

## BC09 BOD MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2024

We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the Traditional Lands of the Lekwungen-speaking Peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

**Location:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 292,  
411 Gorge Road East, Victoria, B.C.

**Time:** 9:31 a.m.

**In Attendance:** James Dallimore, Patricia Francis, Jennifer Furry, Anne Jolicoeur, Elizabeth (Libby) MacRae, Sue Martin, Shirley Roberts, Gordon Usipiuk, J. Ray Webber

**Guest:** Benny Wong

**Regrets:** David Stinson

**Quorum:** Yes

### Approval of Agenda:

M/ Ray      S/ Gordon      Carried

### Approval of Minutes: January 2, 2024, meeting

M/ Libby      S/ Ray      Carried

## 1. REPORTS

### A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Libby

- An RFP will be issued soon seeking governance models and processes. The resulting report will be considered by the branch restructuring committee consisting of six districts and three board representatives.
- The first draft of new Strategic plan will be circulated to branches this month with a request for comments to be forwarded to District Directors and Board Chair and Vice-Chair by end of February.
- Benchmarking is being done with the Public Service Dental Plan and the new Canadian Dental Care Plan to see which is more advantageous for members.
- Results of the membership survey have been released and confirm that we are on the right path for advocacy with pensions and health care on the top, followed by long-term care and a national senior's strategy to improve health and quality of life.
- A webinar, held at the end of November, is now available on the history of CPP, its performance and the potential consequences of an Alberta Pension Plan.
- The Association made a submission relating to the Safe Long-term Care Act; it can be read online.

- AMM is June 18 – 20 at Lac Leamy in Gatineau. The President and one observer per branch (at the Branch's expense) may attend. At this moment there isn't any indication that Zoom available.
- Summer Sage submissions due March 31; in members' homes June 3-12, date range for events June 4-Sept. 12 – we will discuss at our next meeting.

**B. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Anne

- Anne advised that all accounts at Coast Capital have been closed. The Reserve Report was reviewed in detail and after discussion, the following actions were taken:
  - Reserved Equity – IT & Equipment
    - It was moved that the amount in this category be increased to \$24,000  
**M/ Anne S/ Sue Carried**
  - Reserved Equity – Training/Succession Planning
    - It was moved that the amount in this category be increased from \$22,000 to \$25,000  
**M/ Anne S/ Ray Carried**

**C. ADVOCACY:** Gordon/Libby

NO has identified a change in how the advocacy plan is to be developed. Each Branch's Advocacy plan is to be built from the ground up. Therefore, Gordon and Libby have developed a preliminary plan which identifies three priorities:

- Letters to our three MPs; Elizabeth May, Saanich-Gulf Islands, Randall Garrison, Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke and Laurel Collins, Victoria.
- Meet with at least one of the three MPs in the Greater Victoria area; and
- Develop a letter with the NAFR Duncan Branch and send to Alistair MacGregor MP for Cowichan-Malahat-Langford. The Duncan Branch is planning to meet with Alistair MacGregor so declined participating in the in-person meeting.

Libby and Gordon will also meet with the APO. A Zoom meeting is planned for Monday Feb. 12 at 3:00.

**D. HEALTH BENEFITS:** Shirley/David

Shirley has had a couple of inquiries but it seems that it is getting easier to contact Canada Life.

**E. MEMBERSHIP:** Ray

An expression of thanks has been received and is attached at the end of these minutes.

**F. RECRUITMENT:** All

Nothing to report at this time.

**G. SPEAKERS PROGRAM:** Patricia

Our AGM speaker, Joan Wallace, has requested a dedicated parking spot near the door which we are not able to guarantee. Instead, board members will greet her and assist her with bringing in any equipment she brings to use at the meeting. Patricia will ask her to provide copies of any material she wishes to distribute or provide a link as to where the material may be accessed.

**H. PREFERRED PARTNER PROGRAM:** Gordon

Gordon is working to verify ongoing participation of our partners and getting them to sign a current contract. There is some potential for new partners. Gordon to invite a variety of our partners to our September meeting where they will be able to distribute information on what services their company provides and why members may be interested in their company.

**I. WEBSITE:** Anne

Anne advised that the website domain, [federalretireesvictoria.ca](http://federalretireesvictoria.ca), will close at the end of 2024. During this year anyone who tries to access the site will be directed to the National website.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

- Branch Banking Initiative Update:

Anne advised the following:

- Coast Capital accounts have been closed and money transferred to NO, except for \$200.00 petty cash. The petty cash will be held by the Treasurer.
- We are fully engaged with the NO branch banking initiative.
- Shaw bill has been paid for a year.
- Microsoft 365 Family Subscription has been renewed.

**B. AGM**

- E-Blasts: Scheduled 3 notices of AGM – First e-blast went out January 19<sup>th</sup>, next one is February 21<sup>st</sup> and last one March 5<sup>th</sup>. Members will be provided a link to the page on the website with all of the pertinent documents. By law 9.6 was reviewed which confirms that we do not need to vote on the reserves.
- Documents: The agenda for the AGM was reviewed and confirmed.
- Review of Annual Financial Statements: During the review we were reminded that the 2023 budget was high because the Sidney Branch was joining us. The increase in the regional district and national meeting expenses is due to the increase in travel costs e.g. gas, airfare.

- Nomination Chair: Nothing further to report.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. BC/Yukon District Conference 2024, 6 – 8 May, Abbotsford BC**

Libby, Patricia and Benny are planning to attend. Libby will be the contact person and advise the organizers of the participants arrival date of May 5.

#### **B. NO Annual Finance Webinars**

Just a reminder of the upcoming webinars – please register beforehand.

### **4. ROUNDTABLE:**

Gordon mentioned that there is a link on page 2 in the latest bulletin to branches to an article by Pamela White providing a very thorough critique of the transfer of the health care plan from Sun Life to Canada Life. Patricia has a request from My Care Base to come as a guest speaker. After reviewing what services they provide, it was decided to decline at this time as they do not appear to fit our audience.

**UPCOMING BOD MEETINGS:** March 5, April 2, and June 4.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: AGM** March 12, 2024

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**M/ Patricia S/ Anne Carried**

To: The Members of the National  
Association of Federal Retirees



Thank you most sincerely for your kind  
support and condolences, following the  
passing of Anne - my beloved wife,  
on September 23, 2023.

*Nigel Brodeur*

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VAdm (ret'd)

With my special thanks to the  
Victoria - Fred Whitehouse Branch