

Draft**NAFR York Branch Meeting (Zoom Video Conference)****09:30 AM – 12:35 PM Tuesday September 14, 2021**

Present: Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President/Treasurer; Ken Ackles, Vice President; Linda Laffree, Membership; Marie MacPhee, Events Vasdev Sawhney, Giuseppe (Joe) Vettese, Sharon Paris, Directors-at-Large; Recording Secretary.

Regrets: Ed Millar Recording Secretary, Frank Froude Web Editor, Sharon Carson, Advocacy.

1. Review and Approval of the Agenda: Approval moved by Marie, seconded by Ken.

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of June 1, 2021: Approval moved by Sharon, seconded by Joe.

3. Action Items from the Minutes:

(a) Equipment Storage: Deferred.

4. Social Round Table. Members provided summary of their activities through the summer.

5. Reports:

(a) President: Fred spoke to his report (attached) which was circulated prior to the meeting. Fred highlighted a few points.

National received a legal opinion that they can alter Branch Bylaws. Discussion followed as to whether the Branch should have its own Bylaws. Decision was to review our Bylaws by November to make a plan for any follow up. **Action Tom** to send the Bylaws to board members and to review and report at the November meeting.

(b) Treasurer: Tom stated that there had been no activity since the June meeting.

(c) Membership: Linda reported the Branch now has 933 active members down 20 since the June meeting. There are 2 unpaid non DDS members and we still have 24 lost contacts. 1 new double membership since the June meeting.

Linda participated on a webinar on updating membership and Board details in CRM. Linda is the process of updating CRM to show the end date of current board members terms. There are some Board members that are shown more than once in each role separately rather than one record per Board member showing all the roles that they play. Linda needs Ottawa to correct some of these records. Ken is going to send the most current organization chart indicating the terms for each person. **Action Ken**

(d) Web Site: Tom highlighted the May to August web statistics for the Branch. The report is attached.

6. On-Going Business:

(a) FMM Preparations: Announcements, Speaker

Need the following

President's report: **Action Fred**

Financial Report: **Action Tom**

Announcement: **Action Marie**

Speaker is Christine Bisantz from CHATS. Speaker Bio: **Action Fred**

Thank the speaker: **Action Sharon Paris**

Invite an Ontario National Director: **Action Fred**

Fred will chair the meeting. **Action Fred**

(b) SMM Proposals

Restore Branches to 20%...**Support**

Presentation of Branch Reserves to Members **Non support**

Amend Reg 4.3 on Branch reserves Equity Surplus collection **Support**

Unallocated Charges for use of Personal re Rented Vehicle **Non Support**

Research and Development **Non Support**

Committee to review Branch Finances Support **Support**

As an aside, Tom reported on the Press release from NAFR stating that the \$500 for seniors over 75

7. Resumption of in-person Board meetings

October meeting will be via ZOOM

Need to learn what rules are in effect for:

Aurora Library **Action Tom**

Vaughn Library **Action Fred**

York Police Building **Action Tom**

8. New Business

(a) Cancer Society asked if anyone might like to be a volunteer driver.

Perhaps we can put something into Sage and create a section on the website on Community news. **For consideration: Fred, Frank**

(b) Election 2021

The timing made it more difficult for the Branch to be organized. About 20 Branch members informed Ottawa that they would be part of 338 activity. Best to get to all candidates meetings. Fred will prepare a note to go to these volunteers about what the Branch is encouraging. **Action Fred** We will send a congratulatory letter to the winners introducing ourselves and our issues. **Action Fred**

9. Trends and Concerns Review

(a) Recruitment and Retention Deferred

10. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM October 5, 2021. By Zoom

9. Adjournment: Moved by Vasdev, seconded by Joe.