

## NAFR York Branch Meeting

09:30 – 11:55 AM March 5, 2024

### Video Meeting (Zoom)

**Present:** Fred Conway, President; Tom Nichols, Past President; John Macphee, Treasurer; Marie Macphee, Events; Frank Froude, Web Editor; Linda Laffree, Membership; Vasdev Sawhney, Joe Vettesse, Directors-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary. Keith Chang attended as a guest of the President.

**Regrets:** Nil.

Fred Conway introduced member Keith Chang to the Board.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Moved by Marie, seconded by Linda.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of January 10, 2024:** Approval moved by Linda, seconded by Frank.
3. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
  - (a) **Equipment Storage:** Nil.
  - (b) **AGM Location, Responsibilities:** Marie noted the Aurora Legion is booked for April 16. A check will be made regarding insurance requirement. An eblast with documentation will be sent out prior to the meeting. A speaker has been selected who will talk about wealth transfer. Tom will introduce the speaker and provide a gift. Ed to provide coffee, cups and treats. Marie will look after providing food within the funds permitted. Fred to provide a list of registered members for attendance purposes. Name tags, table cloths in storage bins. Hall set-up and clean-up all.
  - (c) **Branch Mailing Address:** Fred described a virtual address available for \$19.99/month with one recipient plus an extra \$5.00 for a second recipient. Mail received can be virtually read and shredded if required. Moved by John, seconded by Marie that the Branch utilize the virtual mailing address.

### Reports:

- (a) **President:** Fred listed a number of issues from the latest Bulletins2Branches noting the updating of the National Office Website,

training for Branch Presidents, location of AMM meeting to Gatineau, vacancies to be filled and work on the Strategic Plan. June 29 is the SAGE deadline.

**(b) Treasurer:** Tom distributed the statements to be approved at the AGM.

The Statement of Earnings & Loss including the 2024 Budget and Statement of Balances was discussed. The amount of each Reserve in case of need was noted and discussed.

John noted cheques have been signed to cover expense claims and will be mailed.

**(c) Membership:** Linda spoke to her report noting a net increase of one to 984 although new members totaled 15. There were 5 unpaid active, 5 voluntary losses (new category), 1 deceased and 27 lost contacts.

**(d) Website Editor:** Frank stated that a number of technical issues were solved with the help of the National Office. A discussion on including the President's Report and the Federal/Provincial ridings was held. Branch boundaries expanded with the collapse of the Oshawa Branch.

**(e) Advocacy:** Vasdev will represent the Branch on Advocacy issues.

#### **(5) New Business:**

t (a) **District Meeting:** Fred circulated the Agenda and would like input from the Board. Fred, Keith and Vasdev to attend the meeting.

t (b) **Appointment of New Director:** Fred moved to appoint Keith Chang to the Board of York Branch, seconded by Tom.

(c) **SAGE60:** A new product sent out electronically but not everyone received it.

(d) **Recruitment & Retention:** Members urged to bring a friend to the AGM.

(e) **Trends and Concerns Review:** Tom to circulate a Globe & Mail article on Productivity. Positive and negative impact of new technology i.e. AI.

Pharmacare and how it may affect retirees.

**6. Next Meeting: 09:30 AM April 2, 2024 Aurora Legion. Practice session for AGM.**

**7. Adjournment:** Moved by Tom.