

**Branch Board Meeting Minutes  
Hi-Way Bowl  
November 2, 2022**

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

**Present -**

President - Lawrie Lachapelle  
Treasurer - Diane Kerr  
Director of Membership - Bill Mason  
Outreach Coordinator - Pat Mason  
IT and Web Site Coordinator - Doug Kerr  
Member at Large - Murray Lester  
Secretary - Robert Jackson

**Regrets -**

Vice President / Advocacy - Gloria Cayea  
Past President - Chris Hawksworth

**President Lawrie Lachapelle** opened the meeting at 11 am.

The minutes of the October 12, 2022, Branch Board meeting were approved on a motion by **Murray** seconded by **Diane**.

**Lawrie** stated the e-mail blast and invitations for the annual Christmas function will be amended to indicate a meal cost for members and potential members of \$10. Additionally revised emphasis will be placed on the recruitment aspect of the function.

**Lawrie** will invite various NAFR officials to attend the Christmas function should they wish to partake in the festivities.

**Lawrie** will temporarily assume the responsibilities of the Recruitment Director. To this end he will obtain additional copies of the recruitment poster prepared by National, and work with **the**

**Board** and other members to have the poster displayed in local Post Offices, Legions and federal offices. Lawrie will also speak with the CCG Employee Association and the CCG Alum representatives in hopes of furthering distribution of the poster.

**Lawrie** updated the Board on items discussed at the recent District meeting, which also had been discussed at previous District and national meetings. The voting structure, and particularly the distribution of votes by Branch has been raised as a cause for concern. **Lawrie** felt this topic was dominating discussions to the detriment of issues related to the core functions of NAFR – membership, recruitment, and advocacy. In response to a query from **Lawrie**, **Doug** shared an example of where the advantage of large voting blocks may have resulted in a benefit to the large Branches – travel regulations.

**The Board** discussed the need to prepare its 2023 budget and upcoming bank charges for its account. ***Board members are asked to inform Lawrie of their availability for a budget planning meeting to be held sometime during the weeks of November 9'th and 16'th. Board members are also asked to prepare their budget requests for discussion at the meeting.***

The meeting adjourned on a motion by **Diane** second by **Murray** at 12 pm.