



## Minutes of Annual Members' Meeting – National Association of Federal Retirees

*Monday, April 22, 2024 (in person)*

### Southern Alberta Branch No. 18

1. This meeting was held in person and called to order by President, Richard CHEVRIER, who welcomed everyone. A Moment of Silence was held to honor all the members whom we've lost over the past year.

#### Approval of Agenda

**It was agreed by consensus** to approve the agenda as outlined for this meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes

**It was agreed by consensus** the minutes of the Annual Members' meeting of April 24, 2023 be accepted as distributed.

2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** Nil

3. **BRANCH REPORTS (via slide presentation):**

#### **Membership (Judy CARTWRIGHT):**

Our membership numbers have been decreasing steadily since 2020. As of this date there are 804 members in our Branch. The loss of membership can be attributed to: death, transfers to other Branches, and those choosing to leave the association. Letters were sent to 9 non-DDS members whose dues lapsed encouraging them to rejoin us, however, only 1 responded and requested not to rejoin.

Report acceptance moved by Judy CARTWRIGHT, seconded by Shirley HILL. Carried.

#### **Finance (Don WICKENS):**

"Reserves Motion Template, attached, totalling \$9,550.00 was presented in accordance with Branch By-laws."

"The Reviewed Financial Statements for the 2023 showing an Earnings (Loss) of -\$1,098.01 were presented in accordance with Branch By-laws."

"Year 2024 Budget showing earnings/loss of -\$1610.00 was presented as approved moved by Don WICKENS, seconded by Maria FITZPATRICK and carried January 8, 2024."

"Reviewer for the 2024 will be Pattie VAN DEN BERGHE. Moved by Don WICKENS, seconded by Anneke NYENHUIS, Carried."

#### **Advocacy (Maria FITZPATRICK):**

1. Overview of ongoing advocacy
2. Comments on Advocacy being the mandate of our association
3. Sign the letters on your table, add your MP/MLA name and include your address for politician to respond to you. Maria will collect and drop off at their offices. Copies of these letters are available at the office
4. Take home the notes on our two main issues and write your own letter to your MP/MLA and include a personal story about one of the issues and ask that they take action (be specific) and ask for a response identifying what they did and when.
5. Summary of responses from the four politicians - Glen Motz, Rachael Thomas, Nathan Neudorf and Shannon Phillips.
6. Summary of report:
  - a) Overview of ongoing work
  - b) Identify the mandate of our association - ADVOCACY
  - c) 2 Letters to sign
  - d) Notes on our issues for a personal letter.
  - e) Summary of our politicians' responses

Advocacy Report acceptance was moved by Maria FITZPATRICK, seconded by Sheila PESZAT and carried.

**President (Richard CHEVRIER):**

The hard work performed by the Advocacy Team was acknowledged. As Advocacy is the heartbeat of our Association, members were encouraged to become actively involved in Branch and Association Advocacy initiatives.

Members were also encouraged to access the Branch #18 Website housed on the National NAFR Website. They were reminded that this site can be used to keep up to date on National, District and Branch initiatives that are ongoing or have taken place over the past year as well as advertising upcoming events. Recent AGM minutes, including the one that will be produced for this 2024 AGM are also accessible through this site. If any assistance is required to access this site, please contact our office and the volunteers will be happy to help navigate.

The Branch will be holding a BBQ to celebrate Public Service Week. All current and retired Federal employees are invited to attend. It will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Elks Compound in the river bottom starting at 11:30 am. There will be no cost for members and potential members.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer for the Branch can do so as a “friend of the Association”. There is no need to be a Board member to help out the Branch. If anyone wishes to volunteer, please contact our office and we will work with you to design a schedule that fits the time you have to offer and the function in which you wish to get involved.

**New Business – Branch Elections (Gary OBERG – Nominations Committee Member)**

Elections need to be held at this AGM for the positions of Vice-President, Secretary, and 2 Members at Large. All are 3 year terms and are effective at the conclusion of today's AGM. The current Secretary has let her name stand.

Results: Vice-President: Don WICKENS (by acclamation)

Secretary – Anneke NYENHUIS (by acclamation)

Members at Large: Judy CARTWRIGHT, Maria FITZPATRICK, Sheila PESZAT, Fred NOWICKI and Alan MATHIESON (by acclamation)

Presentation was made by Richard CHEVRIER: Association Appreciation Certificate and 5 year pin were presented to Don WICKENS in recognition of his stellar involvement managing the Southern Alberta Branch.

**Adjournment:** 2:00 pm.

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Richard CHEVRIER, President

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Anneke NYENHUIS, Secretary