

Branch Board Meeting Minutes London Line Burger February 1, 2023

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Present -

President - Lawrie Lachapelle
Treasurer - Diane Kerr
Director of Membership - Bill Mason
Vice President / Advocacy - Gloria Cayea
Past President - Chris Hawksworth
Outreach Coordinator - Pat Mason
IT and Web Site Coordinator - Doug Kerr
Member at Large - Murray Lester
Secretary - Robert Jackson

President Lawrie Lachapelle opened the meeting at 11 am.

The minutes of the November 2, 2022, Branch Board meeting were approved on a motion by **Murray** seconded by **Diane**.

Lawrie summarized his contact with the Coast Guard Alum and the DFO Employees Association. He will seek to have the NAFR recruitment poster placed in the DFO offices and requested any board members with contacts at other NAFR eligible work places to investigate displaying the poster there.

Diane tabled the draft Branch reserve By-Law amendment required by National Office. The Board approved the draft on a motion by **Diane** seconded by **Murray**. The draft amendment will accompany the invite to this year's AGM, and be tabled at that meeting for approval.

Diane tabled the draft 2023 budget and requested input by February 10. Discussion followed concerning funding for recruitment.

Diane reminded the Board a webinar related to recruitment funding (Member direct benefits webinar Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1 p.m. EST "We will review the GST requirements for member-only activities and the differences to recruitment activities to assist you in planning spring meetings.") and a webinar on reserves (Reserves webinar Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1 p.m. EST "Reserves are revised after the annual review has been completed. We will discuss how to update and show usage and changes to reserves for presentation to members at the annual general meeting (AGM), as is now required by the regulations.") will be available for viewing live or later as a recording.

The Board noted our spring bowling event will be deemed a 'social event' and no subsidy will be applied. **The Board** also noted guest speakers at general meetings will be provided an honorarium in the amount of \$50 and their lunch will be provided at no cost.

Due to schedule conflicts **the Board** changed the dates of the pre-AGM Board meeting and AGM meeting to March 8 and March 29, 2023, respectively. **Lawrie** will invite Ted Young to our AGM.

Lawrie discussed past NAFR studies including the funding of Branches, a NAFR structure study and a Powerpoint presentation comparing NAFR to other retirement organizations. **Lawrie** undertook to forward the PowerPoint presentation to the Board. **Lawrie** questioned the Board's past involvement in these initiatives and indicated the studies will be a topic of discussion at the next District meeting.

Gloria questioned why Board approval was required when booking venues for our meetings. It was agreed Board approval is not required unless the event is a recruitment event.

Chris suggested the Board should look into how to best serve the needs of our members in the extreme northern portion of the Branch. Perhaps these members may better be served by another Branch, e.g. London or Huron?

The Board noted elections will be held this year for the Vice President; Treasurer; and Director of Membership positions. To date there is only one known candidate for the Director of Mem-

bership position, and none declared for the other two. **The Board** is encouraged to recruit nominees for these elected positions. A notice of the elections and calling for nominees will accompany this year's AGM invite.

In addition to the vacancies in the elected positions, **the Board** noted it will have vacancies the following appointed positions: Advocacy; Recruitment and Engagement Director; and Secretary

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm on a motion by **Murray** seconded by **Diane**