

NAFR York Branch Meeting

09:15 – 10:40 AM April 4, 2023

Video (ZOOM)

Present: Marie Macphee, Events; Tom Nichols, Past President/Treasurer; Frank Froude, Web Editor; Sharon Carson, Advocacy; Linda Laffree, Membership; Sharon Paris, Joe Vettese, Vasdev Sawhney, Directors-at-Large; Ed Millar, Recording Secretary.

Regrets: Fred Conway, President.

Marie Macphee chaired the meeting.

- 1. Review and Approval of the Agenda:** Approval moved by Frank, seconded by Vasdev.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of March 7, 2023:** Approval moved by Linda, seconded by Sharon Carson.
- 3. Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - (a) Equipment Storage: Nil
 - (b) Equipment: Tom purchased a screen which on examination proved unsuitable so it was returned. Looking at other screens.
- 4. Reports:**
 - (a) **Treasurer:** Tom reported the books for 2022 have been closed and the 2023 books opened. Dues received for the final quarter of 2022 have been banked. Legion rental only 2023 expense to date. Line items for 2023 have been changed and clarification being sought. No line item for food.
 - (b) **Membership:** Linda reviewed her report circulated prior to the meeting noting the Branch has 966 members with 6 members joining since the previous report. There are 3 unpaid non DDS members and 2 DDS unpaid. There were 5 deceased members and 26 lost contacts.
 - (c) **Website Editor:** Frank noted the minutes of the March 7 Branch meeting have been posted along with AGM information. Links to information on the new medical plan supplier are on the site.
 - (d) **Advocacy:** Sharon Carson stated she is looking toward the upcoming District Meeting Apr. 24-27 for Advocacy ideas.

5. NAFR Strategic Planning: Tom reported he had participated in a meeting of Branches which focused on voting. Small Branches feel they have no input on voting while larger Branches and the National Office have too much power. Keeping the non-profit form of one person one vote creates a weighting problem with large Branches in control. Going to a three class structure (members, National Office and Branch Presidents) where one class can veto a resolution may be unworkable. Only 2 – 3 percent of members attend Branch meetings pointing to the need to look at overall Branch structure and the need to find a different way to attract members to meeting.

6. AGM Planning: Carrville Room

(a) Agenda: Marie reported a change to the AGM Agenda circulated prior to the meeting placing Roy Goodall President of NAFR after the President's report.

(b) Invitation: Sent out. Members, including Board, should register by email whether attending in person (food requirement) or on Zoom.

(c) To Do List: Marie reviewed the list with Board members assigned to various duties including: Tom to copy meeting package, Fred to introduce speaker, Linda to handle door prize, Tom on electronics, Linda to prepare attendance list and who will be in person, Ed on registration desk (may need assistance when meeting starts if desk is in hallway). Tom, Sharon Paris to handle name tags, signage and table cloths.

Elections: Tom to run election. Michael Yee has agreed to be the Branch Reviewer for 2023.

7. District Meeting Apr. 24-27

(a) Agenda Items: Tom, Fred, Sharon Carson and Marie attending. Restructure of Branches, CRM Planning and Advocacy main items on the Agenda.

8. New Business:

(a) 60th Anniversary – Branch Celebration: In abeyance until after AGM.

(b) Recruitment and retention: Nil

(c) Trends and Concerns Review: Nil

9. Next Board Meeting: 09:30 AM May 2, 2023 – Video

10. Adjournment: Moved by Vasdev, seconded by Sharon Carson.