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Message from the President

Dear members,

Congratulations to Donald Déry, our outgoing President, on his appointment as Chairman of the Board of FADOQ Outaouais. It's with mixed feelings that we bid farewell to an inspiring leader for the benefit of a partner association. The good news is that Donald will remain on the Board, sharing his experience and energy with us.

In this transition, the spirit is one of continuity. Your branch will continue to offer quality services, through its dedicated staff, to meet your needs. For example, we will maintain a varied offer of lunch meetings and videoconferences on topics of interest to our members. In addition, we regularly add new partners to offer you discounts on various products and services.

Last June, board and staff members held a strategic planning session to develop an action plan for the next three years. The emphasis is on recruiting and retaining members, as numbers are important in defending the interests of retirees. More specifically, a group of volunteers will devote

their efforts to contacting our members (current, future and former, including public servants still employed by the Public Service) in order to make us known and encourage membership.

Finally, your section will continue to seek alliances with other organizations to increase its influence and thus better represent you.



Kind regards

Réal Fortin

President of the Outaouais Branch

Do we have your most recent contact details?

To ensure that you receive our newsletter, our targeted messages and that we can contact you if necessary, please make sure we have your most recent contact information by calling 819-776-4128 or by e-mail at admin@anrf-outaouais.ca

Branch Annual General Meeting

We held our Annual General Meeting on April 10, 2024 at la Cabane en bois ronds. On this occasion, four outgoing directors were reappointed to the Board for a further two-year term, and three new members joined the branch's Board of Directors.

Your representatives on the Board of Directors

Réal Fortin, President: Réal has expertise in managing an operational group, focused on customer service and accountability to the business community. He is retired from Corporations Canada, a branch of the Department of Industry. He joined the Board in 2023 and, until becoming President in June 2024, was responsible for the recruitment and retention of members and volunteers. In addition, he chaired a Board committee dedicated to the continuous improvement of the integrated recruitment and retention program for members and volunteers. As President, he is primarily responsible for ensuring that the Branch complies with the Association's by-laws and policies; calling and chairing meetings; acting as the Branch's spokesperson at national membership meetings; and promoting the interests of his Branch.



Lyne McMillan, Vice-President: Lyne is retired from the federal government. During her 30-year career, 25 of which as a financial analyst, she worked for various government departments. Her expertise lies mainly in accounting operations, corporate accounting, providing financial advice, policy interpretation and development, training and financial systems. She has many years of volunteer experience with the Financial Management Institute, including the past two years as a member of the organizing committee for the Professional Development Week, an annual event that attracts around 4,500 participants.

Lyne also holds extensive experience in translating, writing and proofreading texts in both official languages. She recently joined the Board of Directors and was appointed Vice-President in June 2024. In this capacity, she assumes the duties of the President in his absence. She is also responsible for recruiting and retaining members and volunteers, and assumes the role of webmaster.

René Caron, Treasurer: René comes from a military background and is retired from the Department of National Defence. He has served as Secretary-treasurer of Soccer Quebec for the past four years. Previously, he was involved as a volunteer at various administrative levels in local and regional soccer. As Treasurer of our Branch since 2020, René has charge and custody of the Branch's funds. He maintains Branch financial accounts and acts as primary signatory for transactions, and he reports on Branch financial matters to the Board and to the members of the Branch at the Annual General Meetings.



Jacques Lecompte, Secretary: Jacques has expertise in project management, feasibility studies, procedure writing and ISO 9001 certification for management systems. He is retired from Global Affairs Canada. As Secretary to the Board, he is responsible for drafting, signing and keeping the minutes of meetings, the custody of the Branch's by-laws and archives; maintaining a register of directors' mandates, keeping these documents up to date on a regular basis.



Michelle Page, Head of Communications: Michelle Page is an occupational health nurse, retired from the CLSC de Hull. Michelle is in charge of communications, having been webmaster for the past 6 years and responsible for organizing videoconferences. These tasks have now been delegated to the member services manager, but she continues to provide support as needed. She is a member of the branch's website development committee. She also sits on the Board of Directors of Mycologues amateurs de l'Outaouais, a scientific leisure club.

Alan Conway, Director: Alan worked for 30 years in the federal public service, 3 years as a translator and 27 years as a conference interpreter. He is interested in everything related to communication, especially access to information for those who, like him, have a visual impairment.



Donald Déry, Director: Donald is a health promotion specialist and civilian retiree from the Department of National Defence and the Quebec healthcare system. He has been on the Branch's Board of Directors since 2015 and served as President from 2017 to 2024. He served on the Board of Directors of FADOQ Outaouais and TCARO for several years. Donald was appointed President of FADOQ-Région Outaouais on June 6 and, as a result, resigned from his position as President on June 21, 2024. He will remain a director on the Outaouais Branch Board to ensure a smooth transition.

Diane Rioux, Director: Diane is a human resources and financial manager who has worked in various government departments. Director of Cultural Programs, Canadian Heritage, Quebec Region, Director of Communications, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages and Vice-President of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women for Eastern Canada. She has now retired, involved in her community, member of the Board of Directors of UTA Outaouais and volunteer with Héma-Québec. She is also a Facilitator for a caregiver support program and Celebrant for Celebration of Life ceremonies.



Guy Viau, Director: Guy retired three years ago from the federal public service, where he worked in various departments and agencies, first in finance and then in internal audit. He has expertise in risk assessment and control. He recently joined the Board of Directors of NAFR's Outaouais Branch. He also volunteers with the Centre d'action bénévole de Gatineau, helping with the tax assistance program and delivering meals for Meals on Wheels. Over the years, he has volunteered with a number of regional organizations, including Opération nez rouge, the GCWCC and the Scouting movement, where he served successively as treasurer and vice-president of a Gatineau Cub Scout pack.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon Conference: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at the Cabane en bois rond (Giguère room) on fraud and cyberattacks presented by the Service de police de Gatineau. More details to come.

Outaouais Branch Christmas Banquet: Saturday, December 7, 2024 at the Palais des Congrès de Gatineau.

Stay tuned to our Facebook, newsletters and Web posts for more details or contact us via the contact information on the first page of this document for more information about upcoming Branch events.

Our Videoconferences

Sign up for our videoconferences on various topics of interest to retirees! Lasting one hour, they are greatly appreciated by our members.

Do you have a videoconference topic you'd like to share with us for a future videoconference? Don't hesitate to contact us at 819-776-4128 or by e-mail at admin@anrf-outaouais.ca

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES

List of Board Members, Employees, and Volunteers of the Outaouais Branch 2024-2025

Board of Directors

- President:** Réal Fortin
- Vice-president:** Lyne McMillan
- Secretary:** Jacques Lecompte
- Treasurer:** René Caron
- Administrator:** Michelle Page
- Administrator:** Alan Conway
- Administrator:** Donald Déry
- Administrator:** Diane Rioux
- Administrator:** Guy Viau

Employees

- Director:** André Thivierge
- Deputy Director:** Lynn McCarragher
- Responsible for Member Services:** Liane Dussault

Volunteers

- Ambassador:** Ghislain Dussault
- Evaluations:** Pierre Quesnel

