bill Preeper of Hampton who is also the FENB website manager and father of Renforth fencer, Owen Preeper, and Melodie Piercey from Fredericton who is a coach and active fencer at UNB fencing club.

Outgoing president Lee McLean of Fredericton leaves the organization after five years as Board President.

Fencers who have achieved the green level of the National Instructional program over the past two seasons were presented with a badge and achievement certificate. Recognized for this achievement in sabre were: Alex Bischoff, Jeffrey Probert and Thales Santos from Fredericton and Cedric Richard from Saint John. Those who achieved green level in foil were: Will Dobson, Meghan Lynch and Owen Preeper from Saint John, Alex Fullerton and Brent Wishart from Fredericton and Ryan Downey from Moncton. Zacharie Leger of Fredericton achieved green level in epee.

The Honours & Awards Committee unveiled two new awards that will be presented at the 2014 Provincial Championships. The *Barbara Daniel Award* will recognize the provincial champion in cadet foil and the *Rick Gosselin Award* will recognize the provincial champion in cadet epee.

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