

National Association of Federal Retirees

Quarterly Newsletter

Nanaimo & Area Branch
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March 24, 2016 Annual General Meeting held at Tigh Na Mara, Parksville - 138 attendees

Next Meeting - General Meeting

Date/Time:

Thursday, June 23, 2016. , Meeting starts 1100 AM.

Location:

Coast Bastion Inn, 11 Bastion St, Nanaimo

Directions:

The hotel is on the corner of Bastion St and Front St. in downtown Nanaimo. There is parking with an entrance off of Front St. There is an elevator to the hotel lobby.



Breakfast Buffet available at 10:00 AM.

Buffet includes scrambled eggs with green onion and bell peppers, country sausage and smoked apple bacon roasted red skin potatoes, sliced fresh fruit platter, selection of breakfast pastries, toaster station with a selection of breads, butter and fruit preserves, fresh brewed coffee and specialty teas. Cost is \$23.00

Business Meeting: 11:00-12:00 followed by a presentation.

Reservations/Cancellations:

Your local Federal Retirees volunteer will phone you to ask whether you plan to attend the lunch.

To cancel, please call **Jim Gahr** at **250-933-1156**. The last date for cancellation to avoid billing is **Sunday, June 19, 2016**. Name tags will be available at the meeting.



EVENTS 2016

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	VENUE	Meal	Cost
June 23	General Meeting	Nanaimo	Coast Bastion	Breakfast Buffet	\$23.00
September 22	General Meeting	Nanaimo	TBA	TBA	TBA
November 24	General Meeting	Parksville	Tigh Na Mara	Turkey Buffet	\$30.00



Why Volunteer for

National Association of Federal Retirees?

The Nanaimo Branch has a need for a Secretary for our Executive Board meetings, Three General meetings, and our Annual General Meeting.

Our Executive Board meets on the third Thursday of each month from 10am-12noon. No meetings in July and August.

The skill set we are looking for is computer skills with Microsoft word. Smiles and a sense of humour are welcome. We work in a team environment with lots of support and guidance from the board of 13 members.

People volunteer for a wide variety of reasons; to help others, share their skills, meet and interact with people from the community of retirees. Here are some more reasons, to feel needed, to gain leadership skills, for fun, to demonstrate a commitment to a cause/belief, to feel good, to keep skills alive, to make new friends, and to help an organization.

All the best and we would love to have you come and join us.

Ken Jones

President

Nanaimo Branch & Area

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Annual General Meeting

Date: 24 March 2016

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Tigh-Na-Mara, Parksville, BC

Attendees: 138

The meeting was called to order by the Acting President, Ken Jones. All new members were asked to stand and introduce themselves. As well, Ken introduced himself and welcomed the Regional Services Officer, Tony Dambrauskas. Minutes of the AGM held March



Tony Dambrauskas

26, 2015 were presented via the over-head projector and were circulated previously in the Newsletter. No errors or omissions were noted.

Moved for acceptance by Ken Jones, Seconded by Vic

Ashdown Carried.

Committee Reports

Acting President's Report – Ken Jones

- Ken expressed his appreciation to all the volunteers, including the Executive and the Board members.
- Our first In-house draw is being held today.
- Changes within our Branch - Bob Willis, the President, has resigned from the Executive and our Past-President, Bob Hoogerburg will also be stepping down.
- If any member has any idea's or suggestions for the Board, they would be welcomed.

Finance – Margie Dunsmore

The financial statements were circulated prior to the start of meeting, along with the proposed budget for 2016.

Margie reviewed the financial reports with a detailed explanation. Several questions were asked and Margie provided with satisfactory answers.

Motion: It was moved by Margie Dunsmore that the proposed 2016 Budget be approved as presented. Seconded by Sharon Whalen. Carried

Evening news is where they begin with Good Evening and then proceed to tell you why it isn't

Health & Benefits -

Sharon Whalen/Andy Gilman



An updated version of the Estate Document is available to members at a cost of \$5.00. Sharon was selling these at the end of the meeting. If you want a copy please contact Sharon.

Communications

Fran Graham

Recruitment packages are available from Fran for any members who know of someone who might be interested in becoming a member.

- Fran has visited all of the local Legions and has had little or no response.
- Senior's Magazine: The advertisement is very expensive, so Fran was hoping that other Branches would like to share in the cost, but so far only two (2) Branches have responded, namely Duncan, and Sidney.



Registrar

Do You know Your Phoner?

Jim Gahr, Registrar, asked that the members make note of who their phoner is – this is very helpful should you need to cancel a meal. He can then go directly to the data for that phoner rather than searching through lists of names for 70 phoners, reporting to eight (8) phone captains.



Ole and Lena got married, and were driving to Vancouver. Ole put his hand on Lena's knee. She said "Ole, you can go farther than that" and so Ole drove to Nanaimo.

Advocacy - Ken Jones

Ken provided a brief over-view of some of the Advocacy's objectives are:

- Support for the Honour Your Promise campaign – a hearing will be held towards the end of June.
- Raising awareness through articles in local newspapers
- Liaison with the Provincial Advocacy Officer
- Exploring and encouraging partnership agreements, such as HearingLife Canada, Collette Tours, Medoc Travel Insurance, Johnson Home and Auto Insurance and several others.

All reports accepted as presented.

Correspondence

- * The Spring 2016 issue of Sage is out.

Unfinished Business

- BC District Meeting will be held in Chilliwack on May 25-27, 2016. Ken Jones, Ian Williams Sharon Whalen and Vic Ashdown will be attending.
- The Annual Membership Meeting will be held in Ottawa from the 15th of June to the 17th, 2016. Ken Jones and Rick Roberts will be attending.
- Branch By-laws – Ken Jones on behalf of Charles Scrivener

Charles has revised our Branch By-laws, Policies & Procedures Manual. The latest revision is to the Section 5.D.2.c – the duties of the Branch Vice-President. Charles will also prepare Interim Policies to Appendix 5 – Charity Participation, and Appendix 8 – Advocacy Policy. The Luncheon Policy will be renamed the "Meal Policy". Once these by-laws are approved, they will be forwarded to the National Board of Directors for final approval.

MOTION: Moved by Jim Ethier that the amendments to the Branch By-laws, Policies & Procedures Manual dated the 17th of March 2016 as read by the Acting President, Ken Jones, be approved. Seconded by Ian Williams. Carried.

• In-House Draw – Bob Willis

- Bob provided an explanation and the rules surrounding this new venture. A big thank-you to David Stinson of the Sydney Branch for his assistance and guidance. The resolution was read to the members as well as displayed on the over-head screen.

Resolution to Create a Financial Reserve - Annual General Meeting, 24 March 2016.

Moved by Bob Willis, seconded by Vic Ashdown that the Nanaimo and Area Branch, National Association of Federal Retirees (Association), establish a reserve in its financial accounts to hold money raised by Branch fund-raising activities and donations to the Branch. The reserve is allocated to Branch local purposes, specifically:

A. Donations to one, or some of the Registered Charities in our catchment area,

B. Significant Branch events in support of members as a group; and

C. Contributions to worthy causes (not individual persons) not named above but which are activities which are supportable by the Branch in furtherance of the objectives of the Association and which, for the purposes of this resolution, will be considered to be specified beneficiaries.

The reserve will be managed by the Branch Executive Committee. It will be shown in the Branch financial reports and in the annual report to the Association National Office as a Branch asset.

Establishment of this reserve is authorized by Association Regulation 4.3 “Branch Reserves and Branch Surplus Funds”, October 2014. Expenditure from this reserve for donations to specified beneficiaries is authorized by Association Regulation 5.3, October 2014.

Motion Carried



Florence McDuffe won \$147. Ken holds the cash while Bob checks the ticket

Scam Corner

Numerous E-mail and telephone scams have surfaced recently. Some offer investment opportunities like the “website design”, or “company representative opportunity” scams that try to obtain your info at a website and eventually request monetary advances. E-mails and telephone calls claim problems with your “account” or “purchase” and request your personal information. The Canada Revenue Agency scam has surfaced again in a slightly different form. CRA warns you about this in their General Tax Guide and Website. CRA would NEVER contact you by phone or E-mail without password questions or giving you very personal information. If you are in doubt about any contacts, Google the telephone number, website, company name, or personal name. Any Scam usually produces many hits and complaints.

- Awards



Five year awards were presented to: Sharon Whalen, Ken Jones and Eileen Setter.

Bob Hoogerbrug was also presented with an award for his seventeen (17) years of service. Bob H. will be stepping down as Past President

Provincial Advocacy Officer – Bob Willis

- spoke briefly on his role as PAO. He represents fifteen (15) BC Branches and advocates for partnerships with companies that are of benefit to our members such as HearingLife Canada, our newest Preferred Partner.

- Bob also liaises with Isabell McKenzie, the Senior’s Advocacy for BC; and

- he undertakes to ensure that items such as the cost of a medical exam for the driver’s licence for those 80 years of age and up, is the same for each member.



Treasurer's Report - Margie Dunsmore

Balance Sheet as of: 20-May-2016

ASSETS

Bank of Western Canada General		10,828.13
Deposits	National Q2	2,453.54
	In House Draw	<u>147.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS **13,428.67**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Per Capital Payable 2016		3,189.18
Outstanding Cheques	Volunteer Luncheon	1,272.00
	Printer Ink	138.18

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES **4,599.36**

WORKING CAPITAL **8,829.31**

GIC INVESTMENT

GIC 36-M Compounding Term #00062	3,219.65
GIC 12-M Long Term #00064	10,933.93
GIC 24-M Compounding Term #00059	1,614.20
GIC 24-M Compounding Term #00065	<u>1,498.94</u>

TOTAL GIC INVESTMENT **17,266.72**

RESERVE FUNDS

Defense of Benefits Reserve Funds	1,500.00
Equipment Reserve Fund	1,500.00
Training Fund	2,000.00
Speaker Honorarium	<u>2,000.00</u>

TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS **7,000.00**

TOTAL ASSETS **26,096.03**

Financial Reviewers

We require two (2) volunteers to review the 2015 financial statements.

Thanks to David Watson and Florence Millburn who volunteered and will liaise with the Treasurer.

Senior's Booklet

- It was brought to the members attention that the BC Government has re-issued the Senior's Booklet and it is available free of charge from the MLA's offices

Nanaimo and Area Branch Board 2016 - 2017



Left to right: Ian Williams, Vic Ashdown, Charles Scrivener, Rick Roberts, Andy Gilman, Penny Kanigan, Ken Jones, Sharon Whalen, Jim Gahr, Fran Graham, Marian Pickton and Bob Willis.

Director's Corner - Marian Pickton

I was educated in England, and immigrated to Canada in 1968 and spent the next 42 years working in the field of Early Childhood Education, first working on the floor with young children before going to UBC to start a new program for children 18 to 36 months. During this time I met my husband Cliff, who had retired from the Navy in 1965, and was now working as an Electrical Engineer. This took us to Hudson's Hope, and Fort St John before bringing us back to the Coast. In 1989 we moved to Port Alberni and I started teaching at North Island College as an instructor in the Early Childhood Education department, for 21 years. It wasn't long after Cliff became a member of the FSNA Board that he developed stomach cancer and after a brief illness died in November 2004. I continued working and once I retired started coming to meetings and always felt that I should take on a volunteer role carrying on Cliff's interest in National Association of Federal Retirees. In September 2015 I stepped up to the plate and became a director at large before taking on my current responsibility as Telephone Director as well as a phoner and phone Captain.



Election of Officers

The annual election of Branch Officers took place at the March 24 Annual General Meeting (AGM). The following list shows those who were elected to a two year term.

List of Officers Elected March 24, 2016

President	Ken Jones
Vice President	Sharon Whalen

Directors

Director	Vic Ashdown
Director	Fran Graham
Director	Rick Roberts
Director	Jim Gahr
Director	Ian Williams
Director	Penny Kanigan

Vacant Positions

Secretary **Vacant**

Phoner's are always required and any volunteers are welcomed.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for any vacant position please indicate your intention to our President, **Ken Jones**.



The Oath of Office was administered by Tony Dambrauskas, Regional Services Officer.

Membership Report - Vic Ashdown

As of May 19th, 2016, the Nanaimo and Area Branch had 1948 members comprising 1297 retirees and 651 spouses. Of the 1297 retirees, there are 1105 on DDS and 192 pay at Branch or by credit card. Since the last Report (February 18th), the following changes have taken place:



New or Reinstated Members (25)

Richard & Donna Baspaly
Max Bothwell & Anni Rauer-Bothwell
Brian Brack
Tom & Bernice Brown
Wolfgang & Darlene Carolsfeld
Franca Forrest
Valarie Jamont
William & Lynne Kiselbach
Andre & Carole Lemieux
Adriana Novak
Mark Pearson
Scott Roy
Mark Saunders
Melvin & Jacqueline Sheng
Craig & Sharon Smith
Brian & Wanda Widsten

Transferred In (6)

Joan Curtis & Gordon Baird
Donna & Alan Hanson
Sheila McKinnon
Ann Molloy

Transferred Out (12)

Jean Allen
Darren Daigle
Edward & Doreen De Leeuw

Ray Hambly
Jane Lauzier
John & Norma Lewis
Grant & Barbara MacDonald
Ena Sills
William Woolfrey

Membership Cancellations (21)

Marylyn & William Beaubien
Beverley Bravender
Ilona Braiden
Peggy Caulfield
Ross & Adora Currie
Ada Dougan
John Jacquot
Ralph Kromrey
Helen Mandin
Paul Nixon
Shirley Page
Anita Sakayi'kn
Al & Torunn Tully
Don & Linda Vieau
Tom Wagstaff
Walter & Faye Way

Lost Contact

James Brennan, Nanaimo
Fred Ickringill, Nanaimo

In Memoriam

Carol Aspden, survived by husband Dan
Thomas Bell
Gary Best, survived by wife Audrey
Joan Boynes
David Briggs, survived by wife Marlyn
William Fowlie, survived by wife Mary Jane
Bill Hardy, survived by wife Mary
Henry Hasegawa, survived by wife Tamiko
Ron Jones, survived by wife Nora
Michael Liptak, survived by wife Thelma Redmond

Ian Macfarlane
Piercey MacLean
Evelyn McCaskill
Sonya McFadyen, survived by husband Ralph
Ralph Morton, survived by wife Ingrid
David Ocroft
Joan Racz, survived by husband Lou
Peter Roughton, survived by wife Beverley
Norman Whillens, survived by wife Eileen
Alan Wiley

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Nanaimo Executive, Directors & Volunteers 2015-2016

Class	Position	Name	Phone	Email
Executive			All 250	
Exe	President	Ken Jones	586-7718	Kenjonesbc@shaw.ca
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Exe	Secretary			
Exe	Treasurer	Margie Dunsmore	585-0512	emdunsmore@outlook.com
Exe	Past President	Bob Willis	468-0260	bobwillisbc@shaw.ca
Directors				
Director	Membership / Database	Vic Ashdown	248-2027	ashdown@shaw.ca
Director	Health & Benefits	Andy Gilman	248-8595	andygilman@shaw.ca
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Director	Telephone	Marian Pickton	723-1136	pfmcj@shaw.ca
Director	At Large	Penny Kanigan	760-0929	pennykanigan@shaw.ca
Coordinators				
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Cards	Port Alberni	Marian Pickton	723-1136	pfmcj@shaw.ca
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Phone Captain	Port Alberni	Marian Pickton	723-1136	pfmcj@shaw.ca
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