

BC09 BOD MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2025

We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the Traditional Lands of the Lekwungen-speaking Peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Location: Via Zoom

Time: 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance: Jim Dallimore, Patricia Francis, Jennifer Furry, Erika Kanczula, Elizabeth (Libby) MacRae, David Stinson, J. Ray Webber, Benny Wong

Regrets: n/a

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Agenda:

M/: Libby **S/:** Jennifer **Carried**

Approval of Minutes: January 7, 2025, meeting

M/: David **S/:** Ray **Carried**

1. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. The 2025-2028 draft Strategic Plan was agreed as a single-page plan by the National Board in December and will be submitted to the 2025 AMM in June for approval. The single-page strategic plan details eight values, a vision statement, a mission statement, three strategic goals and nine objectives. Along with the plan, the board agreed on implementation priorities that identify strategic goals, objectives, strategic tactics and ongoing tasks leading to the achievement of the plan's goals. A comprehensive operational plan will be developed by the CEO after both the strategic plan and implementation priorities are discussed and approved at the 2025 AMM.
2. Work continues with the Special Committee on Association Structure, focusing on governance and effectiveness. Committee's recommendations will be reviewed by the National Board in April and submitted to the 2025 AMM for discussion and decision.
3. A governance review continues to be conducted by an external consulting group, Watson Board Advisors. The governance analysis, based on input from branch presidents, advocacy program officers, branch services coordinators, staff and national directors, along with a comparative analysis of similar associations, will be discussed by the board in April and at the AMM in June.
4. The three-tier advocacy proposal is progressing and would enable volunteers to focus on national, provincial or local advocacy issues that align with national priorities.
5. The 2025 AMM will be held in person at the Hilton Lac Leamy Hotel in Gatineau on June 17 and 18, 2025, with the President's Forum currently scheduled for Monday June 16.

6. The redevelopment of the Association's website is on track and will be demonstrated to volunteers at the 2025 AMM.
7. Five three-year positions are coming up for election at the 2025 AMM: National President plus directors from B.C./Yukon, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic districts. Nominations close March 19, 2025.
8. On Dec. 23, 2024, the Ottawa Citizen published the Association's CEO's article "Seniors' voices are growing stronger" discusses the growing influence of Canada's senior population. It calls for greater inclusion of seniors in decision making, while addressing the challenges of ageism and re-imaging aging as a positive stage of life; details sent to members in a separate e-mail January 12, 2025.
9. There are two new volunteer opportunities for members:
 - Pensioner representative (public service) on the Pensioners' Dental Services Plan (PDSP) Board
 - Pensioner representative on the Public Sector Pension Investment Board (PSPIB) Nominating Committee
10. Updated recruitment tools are available on the VIP under Recruitment and Member Services.
11. Summer 2025 Sage submissions due March 27, in members homes June 2-11, date range for events June 3-Sept. 12.
12. A separate e-mail was sent about a January Membership Recruitment Committee meeting session on January 29 – did anyone attend?

President's Actions since last meeting:

- Submitted the Branch Spring 2025 Sage to NO.
- Sent details of the District Meeting to be held in Abbotsford May 13-15 – looking for two interested Directors to accompany the President.
- Sent details of the first draft of the 2025 AMM to be held in Gatineau in June.
- E-mail discussion about how to update volunteer roles in CRM.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: Erika

NO has still not updated anything in the database since December 1, 2024. Erika has tried to discuss issues with NO. Suggested Erika and Libby call the President and let him know of our concerns. It is conceivable that we will have to cancel our AGM because the financials have not been updated by NO. Because of this, our budget has not been revised or reviewed. Erika reviewed our proposed budget for next year. It has been suggested that we hire a computer expert to update our computers and install Microsoft 365 and malware programs. Jennifer will make inquiries. See more in Roundtable.

C. ADVOCACY: Libby

The Duncan branch sent out congratulatory notes to the new MLAs. NO is developing an election toolkit for the expected federal election.

D. HEALTH BENEFITS: David

Canada Life is following the rule book especially when it comes to approval of orthotics.

With regard to cataracts, if you have the procedure in the hospital, the procedure and the cost of the generic lens is covered. If the procedure is done at a private clinic, the cost

of the procedure is not covered, and the cost of the installed lens will be reimbursed at 80% of the cost of a generic "standard pattern" lens. If you need a special lens, the cost will be reimbursed at 80% of the cost of a generic "standard pattern" lens.

The plan also does not pay as much for physiotherapy after 01 July 2023 as was the case before that date.

E. MEMBERSHIP: Ray

We have 5331 members. Regrettably, ten members passed away in January.

F. RECRUITMENT: All

No report.

G. SPEAKERS PROGRAM: Patricia

For the AGM, we have Beryl Zwaan doing a presentation on fraud prevention. For September, a presentation on the Fire Smart Program will be given by Langford Fire Department as well as a presentation from Quilts of Valour.

H. PREFERRED PARTNER PROGRAM:

No report.

I. WEBSITE:

No report.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. AGM dated March 11, 2025

- Approval of the Agenda

M/: David

S/: Ray

Carried

- BOD Approval of 2025 Budget, 2024 Financial Statements and Reserves was deferred as transactions since December 1st have not been included by NO.
- Another BOD meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 at 9:30 via zoom to review them.
- Independent review of 2024 Financial Statements has been arranged to occur as soon as BOD approves.
- Second e-blast for AGM will be sent once documents are all ready. The first e-blast was sent in January.
- Board nominations to-date stand as noted on the AGM agenda.

B. Committee for Venue Meeting Options

- Gorge Pavilion – not taking reservations for September until June. The lower hall would be suitable for our needs - \$42.85 plus tax with the kitchen \$40.00 plus tax
- Scottish Centre - \$100 for the hall, \$50 for boardroom
- Juan de Fuca – not suitable
- Horseshoe Club and Mary Winspear Centre also being investigated and will be included in the next report.

C. Branch Board Computers

Jennifer to investigate to find company to assist.

D. Meeting Frequency

It was moved that we hold general meetings in January, March, September and December.

M:/ Benny S:/ Ray Carried

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Preferred Partner Program

It was moved that Gordon Usipiuk be approved as a Branch volunteer to be Manager, Local Preferred Partner Program, and to continue in that capacity as Manager PPP, with the authority to sign preferred partner agreements on behalf of the President, after National Office approval of the partner and BC09 Board approval of content, including benefits, of agreements.

M/: Libby S/: Ray Carried

4. ROUNDTABLE

Erika received invoices for the zoom renewal and Sage inserts. However, they went via the former Treasurer. David said he would update the branch volunteer register data in CRM as soon as he can access it to show Erika as our Treasurer. Jim and Patricia have indicated that they would like to go to the district meeting in Abbotsford.

UPCOMING BOD MEETINGS: February 11, 2025

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: AGM March 11, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:

M/ Libby S/ Jennifer Carried