

National Association of Federal Retirees (NAFR) York Branch

Twenty Fourth Annual General Meeting (AGM)

10:00 – 11:50 AM Tuesday April 19, 2022

Zoom Video Conference

1. Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Fred Conway who welcomed those who had registered. A total of 33 members including 10 Board Members and financial reviewer Michael Yee joined the meeting.

The President introduced the members of the Board and the financial reviewer Michael Yee and outlined the guidelines for the conduct of the meeting.

Prior to the meeting the proposed Agenda, the Minutes of the 2021 AGM, the York Branch 2021 Financial Statements including Balances and Earnings/Loss, the draft 2022 Budget a display of the Branch Reserves and the revised Bylaws were posted to the Branch Website for review by the members.

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda: Under item 9(a) add Provincial Election and 9(b) add Project 338. Approval moved by Dan Bandy, seconded by Frank Froude. Carried.

3. Review and Approval of the 2021 AGM Minutes: Approval moved by Linda Laffree, seconded by Sheldon Weiser. Carried.

4. Presidents Report: President Fred Conway opened his remarks with the hope that the Fall Membership Meeting (FMM) could be in person. He noted the most recent Board meeting had been held in-person at the Aurora Legion using a hybrid format to allow members out of the country to participate. Fred encouraged members to make use of the website which is kept up to date and does not have the same lag time as the Branch report in SAGE. He noted the Branch participation in a recruitment ad placed in the Legion Esprit de Corps magazine. Upcoming AMM and District meetings will focus on elections and the growth of the membership was noted as was the restrictions placed on providing benefits to members. Members may not receive more than a negligible personal benefit from their membership (hence York Branch's traditional subsidized lunch is no longer possible). Otherwise NAFR dues would be subject to tax (e.g. GST or

HST). Since the tax situation differs from province to province or territory, dues collection by DDS (Direct Deduction from source – i.e. the pension cheque) would no longer be possible, and the majority of members pay by DDS. The increased cost of dues collection to NAFR would be very high. The increase in dues to pay the tax and cover the increased costs would be considerable.

5. Website Update: Web Master Frank Froude displayed the website on screen and explained the layout and where members can locate information. Members were shown where Federal and Provincial ridings and members were located.

6. Acceptance of Revised and Reviewed Bylaws: Past President and Treasurer Tom Nichols summarized the reason for changes to the Branch Bylaws. Tom moved, seconded by Sharon Carson that the revised Bylaws be accepted. Carried.

7. Treasurers Report: Treasurer Tom Nichols presented the Reserves Motion Template totalling \$7,500.00. Tom moved, seconded by Dan Bandy the Template be approved. Carried.

The reviewed Financial Statements for the year 2021 showing net earnings of \$3,617.19 were presented. Tom Nichols moved acceptance of the Statements, seconded by Joe Vettese. Carried.

The 2022 Budget for York Branch was presented. Moved by Tom Nichols that the budget for 2022 be accepted, seconded by Joe Vettese. Carried.

Tom Nichols moved, seconded by Joe Vettese that Michael Yee be approved as the York Branch Reviewer for 2022. Carried.

8. Elections: Using the Organization Chart Tom Nichols identified the Board members who had elected to remain on the Board for another term. Ken Ackles, who is stepping down was thanked for his many years of service. Tom called twice for nominations from the floor and hearing none the following were elected for a three year term as directors: Sharon Carson, Sharon Paris, Ed Millar, Frank Froude and Vasdev Sawhney. The position of President is elected annually and Fred Conway agreed to stand for 2022. After calling twice for nominations from the floor and hearing none Fred Conway was elected for a one year term.

9. New Business:

(a) Provincial Election: Fred Conway asked members to review NAFR priorities.

(b) Project 338: Sharon Carson asked members to contact Federal and Provincial members using the main talking points of Veterans, Environment, Pensions and Long Term Care.

10. Adjournment: Moved by Frank Froude, seconded by Ken Ackles.

Door Prize: The door prize was won by Louis Vignault.

Guest Speaker: President Fred Conway introduced Jean-Guy Souliere retiring President of the National Association of Federal Retirees (NAFR). Mr. Souliere noted Branches are the pillars of the organization. He reviewed his 30 year history with the organization and felt that meeting with Branches was a key role of the President. The mission of NAFR is, in his opinion, what makes us vibrant resulting in a good pension plan, health plan and dental plan. The three pillars of the organization – Volunteers, Branches and the National Office are key along with bringing people with talents into the organization. Going forward the renegotiation of the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) recognizing that it must be kept affordable under the 50/50 split in costs and adding Pharmacare which he recognizes as a saving vehicle are priorities.

Mr. Souliere answered a number of questions following which Fred Conway and Tom Nichols thanked him for his many years of volunteer service.

President