



## **President's Message, Spring 2014**

As this is our usual winter AGM weekend, the ExComm thought it would be a good idea to send out a reminder that this is one of those special years when the AFS National Meeting is held in Canada. This year, it will be in Quebec City, QC from August 17 – 21st, 2014, and registration is open! Recognizing that many people would be hard pressed to come up with conference allowances for two events, we put out a short survey (Survey Monkey) in the fall to ask if our members were planning on attending the National meeting in Quebec, attending our usual Chapter meeting, or both, or neither. We also put forth the option of attending the National meeting in Quebec as well as a possible 1 day presentation of some kind in Ontario. The winning category was the first one, i.e., people were going to try to get to the National meeting; however, the last option, supporting a 1 day presentation as well, came in second. To that end, and as is usually been done when the National meeting is held in Canada, we decided to forego the usual Chapter meeting in March, and devote our time and energy to supporting the National event (sponsorship, obtaining raffle prizes, attendance), and we will hold our AGM in August at the National Meeting. We hope to see as many Ontario Chapter members as possible there, and of course, all members are welcome to attend our AGM (time and date TBD).

To the second point, we have already held a successful afternoon seminar with two MNR guest speakers in Peterborough in January (which some of you may have caught on Webinex), and we are presenting a second presentation at Black Creek Village in Toronto on the evening of March 26th with Dr. Jim Luchatowich (see flyer on website). Lastly, in addition to our Northern Ontario representative, we also have newly appointed Regional Representatives for Southwestern Ontario, the GTA and Eastern Ontario, so there should be more events to talk about soon, hopefully, in your part of the province.

Hope to see many of you in August in Quebec City and we will be back to the regular Chapter business of meeting, greeting, socializing and staring at holes in the ice somewhere lakeside in Feb/March 2015!

With thanks,

Ann Rocchi  
AFS Ontario Chapter President