

Minutes of Annual Members' Meeting – National Association of Federal Retirees

Friday, April 26, 2019

Southern Alberta Branch No. 18

Meeting called to order by Gary DRAKE, President, who welcomed everyone. A welcome was given as well to those attending for the first time. Allyn MILLS accompanied us on the piano for the singing of O Canada. A Moment of Silence was held to honor all the members we'd lost over the past year.

Approval of Agenda

M/S/C to approve the agenda for the Annual Members' Meeting of April 26, 2019.

MINUTES

M/S/C As there were no modifications, the minutes of the last AMM held January 29, 2018 were approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

BRANCH REPORTS

- **Membership (Judy CARTWRIGHT)** Total membership as of this date - 984. We saw a decline in membership as compared to this time last year, which has been attributed to relocations, deaths, and non-payment of annual dues.

M/S/C to accept the Membership Report as presented.

- **Finance (Gary OBERG)** The AMM received the 2018 Financial Statement for the Branch which was distributed to each table. Additionally, the Treasurer went through the 2018 Financial Statement on a PowerPoint and explained all the Balances and Earning/Loss portions of the Statement. Copy of the Financial Statement is attached.

The AMM also received, with explanation, the Board approved budget and Reserves for the current year, 2019

M/S/C that the Financial Statement for 2018 and the 2019 Budget be approved as presented.

Agreed by consensus that Rick LEE be approved as the auditor/reviewer for the current financial (calendar) year

NEW BUSINESS

By Law Section 8.1.1. amendment

Because the current AMM is being held on April 26th, the Board approved an amendment to the current by-law that would allow the AMM to take place on this date.

Previous wording: *The Branch board shall determine the date, location, and agenda of the meeting. The date shall be no later than April 15th.*

New Proposed wording: *The Branch board shall determine the date, location, and agenda of the meeting. The date of the meeting shall be no later than May 1st.*

M/S/C that the last sentence of by-law 8.1.1 be approved to read: *"The date shall be no later than May 1st."*

Election: (Gary OBERG)

The Nomination Committee was requested to solicit the membership to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and 4 Directors. Any member in good standing is eligible to hold a position on the Board.

The following members allowed their names to stand for election for the noted positions:

PRESIDENT: – Richard CHEVRIER

VICE-PRESIDENT: - Doug MULLIN

TREASURER: - Gary DRAKE

DIRECTORS: - Dave COLBECK, Don WICKENS, Sheila PESZAT and Gary OBERG

Nominations from the floor were requested for the above noted positions. As there were no further nominations, each person as presented on the slate were elected by acclamation.

Maria FITZPATRICK (former Lethbridge East NDP MLA) volunteered to become a member of the Advocacy Committee.

The new Board of Directors is comprised as follows:

- President – Richard CHEVRIER,
- Vice-President – Doug MULLIN,
- Treasurer – Gary DRAKE,
- Secretary – Anneke NYENHUIS.
- Directors:
 - Don WICKENS
 - Dave COLBECK
 - Judy CARTWRIGHT
 - Sheila PESZAT
 - Gary OBERG

Guest Speaker

Rick BRICK, NAFR District Director Prairie Region, spoke on some of the events/happenings of the Association on the Provincial and National levels.

- 2 priorities are the 5 year Strategic Plan and the Operational Plan.
- SAGE is now being published in house allowing a savings of approximately \$100,000/year. The Branch inserts will now be in color.
- MEDOC – there will be no premium increase even though many of the benefit limits have increased.
- PSHCP was challenged 7 months ago with nothing heard to date on its standing.
- He attended presentations/meetings with the temporary DND Ombudsman and VAC (serving both current and retired members).
- Nationally, NAFR Membership has remained relatively the same as in the previous year.

DINNER

Elwyn HOLMBERG led us in Grace.

POT SHARING

The 2 prizes were won by Gary OBERG and Lois CICMAN.

NEW PRESIDENT

Richard CHEVRIER, new Branch President, addressed the membership. He thanked Rick BRICK for attending this meeting as our Guest Speaker. He recognized Rolie BARBER for his years of dedicated service to the Board, thanked the current and past Board members for all their work, and welcomed the new members. Advocacy and retiree issues will be a priority especially in light of the upcoming Fall Federal Election.

THERE being no further business, adjournment was called.

Gary DRAKE, President

Anneke NYENHUIS, Secretary