

National Association of Federal Retirees Prince George Branch BC15

Historian Archive Report for the March 14, 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

AGM 2021 and Executive:

The AGM for the financial year ending December 31, 2020 was held March 8, 2021 virtually using Zoom due to the COVID pandemic. Guests included: Leslie Gaudette (Advocacy Program Officer, BC), Brian Strongman (Director for District of BC and Yukon), Randy Wilson (Director for District of BC and Yukon), Steve Sawchuk (BSC Fraser Valley West) and Rick Devlieger (BSC, Regional). Rick D hosted the Zoom meeting for us. 15 members attended.

Member, Hennie Cook, chaired the election of the board directors. Seven (7) branch board members were elected by acclamation to serve until the next AGM in 2022. The directors met after the AGM and assigned executive roles as follows:

President, Deb Nilsen – Deb N represented our branch for many, many virtual meetings at various levels of our association. Deb kept our branch informed and well organized.

Vice President, Marian Muir – Marian took on a new role this year as VP. She transitioned Rose into the treasurer position. Marian is back up for Deb N and took over the by-law review with Marilyn R.

Secretary, Deb Tomlinson – Deb T recorded all meeting minutes on the branch laptop and continued to be the central point for archiving branch information on the laptop. Deb T and Marilyn started a very comprehensive review of our branch by-laws. This review was recently passed over to Marian and Marilyn.

Treasurer, Rose Bowker – Rose maintained the branch's financial records on the CRM system. She stayed on as the advocacy liaison.

Seniors Liaison, Marilyn Rayner – Marilyn continued her role as our representative on the Prince George Council of Seniors. She attended many meetings and kept us informed on PGCOS matters. Marilyn is also a director for PGCOS.

Director at Large, Eileen Leinweber – Eileen continued her role as director at large for our branch.

Director / Webmaster, Ben Wiebe – Ben was new as a director and continued his role as webmaster.

AGM 2022 and Executive Nominations:

Member, Hennie Cook, will chair the election of the board directors at the 2022 AGM on March 14, 2022.

Financial Position:

For the year ending December 31, 2021 our branch financial statements were reviewed by Billie Sherwin and Hennie Cook. Finalized statements are as follows:

- Branch revenues totaled \$2,684.38; expenses \$808.56; for net earnings of \$1,875.82
- Branch net assets total \$8,996.34 with a corresponding total equity of the same amount.

The COVID pandemic restrictions have limited branch activities for over two years now. As a result, surplus funds were set up as **reserve funds**, by the executive, to provide future funds for various activities. In the fall of

2022, surpluses will be reviewed by national office and funds that are not allocated will be dealt with to ensure that the association as a whole maintains its Not-for-profit status with the Canada Revenue Agency. For the period ending December 31, 2021, total reserves are \$6,000.

Branch Meetings Held in 2021 to AGM in March 2022:

AGM – Mar 7, 2021 (Zoom) 15 members attended

Executive Meetings – Mar 1 and May 31, 2021 (Zoom); Sept 9, 2021; Dec 6, 2021 and Mar 7, 2022 (in person)

General Meetings – June 7, 2021 (Zoom, no quorum available, info only); Sept 13, 2021 (Zoom 18 members)

Christmas Meeting - Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions in our Northern Health District, the annual Christmas meeting was cancelled. An email Christmas message was sent out to members.

Branch Website and Email: The National Association of Federal Retirees continues to host our branch web page and updates are sent in through our webmaster, Ben Wiebe. Ben continues to communicate with national office to stream line this process. To access the web page go to:

<https://www.federalretirees.ca/en/branches/british-columbia/prince-george-branch>

In 2021, Marian Muir set us up with our new email account through national office. The new email address is: Princegeorgebranch@federalretirees.ca . Branch meeting minutes and the various corresponding reports are posted on our web page

Branch Initiatives:

Prince George Council of Seniors – Our branch remains a member. Marilyn Rayner continued to represent our branch at monthly meetings. She is also a director on the PGCOS board.

National Public Service Week (NPSW) June 13 to 19, 2021 – The branch recognized current federal employees for their service to Canadians. Thank you posters and email message were sent to 12 federal departments and one union.

Reach 338 Federal Election Campaign – A letter campaign was initiated by national office in September 2021. Our branch emailed letters and our corresponding priority publication, to 17 candidates within our branch boundaries. Follow up congratulatory letters were sent in January 2022 to the 3 successful MPs.

In January 2021, our branch finished up a similar letter campaign for the BC Provincial election. That campaign was started in the fall of 2020 to coincide with the BC Election.

Contacts in Various Communities – At the Sept general meeting hosted on Zoom, a member from Smithers joined us. We purchased a computer camera and microphone so that when in person meetings start up again, out of town members can join us via Zoom. We are working on setting up a group of members in Smithers to join future meetings via Zoom. Then we will expand this to Quesnel, Vanderhoof and possibly other areas within our branch boundaries if there is enough interest.

Branch Information:

The Historian and Treasurer information/records are stored in the branch's file cabinet at the Treasurer's residence.

Branch meeting minutes, various reports, and other information are kept in electronic format on the Branch laptop. Our branch membership stands at 365 as at February 28, 2022.

Rose Bowker

March 7, 2022