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The Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia (RANS) is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the food and beverage sector while impacting the operating environment of the industry in a positive way. Through government advocacy, marketing, promotion, partnerships, education and outreach, RANS has successfully represented the food and beverage sector since 1947.

A permanent office and staff is maintained to support the Association and its members, who include industry suppliers and operators. With over 1,550 restaurants that employ over 30,000 people in Nova Scotia, RANS provides support for all members and their employees by providing useful benefits and services.

The Executive committee is made up of volunteers from the industry including operators, suppliers and distributors. The committee helps guide the Association, achieve its goals and fulfill its mandate. The committee for 2010-2011 consists of Michael Howell, President; Costa Elles, Past President; Geir Simensen, Vice President; Tanya Braine, Treasurer; Richard Stevens, Secretary; and Gordon Stewart, Executive Director.

Throughout the year, RANS holds several events to help support the Association while bringing both industry operators, suppliers and distributors together. These events include the Savour food & wine Festival, Annual General Meeting, Annual Golf Tournament and various other social events. Two monthly newsletters are distributed from the office, Bite, which keeps members informed and up-to-date with new events and current trends in the industry and the Spread, distributed to consumers to keep them up-to-date on the happenings, recipes and information about the food and beverage industry.

The RANS office is located at 1161 Hollis Street, Halifax, NS, B3H 2P6. More information can be found at www.rans.ca or www.edining.ca and by calling (902) 429-5343.