



Branch 45 Board Meeting – Conducted at Branch 99 RCL Friday, 6 May 2022

Good Day All:

The 6 May 2022 in-person board meeting of Branch 45, Quinte, had the following members in attendance: Dennis Margueratt (President), Joan Rockburne (Immediate Past President), Danielle DeMille, Pat Russell (Immediate Past Treasurer), Sally Margueratt (Secretary Designate).

I declared a quorum for the purposes of conducting the Branches business.

- a. I welcomed the participants to the Board Meeting and thanked out going President, Joan Rockburne, and out going Treasurer Pat Russell, for their service to the Branch these past three years. Fortunately, both Joan and Pat have agreed to remain ex-officio members of the Board to assist with the transition to the new leadership.
- b. Past Treasurer Pat reported that the Branch had a current bank balance of \$14,451.79.
- c. Appointment of Officers – Section 5.5 of the Branch By-Laws state – “The Branch board may appoint members to serve as officers with duties and responsibilities and may specify and amend the officers’ duties and responsibilities as required.” To that end, the Board has appointed Daniel DeMille as Branch Treasurer, and Sally Margueratt as Branch Secretary. John Lutz has indicated he may wish to serve as a Board Director. John was unable to attend the Board meeting and will indicate his preferences at a later date. **(Subsequent to this meeting, Daniel DeMille rescinded his appointment as Treasurer because of a conflict with his previous employment. At this time the Branch does not have a Treasurer).**
- d. Office Space – I questioned the need for an office, but after speaking to PP Joan and PT Pat it was decided that the Branch will retain its office space within Branch 99 RCL for the time being.
- e. Cheque Signing authority – I agreed to complete a letter addressed to the BoM at 201 Front Street that will change the cheque signing authority to reflect the new Board. **(Now that we no longer have a Treasurer, this action may be redundant. Will have to investigate further).**
- f. Branch Financial Management – Pat explained the process for retrieving Branch dues from National and the methodology for retrieving bank statements. Pat also pointed out that Barry Birkett had been and possibly could remain our Branch reviewer of financial documents at year end.

- g. Branch Email Address – a recommendation has been received to change the Branch email address from its current gmail account to a NAFR account. After brief discussion it was decided that the Branch will change to the NAFR account. The new Branch email address will be quintebranch@federalretirees.ca **Action – President. (The move to this new email address is now complete).**
- h. I and my wife Sally attended the Ontario District AMM 26 -28 April and will attend the National AMM 20 – 24 June. For the Ontario Meeting we had the opportunity to hear briefly from the three candidates running for the position of National President. We also learned a great deal about how the organization operates and the importance of advocacy to the organization. The candidates for National President are Simon Coakeley, Jacques Lambert, and Roy Goodall. I will cast a ballot at the National AMM on behalf of the Branch for the election of one of these candidates. Any member may contact me to express their preference up to the start of the National AMM.
- i. Frequency of Board Meetings - After a brief discussion it was decided that the Branch will conduct four (4) Board Meetings per year with one being the AMM. The meetings will occur approximately in Sep, early Nov, late Apr, and June. It should be noted that Branch members are always welcome to attend Board meetings although only the executive and directors are permitted to vote at Board meetings.
- j. Social Events – it has been a while since the Branch has had the opportunity to meet socially. To that end, the Board will attempt to hold a social event in September for all members and a Christmas luncheon in early November. **What is really needed is a Social Convenor to organize Branch social events.**
- k. Advocacy Ontario Elections – the Ontario elections are to be held on 2 June. Given the short time frame and a new Board, it was decided that no active advocacy will take place. That being said, members are encouraged to apprise themselves of the party platforms noting which parties are advancing issues around senior care and access to prescription drugs and dental plans.
- l. Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.
- m. Next Board Meeting – The next Board Meeting is tentatively planned for Friday, 16 September 2022, at 1:00 PM at Branch 99 RCL.

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Feel free to email me directly if you would like to help with the Branch's operations.