# **BRANCH REPORT**

# ON35 | Huronia

### President's message

Your association has met the challenges of the last few years with strength and determination and amazing flexibility and has charted a new advocacy course for the coming year and beyond. It will be an exciting time and I encourage you all to consider joining the effort to make retirement a comfortable, healthy period in our lives and offer your services to ON35, Huronia— your branch, working for and with you! However, the time has come for me to step back and encourage others to step forward.

It has been my honour and pleasure to be a part of the executive team of Huronia branch, FSNA, and now NAFR for in excess of 20 of the last 25 years.

Our October 6, 2021 AGM was held on ZOOM and was a success. We look forward to our May 3, 2022 AMM which we are currently planning to hold in person at the Barrie Legion. In addition to having the Election of Officers, we will also be holding a vote on proposed changes to the Huronia Branch By-Laws. We encourage all members to attend this important meeting.

Please note that we have a new email address: <a href="https://example.com">huronia@federalretirees.ca</a>. Our previous email address, <a href="https://example.com">on35.info@gmail.com</a> will be monitored for a short time as we transition to the new address.

We will be continuing to send E-Blasts by email for important announcements. If you have not been receiving these, please be sure to provide us with your email address at <a href="mailto:huronia@federalretirees.ca">huronia@federalretirees.ca</a> as it is the best way to receive all of our communications!

## **Huronia Branch Update**

#### <u>Highlights of Annual General Meeting – held on ZOOM – October 6, 2021, 11 a.m.</u>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Lynne thanked the 14 members and 7 Board members who attended the meeting. Lynne introduced the new Board members, Mark – Communications, Chris – Website Content, Leo – Advocacy. Lynne advised that Anthony Pizzino is the new NAFR CEO.



#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Noreen reported that our branch is doing quite well financially.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Peter Evans will be acting as the Elections Chairperson for our Tuesday, May 3, 2022 AMM. **Board positions available include:** President, Vice President, and Directors.

UPDATE TO BY-LAWS

In order to comply with recent amendments to the National by-laws of the National Association of Federal Retirees, members will be asked to vote on the following proposed amendment to the N.A.F.R. Branch 35 (Huronia Branch) by-laws:

That Sections 9.6, 9.6.1 and 9.6.2 be removed in their entirety and be replaced with:

#### 9.6 RESERVE FUNDS

The branch may establish and maintain reserve funds in accordance with the Association's regulations.

The branch board has the authority to create, change, or remove such reserves and must present a report on the status of all branch reserves at each Annual General Meeting as part of the presentation of the Branch's financial statement.

#### **Branch Executive Meetings to Date in 2022**

January 5, 2022, February 9, 2022

#### **Upcoming Events**

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the Barrie Legion, 410 St. Vincent St., Barrie. In accordance with direction from NO, anyone attending a NAFR branch event is required to be fully vaccinated and show proof. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for coffee. Meeting will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., with \$7.00 per person lunch to follow the meeting. Please RSVP at <a href="https://huronia@federalretirees.ca">huronia@federalretirees.ca</a> Guest speaker will be Linda MacDonald, NAFR Ontario Regional Director. As a recruitment incentive, every member in attendance will have the chance to win 1 of 2 prizes - \$50 gift cards. Invite a prospective member to join the meeting and get 2 chances to win.

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