

**Annual General Meeting Minutes  
ZOOM Videoconference  
April 14, 2021**

Branch web site <https://www.federalretirees.ca/Bluewater>

**Present -**

President - Chris Hawksworth  
Advocacy Chair - Gloria Cayea  
Treasurer - Diane Kerr  
Director of Membership - Bill Mason  
Outreach Coordinator - Pat Mason  
Recruitment and Engagement Director - Shawn  
Barker  
IT and Web Site Coordinator - Doug Kerr  
Member at Large - Murray Lester  
Secretary - Robert Jackson

**Regrets -**

Member at Large - Georgina MacIssac

**President Chris Hawksworth** opened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

The meeting began with the approval of the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) agenda by a show of hands.

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were read and approved by a show of hands based on a motion by Chris Hawksworth, seconded by Pat Mason.

**Chris Hawksworth** gave the President's report and introduced Branch guest Bruce Chalis. Chris also summarized an update on NAFR's seniors strategy from Linda Macdonald, chairwoman of the national advocacy committee.

**Diane Kerr** gave the Treasurer's report.

- Approval of the Reserves as presented, moved by Doug Kerr and seconded by Bob Jackson, and approved.
- Approval of the 2021 Budget as presented, moved by Bob Jackson and seconded by Bill Mason, and approved.
- The Reviewed Financial Statements for the year 2019 showing a Loss of \$824.31 were presented. Moved by Diane Kerr and seconded by Bonnie Jackson, and approved.
- The Reviewed Financial Statements for the year 2020 showing an Earnings of \$2993.71 were presented. Moved by Murray Lester and seconded by Mary Durham, and approved.
- Diane informed the meeting our reserve from 2018 was used to purchase a computer system for use by the president, and the cost was \$1581.97.
- Peter Thompson is to be our 2021/22 Financial Reviewer. Moved by Doug Kerr and seconded by Shawn Barker, and approved.

**Bill Mason**, Director of Membership, gave an overview of the membership numbers. The Branch currently has 516 members. While we gained 35 new members over the past year, we lost 38, sadly including 20 who passed away. Meanwhile efforts continue to contact former members whose memberships have lapsed.

**Pat Mason**, Outreach Coordinator, informed the meeting 113 of the Branch's members are 'offline' and so require mailing in the event written information such as AGM notification is required. The Branch will also be mailing these minutes to members. Pat ended by thanking the callers for their assistance this past spring.

**Doug Kerr** informed the meeting our website usage has increased, with approximately 500 hits over the past month. The website is also the place to go to keep track of upcoming events,

such as the golf tournament tentatively planned for August. In addition it is possible for members to update their profile and to opt into, or out of, mailings, e-mails, etc. Additionally, estate planning information is available through the members' portal.

**Gloria Cayea**, Advocacy Officer, informed the meeting of her recent work including contacting local MPs Marilyn Gladu and Benn Lobb; and MPP Bob Bailey. She noted MP Gladu appeared very interested in seniors' issues, and MPP Bailey indicated he expected a significant announcement would be forthcoming concerning Long Term Care in the next two years.

**Chris Hawksworth** chaired the elections of the Vice-President; Treasurer; and Director of Membership positions.

- The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-President and Gloria Cayea was nominated by Chris Hawksworth, seconded by Pat Mason. There being no further nominations, Gloria Cayea was declared Vice-President by show of hands.
- The floor was opened for nominations for Treasurer and Diane Kerr was nominated by Murray Lester, seconded by Pat Mason. There being no further nominations, Diane Kerr was declared Treasurer by show of hands.
- The floor was opened for nominations for Director of Membership and Bill Mason was nominated by Gloria Cayea, seconded by Pat Mason. There being no further nominations, Bill Mason was declared Director of Membership by show of hands.

Chris introduced Shawn Barker to the membership. Shawn has joined the Bluewater Board as the Recruitment and Engagement Director. Chris noted long time member Diana Wright has recently stepped down from the Board and he recognized her considerable contributions to both Branch and Board.

Under 'New Business' Chris noted the Branch will be receiving 50 copies of the estate planning booklet "You and Your Survivors" and they will be available on a first come first served basis. (As

noted earlier by Doug Kerr, the booklet is also available electronically on the NAFR website). Chris also updated the meeting on the Board's activities, on the potential August golf tournament, and noted this meeting will be available on request as a ZOOM recording.

On behalf of the Board and membership, **Bill Mason** thanked Chris for his work keeping the Branch functioning during the extraordinary circumstances imposed by the pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50pm on a motion put forward by Vicki Hawksworth.

***Prepared by***

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Secretary. - R. Jackson

***Certified by***

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President - Chris Hawksworth