

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES
VANCOUVER BRANCH BC08 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) MINUTES
LOCATION: ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTRE
DATE 2024 APRIL 09**

DISTRIBUTION LIST (Board): George Scott (P), Murray Bryck (VP), Tom Chang (T), Ian Sanderson (S), Deborah Turner, Beverley Segal, Paul Davis, Danielle Rehm.
(Staff): Jocelan Caldwell

The AGM Meeting announcement was communicated to BC 08 members online and by print communications.

1. Call to Order:
The Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.
2. Agenda (2024 April 09)
Acceptance of the Agenda moved by Danielle Rehm, seconded by Diane Scott, Motion carried.
3. Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting on 2023 Apr 26:
Moved by Ian Sanderson, seconded by Dennis Jackson. Motion carried.
4. Board Report/Update from President
 - a. President Scott noted that the past year has been a very successful one, with the branch being involved in more advocacy work than in any previous year.
 - b. Scott thanked the board members, the office volunteers, and the office manager for their ongoing service and contributions to the branch.
 - c. Scott noted that the Vancouver Branch is one of the very few NAFR branches that conducts pre-retirement seminars for Public Service members and thanked Tom Chang and Helio da Costa for their work in putting on these seminars.
 - d. Scott noted that the branch could always use more office volunteers, and that Tom Chang, while doing an excellent job as Treasurer, could use some help in looking after the branch finances, and would appreciate it if someone would step forward to act as an understudy and eventually take over from him.
 - e. Scott applauded the Advocacy Committee (Ian Sanderson, Deborah Turner, Beverly Segal) and the other board members who have been actively involved in meeting with some of the 19 MPs in the Vancouver Branch area to present Federal Retirees' concerns.
 - i. Scott highlighted the work that Murray Bryck had done in meetings with MP Peter Julian MP Patrick Weiler and manning a booth with him at at the Public Service Alliance of Canada component of the Union of Health and Environment Workers convention.
 - ii. Scott also mentioned the work that Paul Davis had done, meeting with Dr. Brendan Hanley (Yukon) in Whitehorse and speaking at a Canadian Medical Association in Vancouver.
 - f. Scott mentioned that there had been some interesting and useful articles in Sage recently.
 - g. Scott announced that he, Murray Bryck and Tom Chang would be attending the BC and Yukon District Conference in Abbotsford in May and the AMM in Ottawa in June on behalf of the branch.
 - h. Scott reported that he has been asked to represent BC on the National committee studying the restructuring of the Association.

- i. Scott reported that the Branch board had approved the 2023 Financial Statements at its meeting on 5 March 2024.

5. Financial Statements

- a. In advance of the meeting, the Branch Treasurer, Tom Chang had distributed the 2023 reviewed Financial Statements to the board and copies were provided at each table for review by members.
 - b. Chang presented the reviewed 2023 Financial Statements, Reserves Motion Template for 31 December 2023 as attached to these minutes.
 - c. Chang presented the Budget for 2024 and Projected Budget for 2025
6. Motion to approve the appointment of Verna Sandison as reviewer for the 2024 Financial Statements: Moved by Helio Da Costa, Seconded by Diane Scott. Motion Carried.
 7. Motion to accept and approve the reviewed Financial Statements as presented for the year 2023 showing a loss of \$4,975.24: Moved by Chris Clark, Seconded by Danielle Rehm. Motion carried.
 8. Motion to approve the 2024 Budget showing a projected loss of \$1,103.75 and Projected Budget for 2025: Moved by Tom Chang, Seconded by Murray Bryck. Motion carried.
 9. Chang presented a recommendation to increase the Branch reserves from \$49,200.00 to \$55,815.00 as shown in the attached Reserves Motions Template:
 10. Motion to approve the reserves totalling \$55,815.00 for the 2023 year end as attached and set out below
 - a. Information Technology and Equipment \$12,000.00
 - b. Special Events \$17,000.00
 - c. Advocacy \$8,130.00
 - d. Recruitment / Communications \$7,000.00
 - e. Training/Succession Planning. \$9,640.00
 - f. Rental Facility Improvements \$1,000.00
 - g. Human Resources Liability \$1,045.00

Moved by Ian Sanderson, Seconded by Dennis Jackson. Motion carried.

11. Board Positions and Elections

- a. The position of Vice President being open, Scott advised that Murray Bryck was willing to stand for a second term and called three times for any further nominations for the position. There being no other nominations, Murray Bryck was declared elected by acclamation.
- b. The position of Treasurer being open, Scott advised that Tom Chang was willing to stand for a second term and called three times for any further nominations for the position. There being no other nominations, Tom Chang was declared elected by acclamation.
- c. There being two other open positions on the board, Scott announced that Deborah Turner was willing to stand for a second term and that Danielle Rehm was also willing to stand for election. Scott briefly introduced both candidates and called three times for any further nominations. There being no other nominations, Deborah Turner and Danielle Rehm were elected to the board by acclamation.

12. Q and A

- a. Scott opened the floor to any comments and questions. There was one related to the use of Eventbrite and having to pay for a meal at the AGM. Scott noted that the meal had to be included in order to book the room for the meeting.

13. Raffle

- a. Raffle tickets were drawn for the following:
 - i. Two \$50.00 Shoppers Drug Mart gift card donated by NAFR Preferred Partner Relocation Services Group
 - ii. Three travel pouches including various travel accessories/items donated by NAFR Preferred Partner Collette Tours.

14. Ian Sanderson gave a brief speech on his experience as a victim of a phone scam and warned that everyone has to be alert and aware of how scammers work to take advantage of people, particularly the elderly.

15. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

George Scott (President)

Ian Sanderson (Secretary)