

NAFR York Branch Meeting (Zoom Video Conference)

09:30 AM – 12:35 PM Tuesday June 1, 2021

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

Regrets: Sharon Carson, Advocacy.

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

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of May 4, 2021: Approval moved by Ken, seconded by Frank.

3. Action Items from the Minutes:

(a) Equipment Storage: Awaiting re-opening to resolve.

4. Reports:

(a) President: Fred spoke to his report which was circulated prior to the meeting. The report covered a listing of NAFR communications between May 7 and May 28. In addition a chart displaying the incumbents and candidates for election to the 2021 National Office Board was included along with specifics on the 2020 and 2021 AMM financial hi-lites.

(b) Treasurer: Tom circulated the financial statements prior to the meeting and noted the shutdown has resulted in no change to the Branch financial situation since the previous report. A cheque to cover the AGM door prize has not been issued. **Action: Tom.**

(c) Membership: Linda reported the Branch now has 953 active members. There are 5 unpaid members and 24 lost contacts. A webinar on retention of members was attended. Overall membership is declining and now stands at 165,000. MEDOC appears to be the main driver and some reversal may occur once the lockdowns are rescinded. HQ has been making “Win Back” calls, after membership has expired and achieved a renewal success rate greater than 40%. They have asked Branches to consider calling Non-DDS members after the 60 day

renewal notices are sent out to remind members about their upcoming renewal. York Branch considers that date too early and a call closer to the renewal date may be more successful. A York Branch phone committee could be struck in this regard. Linda will be writing HQ to present our view. **Action: Linda**

(d) Web Site: Frank reported editors have to renew each year and that was done. In response to a question Frank will report hits to site at the Sept. meeting.
Action: Frank.

5. On-Going Business:

(a) AMM Preparations, Elections, Resolutions: Fred presented two proposals (Resolutions) on the subject of Volunteer Benefits and Terminology when referring to volunteers. Past benefits such as providing a subsidized lunch for members at the twice a year general meetings or providing a free lunch for Board members attending monthly meetings are not permitted under the legislation. The second proposal is an attempt to identify different types of volunteers based on their function. Fred intends to present the proposals at Regional meetings prior to submission to the AMM. Fred listed a number issues to be discussed at the AMM including reserves and the amounts that should be allowed and a possible 60th NAFR anniversary celebration.

(b) FMM Preparations: A decision on whether an in-person, virtual or hybrid meeting cannot be made under the current restrictions. A search for a speaker is underway with the possibility of someone from the hearing affinity company.

7. Trends and Concerns Review:

(a) Recruitment and Retention: Nil.

8. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM September 14, 2021. Virtual.

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