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UPCOMING EVENTS

**York Branch
Fall Membership Meeting**
17 Oct 2023
(in person and online)
10:30 am-12:00
Guest Speaker: TBD

Branch Board Meetings
(in person and online)
Sept 12, 2023
Oct 3, 2023
Nov 7, 2023 (online only)

This report is being written at the end of June to accommodate SAGE publishing deadlines, to be in your hands in the fall. NAFR’s Annual Members’ Meeting has just ended, but by the fall this will be stale news, but deadlines are deadlines! For more current information, check out our website! (see sidebar)

The main purpose of this Branch insert is to contact as many York Branch members as possible with written notice of our annual Fall Membership Meeting. E-mail invitations don’t reach everyone, since many do not have or share e-mail addresses. Branches need to be involved in all of NAFR’s activity areas. Advocacy is the most important for NAFR as a whole, to defend our pensions and interests as older Canadians. For Branches, the most important activity is working for member involvement in NAFR and participation in its affairs. Your Branch executive can only try – it’s an uphill battle.

All volunteer organizations are suffering from a shortage of new blood, NAFR branches across Canada among them. We can’t seem to recruit the “younger generation” – and only in organizations like NAFR does this mean people aged 55-65. The 2023 AMM approved projects to help with Branch finances, in case funding is the problem, and a further project to look at Branch structure, in case the problem is there. There are also proposals for a new digital marketing strategy to help with awareness among potential members and the public in general. The National Board will be asked to fund this strategy in 2024. NAFR has built up a considerable bank balance due to forced inactivity during COVID years, so the funding will probably be found.

Plans for the FMM were incomplete at the end of June. Ensuring that attendees can hear the proceedings is still a work in progress. It helped that using a smaller room than in the past for the spring meeting, but the result was a little too cozy. We are still planning to use the Richvale Community Centre (central location with good parking), with a good speaker and some refreshments after a short NAFR update. York Board would also like to mark NAFR’s 60th anniversary in some way. This year as seen an important milestone in our history – completion of the PSHCP renegotiations. NAFR is the only pensioner representative involved in that effort, speaking for all retirees.



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This newsletter can't conclude without a final word about advocacy.

Federal retirees seem to be complacent on the whole – there seem to be no threats to our pensions on the horizon. Another federal election is not far off, and it would not take much for retrenchment to become the order of the day, with “fat cat” pensioners in the crosshairs. Some Provincial governments would like health care, and in particular the Long Term Care (LTC) issue, to settle down. The Federal Government created standards for LTC, but this is a provincial issue. It is important that there BE standards, and that they be ENFORCED. This will only happen with voter pressure, and this must be ONGOING pressure.

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PARTICIPATE

Please consider participating actively in Branch and Association activities.

The Branch would like

- Someone interested in updating the sound equipment to take advantage of the newer hearing aids. If you have a knack with electronics this could be you.
- Someone to set up the equipment for general meetings.
- You to join the Board to work on issues affecting Federal retirees

