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*To: The Principal or Debating Advisor
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Dear Sir or Madam:

September 1st, 2008

Your school is cordially invited to join the Nova Scotia Debating Society for the 2008-2009 academic year for the nominal fee of \$25, and then to compete for positions on the provincial teams to the next National Student Debating Seminar and other national events. To do so, just send a completed copy of the enclosed Application for Institutional Membership form, and your cheque made payable to the Society, to the above address.

*If you decide not to affiliate with the Society immediately, please give this letter to an interested teacher at your school or file it for future reference: **this will be our last mailing of this academic year to schools which do not join the Society.** Please correspond with us by e-mail: we cannot afford long distance telephone charges.*

Our activities are for junior high as well as senior high students, Francophones as well as English-speaking debaters, and novices as well as experienced speakers. Our Constitution requires as wide regional representation as possible on Seminar delegations, so we do our best to ensure that students from remote areas are not at a competitive disadvantage.

*As you can see from the enclosed copy of our **Annual Review**, our programmes are competitive with those elsewhere in Canada. Our first major event of this school year is the **Provincial Impromptu Championships** and Annual General Meeting, which are tentatively scheduled to be held at the **Sacred Heart School of Halifax**, on **Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th**. Within Nova Scotia, the Society organizes local workshops, regional tournaments and provincial championships. We hope to send students to the next Canadian Senior High Championships, Canwest National Public Speaking Tournament, National Student Debating Seminar and Junior High Nationals. Your students may become able to attend some of these events if your school joins the Society.*

*In the past, we have distributed copies of **The Add Students and Stir Debate Cookbook** and **Clevie Wall's Debate: A Guide for Canadian Students** to all junior and senior high schools in the province and we have produced demonstration videotapes in conjunction with Education Media Services and the C.B.C. We also are hoping to have an Internet web-site in operation this school year.*

As you can see, we have been relatively active and successful for a completely volunteer, non-profit organization. We are eager to be of assistance to you, and we hope that this year students from your school will take advantage of this golden educational opportunity. If your students have not been involved in our programmes in the past, we strongly recommend that they take part in the fall programme.

For further information or assistance, don't hesitate to contact us at the address or telephone number above.

Yours very truly,

*John D. Filliter,
Provincial Co-ordinator*