



ANHMC Update May 2025

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Annual Fall Meeting, October 20-21, 2025 Halifax, Nova Scotia

Members of the ANHMC will plan to gather this fall in Halifax for the ANHMC's annual meeting. We will be hosted by the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History and rooms have been blocked at the Lord Nelson Hotel. All full ANHMC members are entitled to one paid registration that includes travel and accommodations. Should you be interested in attending, please contact Liz McCrea at mccrealiz@gmail.com.

Bruce Naylor Award 2025

Nomination forms are on the ANHMC website, www.naturalhistmuseums.ca; we look forward to receiving your submission to recognize exceptional contributions to museum-based natural history in Canada. This award is given for achievements of local, provincial, territorial or national significance by an individual involved in the natural history field in Canada through distinctive leadership, publications or other remarkable or relevant endeavors.

2025 Call For Nominations



NOT TO MISS!

Critical Distance – An Augmented Reality Experience

A national launch of this highly interactive and exciting show will open on June 2nd at the Manitoba Museum in Winnipeg during Oceans Week, and running until September 1st. The national tour is being presented by Nature Canada. It was produced by Vision3.tv in the UK and supported by the Alliance of Natural History Museums of Canada. It is expected to open at the Royal BC Museum in Victoria in October 2025.

ANHMC MUSEUM MATTERS WEBINARS

The first season of ANHMC webinars, "Museum Matters", has been completed with webinars in January and March featuring Dr. Diana Bizecki Robson, curator of Botany from the Manitoba Museum, Dr. Cory Sheffield, Curator of Invertebrate Zoology from the Royal Saskatchewan and Dr. Glenn Sutter from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. New topics for next fall and winter are being explored. If you have a great idea on a topic that would be of interest to museum colleagues, please reach out to me at mccrealiz@gmail.com.

A National Framework for Climate Education

The ANHMC was represented and assisted at a two-day workshop held at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa on March 18-19. It was initiated and hosted by Environment and Climate Change Canada and well attended by NGO'S, teachers, students and like-minded organizations. It was two days of discussion to help formalize a framework for environmental education. A final document will be shared with the ANHMC membership when completed.

Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss Committee

Chaired by Dr. Soren Brothers, Allan and Helaine Shiff Curator of Climate Change at the ROM, the committee has been very active on a variety of fronts. From discussions on Crawford Lake, the framework on national education, and upcoming topics for ANHMC webinars, it is the place for sharing, reviewing and initiating ANHMC projects. Members represented are from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Canadian Museum of Nature, Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre, Royal Alberta Museum and the Royal BC Museum.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to me at mccrealiz@gmail.com.

Geological Association of Canada (GAC) Meeting – Ottawa May

Past President, Alwynne Beaudoin, PhD, represented the Alliance at the May meetings in Ottawa with two presentations. The first was a special session presentation on Geological collections in Canadian Museums: an underutilized resource for research with Tim Fedak from the Nova Scotia Museum, and a second presentation on Museums and geoscientists in Canada: developing a productive relationship.

NEW ANHMC Committee Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (EDIA) Committee

Julie Ross, Curator, Museum Collection Engagement Culture and Heritage Division at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre is Chair of the EDIA committee and their first committee meeting was held on April 7 th. Represented are committee members from the ROM, Royal BC Museum, Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History and the Royal Alberta Museum. If this topic is of interest to you can reach Julie at Julie_Ross@gov.nt.ca to learn more or participate in the committee meetings.

If you are interested in learning more on any of these topics, please contact
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