

GANS Vision

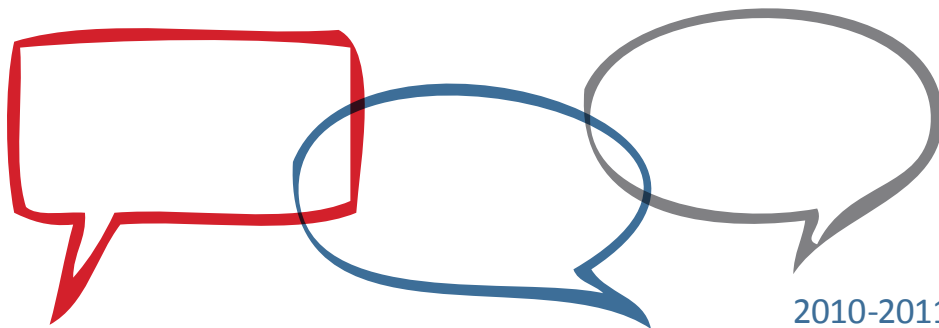
*Individuals, families,
and communities free
from gambling harm*

GANS Mission

*To make positive changes in
the lives of individuals, families,
and communities affected
by problem gambling*

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2010-2011

TOGETHER WE CAN WIN



Annual Report

April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011



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The End of An Era

Message from the Executive Director and Board of Directors' Chair



GANS' Board of Directors and Executive Director at a Board Meeting in August 2010

Clockwise from bottom left: Janice Fraser, Bill Kilfoil, Gary Grant, Jim Smith, Dave Whiting, Jerome Aucoin, Executive Director Celeste Gotell, Board Chair Jim MacCormack.

Absent: Paulette Anderson

It has been a challenging and rewarding year for Gambling Awareness Nova Scotia. Amidst many changes in 2010, we focused our efforts on our four strategic priorities: *Build Capacity to Make a Difference; Inform Balanced Dialogue about Gambling Problems; Mitigate or Reduce the Undesirable Effects of Gambling; and Raise Awareness of Gambling as a Public Health Issue.*

In July 2010, three new members were appointed to the Board of Directors, which brought our numbers to eight. With a larger board, GANS was well equipped to develop a new five-year strategic plan and a brand for our new name. On March 18, 2011, we became Gambling Awareness Nova Scotia.

Over the last year, our support helped community organizations to develop strong program outcomes and increase staff knowledge about gambling. GANS also launched its first-ever Student Scholarship Challenge and awarded university entrance scholarships to three Grade 12 students attending post-secondary institutions in

Nova Scotia in the fall of 2010-2011.

In June 2010, GANS invited over 60 stakeholders from throughout the province to a workshop with John Stansfield, former CEO of the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand. This workshop was titled "Resilient Communities: a public health approach to addressing gambling harm" and involved discussion about the opportunities and challenges of gambling as an emerging public health paradigm.

In February 2011, GANS released the first phase report of a study concerning the My-Play System, Nova Scotia's new card-based player system for video lottery terminals (VLTs) that is intended to help VLT players manage and monitor their gambling. The purpose of the planned multi-phase study was to evaluate how use of the My-Play System impacts the key factors associated with gambling risk and harm from VLTs and how the system benefits high-risk and problem VLT gamblers in Nova Scotia.

When Nova Scotia's 2011 *Responsible Gaming Strategy* was released on March 25, 2011, it was announced that GANS will be integrated with the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation and GANS' Board was dissolved. Consequently, this will be the last annual report produced on behalf of GANS. It also concludes the work the organization has done since 1998.

As a final farewell, we would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to all Board and staff members - past and present - for their commitment and friendship. We would also like to acknowledge the many staff members and volunteers of community organizations and Community Health Boards, our colleagues at Addiction Services, and members within the Nova Scotia research community for their dedication to address gambling harm and support of GANS.

It has been our honour to work on behalf of Nova Scotians.

Farewell and best wishes,

Celeste Gotell, Executive Director

Jim MacCormack, Board Chair



Strategic Priority One

Mitigate or Reduce the Harmful Effects of Gambling

Throughout 2010-2011, GANS was involved with a number of initiatives to reduce the harmful effects of gambling. These initiatives include participation on the Canadian Consortium on Gambling Research; the commission of an independent research project to evaluate the My-Play System, Nova Scotia's new card-based technology system for video lottery terminals; and the provision of funding to researchers.

Canadian Consortium on Gambling Research

GANS is a standing member of the Canadian Consortium for Gambling Research (CCGR), an organization that funds and coordinates research initiatives with a national impact. Made up of provincial and federal organizations committed to funding gambling research, CCGR is directed by an oversight committee of collaborating agency members.

Canadian Adolescent Gambling Inventory (CAGI)

In July 2010, the CCGR launched the CAGI, an instrument for assessing gambling risk and problem gambling in adolescents between the ages of 13 and 17. CAGI can be used to collect prevalence data to guide further research and to inform policy, as well as the development of treatment, prevention, and intervention programs.

Canadian Problem Gambling Index (CPGI)

The CPGI is a research tool designed to measure the prevalence and severity of gambling and problem gambling in the general population. In 2010-2011, an evaluation of the CPGI's psychometric properties was completed and a request for proposals was issued to broadly assess the harm associated with gambling in survey populations.

Socio-Economic Impact of Gambling Framework (SEIG)

Released in 2008 by the CCGR, the SEIG Framework is a tool designed to measure the social

GANS commissioned research to evaluate the My-Play System's potential to reduce video lottery terminal gambling risk and harm to Nova Scotians

and economic costs and benefits of gambling. The SEIG Framework reflects the interdisciplinary and complex nature of gambling and takes a holistic and integrated systems approach to measuring impact. In March 2011, the CCGI released a report that attempts to simplify the SEIG Framework by proposing principles for meaningful socioeconomic impact analyses. It also includes a comprehensive review of nearly 500 existing studies on the impact of gambling.

Commissioned Research

In 2009-2010, GANS commissioned the independent Nova Scotia research firm, Focal Research Consultants Ltd., to conduct Phase One of a research project evaluating the My-Play System's potential to reduce gambling risk and harm to Nova Scotians. The My-Play System, officially introduced to the province in 2010, is a card-based player system for video lottery terminals (VLTs) that is intended to help VLT players manage and monitor their gambling.

The purpose of the intended multi-phase study was to evaluate how use of the My-Play System impacts the key factors associated with gambling risk and harm from VLTs. It also examines how the system benefits high-risk and problem VLT gamblers in Nova Scotia.

In February 2011, GANS released Focal Research's Phase One report, which provides a benchmark and valuable insight into regular VLT playing patterns and differences between low- and high-risk play.

Strategic Priority Two

Inform Balanced Dialogue about Gambling Problems



GANS' stakeholders engage in a discussion at an event in June 2010 (left)

2010-2011 Community Project Applicants discuss outcome measurement in April 2010 (right)

GANS is committed to helping facilitate open dialogue informed by objective data that considers the ethical, social, biological, and economic dimensions of gambling issues. We help facilitate the debate and acquisition of cutting-edge knowledge through daily updates to our website, TogetherWeCanWin.ca; the production of our communication pieces; the hosting of public and stakeholder events; and public response to timely issues.

GANS Publications

This past year, GANS produced the following communication pieces:

- *Touchpoint*: bi-weekly food for thought
25 issues
- *Charting the Course*: a word from the Board of Directors
2 issues
- *UPdates*: what's new online
9 issues
- *Dialogue*: a closer look
2 issues

The 2010-2011 issues of *Dialogue* were released in Summer and Winter 2010. The Summer issue featured problem gambling support services available in Nova Scotia through the District Health Authorities, recovery houses, and other community organizations. Wherever possible, the articles reflected a First voice or organizational perspective and were written by a program participant or staff member.

The theme of the Winter issue was "Gambling: A Public Perspective," and it was developed to feature gambling's many societal impacts from the perspective of individuals' professional and personal experience. The issue featured six articles written from various perspectives: youth, navy, First Nations, First Voice in recovery, financial, criminal/judicial, and health.

Archive issues of all publications are available for download on GANS' website: www.TogetherWeCanWin.ca.

Gaming Strategy Submission

In Summer 2010, GANS presented its submission to Nova Scotia's *2011-2016 Responsible Gaming Strategy*. Informed by stakeholder input, critical reflection on gambling prevalence rates, and our strategic priority of positioning gambling as a public health issue, GANS made 14 recommendations.

When the strategy was released in March 2011, many of GANS' recommendations were represented, including a review and expansion of existing problem gambling treatment options, a commitment to not expand into Internet gambling at this time, and the coordination of a research agenda.

The Strategy also recommended the integration of GANS with the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation and a commitment to develop a Centre of Excellence in Gambling Research. In anticipation of this integration, GANS' Board of Directors was dissolved on March 25, 2011.



Strategic Priority Three

Build Capacity to Make a Difference

Community Projects

GANS is committed to funding community projects that address the needs of persons affected by gambling harm, their families, and their communities. Community Project grants also help expand the knowledge base of gambling harm intervention and prevention programming in Nova Scotia. In April 2010, GANS hosted its first workshop on outcomes measurement to help community organizations develop successful applications.

Two levels of community project funding are available:

Community Projects I

Funding up to \$10,000 for projects that generally occur over a one-year period

Community Projects II

Funding up to \$60,000 for projects that occur over a one- to three-year period

2010-2011 Community Project Grant Recipients

This past year, GANS funded and supported the following community projects:

Increasing Awareness on Problem Gambling in African Nova Scotia Communities: a key to quality improvement of problem gambling services

Association of Black Social Workers

The Nova Scotia Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers (ABSW) will conduct twenty-four educational workshops about gambling harm with African Nova Scotian seniors' groups and Addiction Services staff in Halifax Regional Municipality, Sydney, Truro, Yarmouth, and the Annapolis Valley. In 2010-2011, ABSW prepared all workshop materials and presented eight of the twenty-four workshops. The project is scheduled for completion in 2012. (\$34,724.70)

A Hidden Problem? Seniors and Gambling

Community Links

Community Links, a provincial organization that promotes quality-of-life for Nova Scotia seniors, developed and shared educational material through a series of nine workshops targeted at seniors and caregivers. This workshop series was developed as a result of a need identified through Community Links' 2009-2010 Community Project, *Seniors and Gambling*. This project will finish in 2011. (\$10,000.00)

An Assessment of Awareness of Problem Gambling Among Adult Learners

Dartmouth Learning Network

Dartmouth Learning Network completed a needs assessment to determine the extent to which low-literacy learners in Halifax are able to understand current Nova Scotian gambling-related prevention and treatment messages (e.g. pamphlets, brochures). This project is scheduled for completion in 2011. (\$9,867.50)

Sea Change: Leisure alternatives through community arts for youth at-risk for, or experiencing gambling-related harm in HRM

Nova Scotia Sea School

Nova Scotia Sea School (NSSS) is collaborating with Connections Clubhouse to deliver "Sea Change," a series of art and music sessions for youth who are at-risk or experiencing gambling problems. The goal of the program is to reduce gambling harm by presenting alternative leisure activities, and it evolved from the NSSS' 2009 Community Project, *Create and Discover! Leisure alternatives through community arts for at-risk or problem gamblers in HRM*. The first of three annual offerings of "Sea Change" began in September 2010, and each will include a final showcase of participants' work. The project will conclude in 2014. (\$60,000.00)

Gambling in the Rainbow Community: a needs assessment

OUT!Alive

Out!Alive, in association with Addiction Prevention and Treatment Services at Capital District Health Authority, is investigating gambling habits and attitudes within the Nova Scotia Rainbow (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered) Community. In 2010-2011, Out!Alive began developing a survey that will be distributed online and at local Pride events in Summer 2011; The project will conclude in Fall 2011. (\$10,000.00)

2009-2010 Grant Recipients with Active Projects in 2010-2011

Gambling: Understanding Makes Us Stronger

Canadian Mental Health Association, Kings County Branch

In continuation of their 2009 Community Project grant, the Kings County Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, in consultation with Audrey Shields, Clinical Therapist at Annapolis Valley District Health Authority, offered six workshops in 2010-2011. The goal of the workshops was to encourage community dialogue about gambling. The workshops were held in Berwick, Kentville, Hantsport, Cambridge, and Wolfville. The project is now complete. (\$10,000.00)

I am a Woman and Have I Got a Story to Tell

Tri-County Women’s Centre

In an effort to help women affected by gambling harm creatively express their life experiences, the Tri-County Women’s Centre is offering the program, “I’m a Woman and Have I got a Story to Tell.” In 2010-2011, the program was offered a second time in Yarmouth (the first run was held in Shelburne County in Fall 2010) and plans were underway to offer the program a third time to residents of Digby County. This project will conclude in 2011. (\$37,093.00)

Women in Recovery from Addiction Retreat (WRAP): Community-based training and peer support approaches

Tatamagouche Centre

In 2009, the Tatamagouche Centre, in partnership with Addiction Services, Cumberland Health Authority, were awarded a Community Project II grant to develop and offer participatory training and to assess the Women in Recovery from Addictions Program Series (WRAP), which consists of educational and therapeutic retreats for women in recovery from gambling addictions. Based on focus group feedback from Phases I and II, the WRAP manual was revised. Additions include a section on using an anti-oppressive lens for working with women and problem gambling in Nova Scotia and a personal reflection guide for practitioners. In 2010-2011, service provider training was provided to thirty problem gambling recovery workers and two women completed WRAP peer-leadership training. The project will finish in 2011. (\$26,910.00)

Financial Empowerment for Women Recovering from Gambling Addiction

YWCA Halifax

This project involved a needs assessment and feasibility study to determine the need for a financial literacy program. Results confirmed that that this program could help to address the devastating financial impact of gambling addiction by providing women in recovery with financial empowerment skills. This project is now complete. (\$9,998.19)



Whimsical sculptures by youth participants in Sea Change, Nova Scotia Sea Schools’ 2010-2011 Community Project

2008-2009 Grant Recipients with Active Projects in 2010-2011

An Exploratory Study of the Connections between Problem Gambling and Mental Health and Illness in Nova Scotia

Canadian Mental Health Association, Nova Scotia Division

The Canadian Mental Health Association, Nova Scotia Division, conducted a literature review and explored the relationship between problem gambling and mental illness. Through focus groups questionnaires and interviews, the project gathered information to determine the need for specialized problem gambling programs for adult mental health consumers in Nova Scotia. This project concluded in Summer 2010. (\$10,000.00)

High Stakes: Addressing gambling and substance use among adolescents using an experiential framework

Addiction Services, Colchester East Hants Health Authority

Addiction Services in Colchester East Hants Health Authority continues to offer "High-Stakes," an adventure-based program that targets at-risk youth aged 13 to 20 years. In 2010-2011, the program was updated to include an outdoor wilderness trip to Blomidon Park. A third offering of "High Stakes" in Summer 2011 will conclude the project. (\$60,000.00)

Get Your Game On!

South West District Health Authority, Addiction Services

Addiction Services at the South West District Health Authority are re-offering a youth-oriented school prevention program called, "Get Your Game On." They have also developed a manual that other organizations in Nova Scotia can use to offer the program. This project is scheduled for completion in 2011. (\$60,000.00)

2007-2008 Grant Recipients with Active Projects in 2010-2011

Problem Gambling: Let's deal with it

Pictou Landing First Nation Health Centre
Pictou Landing First Nation Health Centre, in conjunction with Addiction Services, Pictou County Health Authority, and the Pictou County Women's Centre, is developing culturally-appropriate community-based programs to assist individuals and families in recovery from gambling harm. This project will conclude in 2011. (\$60,000.00)

Student Scholarship Challenge

GANS' Student Scholarship Challenge encourages graduating Grade Twelve high school students in Nova Scotia to research and explore gambling issues relevant to youth. In May 2010, GANS challenged students to craft a 1200-word essay that addressed how young people's unique relationship to technology may increase their risk of gambling harm.

Based on the quality of essay submissions, three academic scholarships were awarded:

- **1st place** (\$2,000.00 scholarship)
Joshua Goodwin
Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial H.S.
Dalhousie University
- **2nd place** (\$1,000.00 scholarship)
William Lin
Halifax Grammar School
Dalhousie University
- **3rd Place** (\$500.00 scholarship)
Kathleen Hazen
Dartmouth High School
University of Kings College

In March 2011, GANS announced the 2011 Video Challenge, which invited grade 12 students to create a short 3-minute video

that debunks the common gambling myth, "It's easy to make money playing poker."

In Summer 2011, GANS will award \$2,000 scholarships to the members of the top teams in two categories: Viewers' Choice and Judges' Choice.

Gambling Research

GANS offers research funding up to \$60,000 for projects that occur over a three-year period. The following 2008-2009 Research Grants were active or completed in 2010-2011:

The Role of Selective Exposure and Subsequent Information Processing in Health Behaviours

Dr. Steven Smith, Psychology
Saint Mary's University

Associate Professor Dr. Steven Smith is developing strategies to enhance the efficacy of health campaigns targeted at the prevention of and/or seeking out of treatment for problem gambling. His research seeks to understand what leads individuals to attend to new information and determine how to eliminate the human tendency to seek out supportive information and avoid contradictory information. This grant will conclude in 2011. (\$59,280.00)

The Effects of Nicotine and Smoking on VLT Gambling Behaviours

Daniel McGrath, Psychology
Dalhousie University

In partnership with the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, GANS funded PhD candidate Daniel McGrath of Dalhousie University to explore how smoking and tobacco use impacted the propensity to gamble using video lottery terminals (VLTs). This project concluded in Fall 2010. (\$20,030.00)

Gambling Research Fellowships

GANS offers Gambling Research Fellowships to generate interest and build capacity in problem gambling research among Master's and PhD students across a wide range of disciplines, including psychology, social work, economics, and law. The Fellowship program gives future scholars the opportunity to conduct quality research projects related to problem gambling and connect with the rapidly growing field of problem gambling studies.

Two types of Fellowships are available:

Master's Students

Funding up to \$5,000

PhD Students

Funding up to \$5,000 for one year, renewable for a second year

The following Gambling Research Fellowships were awarded in 2010-2011:

Gambling as Stress Recovery? A new perspective on the job demands - gambling relationship

Luc Bourgeois, Psychology
Saint Mary's University

Master's student Luc Bourgeois is examining the relationship between work-related stress and gambling. This increased understanding of gambling motivations may help problem gambling prevention strategies to focus on how the workplace impacts gamblers' motivation to gamble. (\$5000.00)

Exploring help-seeking by problem gamblers, family, and community members within African Nova Scotian communities

Marok Njiwaji, Social Work
Dalhousie University

Master's student Marok Njiwaji will explore cultural factors that either promote or hinder African Nova Scotians who self-identify as problem gamblers from seeking professional help. The study will provide an understanding of problem gambling among African Nova Scotians, which will help inform recommendations for culturally-relevant strategies to address gambling harm. (\$5,000.00)

Effects of gambling-related cues on the automatic activation of gambling outcome expectancies

Melissa Stewart, Psychology
Dalhousie University

Doctoral candidate Melissa Stewart will assess whether the presentation of gambling-related cues leads to the automatic activation of gambling outcome expectancies stored in gamblers' memory networks. It will also examine how the activation of positive outcome expectancies may be substantially enhanced by gambling-related cues among heavy gamblers. (\$5,000.00)

2010-2011 Research Fellowships that were active or completed in 2010-2011

A Self Administered Problem Gambling Screen as Motivational Therapy for Problem Gambling

Mike Buckley, Psychology
Capella University

Doctoral candidate Mike Buckley is evaluating the ability of the Self-Administered Gambling Screen (SAPGS), a problem gambling screening instrument, to motivate gamblers who are not in treatment to move towards a more balanced, controlled, and/or gambling-free life. (\$10,000.00)



John Stansfield, former CEO of the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand, leads GANS stakeholders in a discussion on June 24, 2010.

An Investigation of Implicit Associations across Gambling Treatments

Rod Clark, Community Health & Epidemiology
Dalhousie University

Doctoral candidate Rod Clark is examining the implicit associations that may contribute to problem gambling and whether these associations change from the start to the end of treatment. (\$5,000.00)

Affective Biases in Problem Gamblers

Amanda Hudson, Psychology
Dalhousie University

PhD candidate Amanda Hudson is researching how problem gambling behaviour may reflect a means of dealing with emotional motives such as seeking excitement or repairing negative moods. (\$5,000.00)

2008-2009 Research Fellowships that were active or completed in 2010-2011

An Investigation of Gender Differences in Gambling Motives in Undergraduate Students

Sabrina Demetriooff, Clinical Psychology
Dalhousie University

Doctoral candidate Sabrina Demetriooff is evaluating the influence of gender on motives for gambling behaviour in university students. (\$10,000.00)

A Comparison of Gambling Behaviour, Motives, Psychopathology, and Personality among Young Online and Offline Poker Players

Daniel McGrath, Psychology
Dalhousie University

Doctoral candidate Dan McGrath is researching the extent to which various psychological factors contribute to problems with internet gambling in young adults aged 19 to 30. (\$5,000.00)

Professional Development Grants

To help build the capacity of Nova Scotians to address gambling harm in their communities, GANS offers both team and individual Professional Developments Grants.

Individual Grants

In 2010-2011, GANS sponsored eleven individuals to partake in the online course, "Fundamental Concepts of Problem Gambling," offered by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). This five-week course provides students with a practical understanding of gambling and gambling harm. (\$150.00 each; \$1650 total)

Team Grants

This past year, GANS provided professional development grants to two organizations: Alpha Outreach Society and the Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre. These grants allowed the Alpha Outreach Society to offer a one-day workshop, titled "Gambling - Prevention is the key," and the Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre to support three team members to take CAMH's online course about gambling. (\$1,450.00 total)

Ray of Hope Retreat Sponsorship

GANS sponsored the second offering of the Ray of Hope Retreat: New Beginnings for Women in Recovery, which was held at Kingswood Camp in Kingswood, Nova Scotia on September 10-12, 2010. (\$750.00)

Strategic Priority Four

Raise Awareness of Gambling as a Public Health Issue



CHB Volunteers, Coordinators and GANS staff on June 18, 2010

In 2010-2011, GANS' Board of Directors identified a new priority: *Raise Awareness of Gambling as a Public Health Issue*. In addition to funding a number of community projects that address this important goal, GANS held a stakeholder event to facilitate discussion on this topic and continued to support Community Health Boards' efforts to raise awareness.

Resilient Communities: A public health approach to addressing gambling harm

On June 24, 2010, GANS hosted a day-long workshop for sixty stakeholders to explore the opportunities and challenges of gambling as an emerging public health paradigm. The discussion was hosted and led by special guest John Stansfield, former CEO of the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand.

Community Health Boards (CHBs)

Since 2006, GANS has offered funding to each of the 37 CHBs in Nova Scotia to help develop gambling-related awareness projects.

In 2010-2011, GANS funded the following projects:

Betting on Health

Colchester East Hants and Cumberland Community Health Boards

Colchester East Hants and Cumberland CHBs will develop and launch a social marketing campaign to promote gambling prevention and treatment options. (\$25,000.00)

Standing On Our Own

Eastern Shore/Musquodoboit Community Health Board

Eastern Shore Musquodoboit CHB will create awareness of gambling risk to prepare high school students to transition from home to independent living situations. (\$7,500.00)

Understanding Gambling within the African Nova Scotian Community

Pictou County Community Health Board

Pictou County CHB will conduct a needs assessment in the African Nova Scotian community. (\$8,350.00)

Control the Roll: Youth gambling prevention program

Shelburne County Community Health Board

Shelburne CHB will hold a weekend retreat to educate youth about gambling. (\$7,550.00)

Test Your Knowledge - Gambling Trivia

West Hants Uniacke Community Health Board

West Hants Uniacke CHB will develop Q & A video segments to run on multimedia screens in Hants Community Hospital. (\$1,860.00)

Gambling Awareness Toolkit

On the recommendation of the CHB Stakeholder Working Group, GANS redesigned the CHB funding process and developed a Gambling Awareness Resource Toolkit in Summer 2010.

To ensure GANS helps CHBs develop and identify innovative approaches to communicating prevention, education, and outreach strategies, we developed a series of tools for various populations and topics. Highlights of this online resource include Tools for Raising Awareness, Resources for Media Coverage, Research and Best Practices, Ressources en Francais, and CHB Project Ideas and Application Support. In addition, the grant applications were redesigned to better reflect the needs of the CHBs and are now divided by funding levels for ease and simplicity.


GANS Financials

April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011


**Gambling Awareness Foundation of Nova Scotia
Balance Sheet
March 31, 2011**

ASSETS	2009	2010
Current Assets		
Cash (Notes 4 and 7)	\$ 34,610	\$ 258,896
Investments (Note 5)	3,580,226	3,358,437
Accounts receivable (Note 6)	44,467	50,149
Prepaid expenses	1,600	3,777
Due from Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation	<u>45,814</u>	<u>48,449</u>
	<u>\$ 3,706,717</u>	<u>\$ 3,719,708</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>66,149</u>	<u>60,869</u>
Gross payable	<u>254,990</u>	<u>259,996</u>
	<u>321,139</u>	<u>320,865</u>
 Long-term Grants Payable	 <u>34,772</u>	 <u>24,889</u>
	<u>355,911</u>	<u>345,754</u>
 Fund Balance		
Unrestricted	969,960	1,058,035
Community Development Account (Note 7)	<u>2,380,846</u>	<u>2,315,919</u>
	<u>3,350,806</u>	<u>3,373,954</u>
	<u>\$ 3,706,717</u>	<u>\$ 3,719,708</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Deputy Minister



Executive Director of Gambling Awareness Foundation of Nova Scotia

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**Gambling Awareness Foundation of Nova Scotia
Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended March 31, 2011**

	Unrestricted	Community Development Account	2011 Total	2010 Total
Revenues				
Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation	\$ 297,862	\$ -	\$ 296,862	\$ 315,473
VLT retailers	297,862	-	297,862	315,473
Investment Income	36,179	60,771	96,950	66,581
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	10
Unused grants	<u>-</u>	<u>6,700</u>	<u>6,700</u>	<u>11,448</u>
	<u>631,903</u>	<u>67,471</u>	<u>699,374</u>	<u>708,985</u>
Expenses				
Grants (Note 7)	175,482	90,809	266,291	194,783
Salaries and benefits	301,932	-	301,932	285,940
Board and Committee meetings	30,073	-	30,073	17,188
Travel	1,901	-	1,901	2,975
Office expenses and rent	18,076	-	18,076	14,850
Conference expenses	72,172	-	72,172	70,321
Research expenses	24,062	-	24,062	14,375
Research expenses	91,972	-	91,972	107,446
Amortization of premium	-	-	-	2,227
Adjustment to fair value	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>715,670</u>	<u>90,809</u>	<u>806,479</u>	<u>710,105</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ (83,767)	\$ (23,338)	\$ (107,105)	\$ (1,120)
Fund Balance , beginning of year	<u>1,058,035</u>	<u>2,315,919</u>	<u>3,373,954</u>	<u>3,263,709</u>
	974,268	2,292,581	3,266,849	3,262,589
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	<u>(4,308)</u>	<u>88,265</u>	<u>83,957</u>	<u>111,365</u>
Fund balance , end of year	<u>969,960</u>	<u>2,380,846</u>	<u>3,350,806</u>	<u>3,373,954</u>

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Meet GANS' Board of Directors and Staff

Jim MacCormack, Ben Eoin (August 2005)

Jim is Chair of the Board of Directors. He is retired from a distinguished 40-year career as a public servant for both the Province of Nova Scotia and the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Paulette Anderson, Plymouth (July 2010)

Paulette is retired from a 29-year career as a civil servant with the Provincial Government and currently runs Pawlee's Pet Sitting Service.

Jerome Aucoin, Sydney (February 2008)

Jerome is a retired Clinical Therapist and Problem Gambling Specialist with Addiction Services at the Cape Breton District Health Authority.

Janice Fraser, New Glasgow (February 2008)

Janice is Manager of Community-Based Services at Addiction Services in the Pictou County Health Authority.

Gary Grant, Hammonds Plains (August 2008)

Gary is a 26-year veteran of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and holds the Commanding Officer's Commendation for innovative drug education development with the Nova Scotia Commission on Drug Dependency.

William J. Kilfoil, Oyster Pond (July 2010)

William (Bill) is retired from a 31-year career in public service education with the Halifax Regional School Board.

James Smith, Amherst (July 2010)

James (Jim) has worked in the Financial Industry for over 30 years and is currently the Regional Sales Manager at TD Canada Trust for North Eastern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Dave Whiting, Yarmouth (August 2005)

Dave is the General Manager of the Yarmouth Development Corporation and a retired member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Celeste Gotell, Executive Director

Celeste Gotell has more than 20 years experience in the public and voluntary not-for-profit sector. An accomplished team leader, Celeste has been GANS' Executive Director since October 2006.

Marian Ritcey, Administration Coordinator

Marian has more than 20 years experience in Human Resource, Office and Retail Sales Management. She has been with GANS since March 2007.

Jen Wheatley, Communications Officer

Jen has 10 years experience in media and communications. She has been with GANS since October 2009.

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