

**National Association of Federal Retirees
Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)
BOD Meeting – Saturday, February 15, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.
Hazen Park Centre, 2nd Floor Boardroom, Oromocto**

PRESENT

Elliott Keizer, Cyril Theriault, Denise Blanchard, John Richards, Mike McCormick, Andrew Gunter, Gary Barfitt, Norm Sheen, Ian Culligan and Elise Young.

ABSENT

Chris Goddard, Evans Estabrooks

1. WELCOME

Elliott Keizer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

Moved by John

Seconded by Rae

CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF November 20th, 2019

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Moved by Denise

Seconded by Rae

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

a) Board of Directors duties and responsibilities – Cyril

To be discussed at the next meeting of April 4th, 2020.

b) Storage – John

No action taken.

c) Training on Office 365 – Elliott

Elliott verified the cost of training – too expensive. No action taken.

5. REPORTS

a) Finance and budget approval – John

John asked that the proposed 2020 budget be accepted as circulated.

Motion to approve report by John; Seconded by Rae & Cyril CARRIED

Do we continue with Office 365? – Elliott

John suggested that we buy a couple of Office 365 and invest in storage. The board agreed to let the subscription to expire.

b) Special Events – Gary

Spring Dinner:

Ramada Inn, Tuesday, May 5th, 2020 – same menu – no guest speaker.

Spring Information Session:

Days Inn, Oromocto on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020. Topic: Wills, Estate, Power of Attorney and Health Directives. Guest speaker: Jodi Lee White, lawyer who specialize on will and estate.

Fall Dinner:

Proposed dates: Tuesday, October 20th or 27th, 2020 at the Ramada Inn. Topic: Recycling –

Guest speaker: (to be provided later by Gary). Another topic: Assistive Dying by a Law professor from UNB. (suggested by Ian) – Proposed date: November 3rd, 2020.

Elliott mentioned that following the health survey that we might have a session; Gary said that it could be an information session.

Motion to approve report by Gary Seconded by John & Rae CARRIED

c) Membership Growth Report – Elliott (Evans was absent)

Elliott provided a summary of the Branch Operation Plan which is attached to the minutes.

Evans's MGC report was meant to be presented but was not in the Board package for Denise to copy. (see attached report).

Motion by Denise that the Branch Operational Plan and the MGC report be accepted as distributed.

Seconded by Elise

CARRIED

d) Nominating Committee – Elliott

There are 6 directors whose terms are ending at the 2020 Spring meeting: Cyril Theriault, Denise Blanchard, Gary Barfitt, Norm Sheen, Rae Hopper and Andrew Gunter. All have agreed to stay on the Board except Andrew Gunter who will be stepping down.

Elliott moved that the report be accepted Seconded by Rae CARRIED

e) Communications Committee – Chris and Mike

Chris is not able to take much work and Mike has agreed to take the lead on the committee.

f) Advocacy Health Survey – John

John presented his report that was distributed to the board. National Office liked the project and will be sending the survey to all NAFR members in NB to determine their concerns

regarding the present health care system in New Brunswick. The survey was sent to National and asked for help in mailing the survey which they agree to. The survey will go out to members this month and a report will be generated for mid-May.

Appoint Advocacy Director and Project 338 Representative - Elliott

National asked that we appoint an Advocacy Director to be a link with the National Advocacy effort. After the December meeting in Moncton, the Project 338 was introduced. This will ensure that our advocacy work reaches all federal ridings. Members of the committee are John, Sandy and Cyril Theriault, Peggy Powell and Evans Estabrooks.

Elliott proposed that John be appointed as Advocacy Director. AGREED

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Mailing List Review – Elliott and Andrew

Ottawa asked that we contact members to ask them for their mailing address. Rae, Elliott and Andrew called about 200 members and Denise sent letters. Agreement that we hand this over to Mike to coordinate and Andrew and Rae will keep working on this. Denise mentioned that she has problems with National sending the emails to members regarding the dinners and information session. National send a list of returned emails but there is duplication in the undeliverable emails. Denise will check with Alex Charette about the privacy issues and if we could send the emails ourselves.

b) Branch Annual Meeting Agenda May 5th – Elliott

12b) New Business change Treasurer for Advocacy Director

13) Elliott explained that Frank Sauntry did not receive an award when he left. One will be presented at the annual meeting.

14) Nominating Committee Report: Elliott will ask Evans.

An official invitation should be sent to Cyril, Dorma and Meghan.

c) 2020 Regional Meeting, Fredericton Motor Inn, May 19-20 – Cyril

Attendees; Issues of Importance; Training

National will pay for 3 attendees. Meeting is from noon to noon the next day. Lunch will be provided and a banquet. As a branch we can send up to 5 attendees. Hoping that part of the agenda will deal with health survey and training on CRM. Roundtable of all 6 NB branches. Denise, Andrew and Elise expressed their interests in attending.

d) AMM 2020, June 9-11 – Gatineau

i Resolution on recyclability and reusability – Elliott

National do not believe there is a need for a proposal for this topic at this time.

The MG Committee have proposed to not submit it but have it addressed at the Town Hall instead.

AGREED

ii) Québec resolution regarding kilometer rates – Elliott

Resolution from Roger Bergeron, President, QC61:

It is proposed that the National Association of Federal Retirees make a comparison JUST AND FAIR between the rate per kilometer granted by the National Joint Council

(between approximately 47 cents and 62 cents per kilometer) and the cost of a rental car, and awards the traveler the fair share of the costs incurred.

There is no written policy on this.

Elliott proposed that our Branch support this resolution

AGREED

iii) Topics of importance for our delegates to bring up (complex URLs; surviving spouse letter; SAGE lead times; You and Your Survivor; Health survey) – Elliott

Surviving spouse letter: Elliott sent this to National six months ago and no reply from them.

You and Your Survivor: supposed to be released in December 2019.

iv. Do we want to propose any awards? – Elliott

No awards this year.

iiiv. Delegates (registration is Feb 21 – April 20) – Elliott

Delegates for AMM: Evans and John. Registration will be online soon.

7. Branch Planning Session, Fall 2020 – Elliott

Working with a facilitator, Regional Director, Advocacy Director and open it up to anyone who will be interested in coming. Gary accepted to be the facilitator. Set-up our priorities for the next two years. Denise will check with Laurie Muise for Saturday, October 17th or 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Saturday, April 4th, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.
2nd Floor Boardroom, Hazen Park Centre, Oromocto**

Recorded by: _____
Denise Blanchard, Admin Director

Approved by: _____
Elliott Keizer, President