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Central Okanagan



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 7th, 2025

**KF Centre for Excellence
5800 Lapointe Drive
Kelowna, BC**

**Presented by the
Central Okanagan Branch BC07
National Association of Federal Retirees**



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Monday, April 7th, 2025
KF Centre for Excellence**

OFFICIAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

The Central Okanagan Branch (BC-07) will hold its annual general meeting (AGM) on Monday, April 7th, 2025. Please add the date to your calendar.

DATE: Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 10:30 AM

LOCATION: KF Centre for Excellence, 5800 Lapointe Drive, Kelowna BC (near international airport)
Free parking at facility. Please consider carpooling with other members.

TIME: 10:30 AM for Free Guided Tours of Facility - First Level
Meeting starts at 12:00 PM – Second Level

In conjunction with the AGM, a special tour of the facility and a light lunch will be offered at no cost to the first 48 members that register. Coffee and tea available at meeting for all.

Please register by **March 21st** as we need to know how many will attend the tour and lunch. Reply by email at **centralokanagan@federalretirees.ca** or by phone at **(250) 712-6213**.
PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.

The AGM Agenda includes the legally required items such as the annual financial statements for 2024, the budget for 2025 and branch financial reserves plus the election.

Officer and board elections: Under branch bylaws, all nominations must be made in advance of the meeting. Therefore, please review the brief descriptions of the available positions provided on the back of this notice. The branch needs your help to ensure that the 20% of your dues returned to our branch goes towards members' desired initiatives and activities.

If you wish to make comments or raise questions before the meeting, you can contact us by email: **centralokanagan@federalretirees.ca** or by phone at **(250)712-6213**. We hope that you will come and experience this unique opportunity, and we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Daniela Evans

Daniela Evans, President
Central Okanagan Branch, BC-07

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Annual General Meeting

BRANCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

April 7th, 2025
KF Centre For Excellence – Second Level

Confirm Registration at 11:45 am -
Meeting starts at 12:00 pm

The Central Okanagan Branch Annual General Meeting is for all members but due to facility limitations (48 people) only members who have pre-registered will be able to participate in the facility tour and lunch.

Agenda

1. Call to order and establish Quorum
2. Approve or amend the Agenda
3. Board Member Introduction
4. Table Minutes from April 20, 2024, AGM
 - a. Approve or amend minutes
 - b. Business arising from minutes
5. Acknowledge members that have passed
6. Table 2024 Annual Branch Report
 - a. Discuss and answer questions
 - b. Adopt the Annual Report
7. Table Reviewed Financial Statements – Treasurer
 - a. Table Financial Statements 2025 for review and approval
 - b. Review status and changes to branch reserves
8. Elections of Officers
 - a. Review slate of officers
 - b. Election conducted by Vice President
9. Appoint next year's financial reviewer
10. Closing remarks and way forward
11. Meeting Adjournment

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH

The agenda includes a review of the 2024 financial statements which indicate an operating loss this year of **\$1,539.20**. See statements page for detail.

Highlights provided by Wayne McAlpine, Treasurer

Branch Board Approval and Disbursement by Branch Signing Authorities applies to all the Reserved Equity Groups.

Reserves Update Dec. 31, 2024

<p>Reserved Equity – Advocacy</p> <p>To maintain awareness by elected officials (Fed/Prov) or candidates at election of Association priorities and/or meet with MPs, MLAs</p>	<p><i>Timeframe:</i> Based on Election Schedules over 2 years.</p> <p>Likelihood of federal and provincial election and the related anticipated activity the Reserve is based on costs of previous initiatives.</p>
<p>Reserved Equity – Equipment</p> <p>To replace/repair peripheral computer equipment.</p>	<p><i>Timeframe:</i> Over the next 1- 2 years.</p> <p>Branch has replaced 2 laptop computers and 1 printer. Balance of \$807.77 for repair/replace laptops or peripheral equipment.</p>
<p>Reserved Equity – Special Events</p> <p>Cover costs of Special Learning Events</p>	<p><i>Timeframe:</i> Ongoing.</p> <p>Maintain the Reserve at \$1,696</p>
<p>Reserved Equity – Other</p> <p>Created in 2015 to allow the branch to support specific activities in the community. Used primarily to supplement funds raised by branch draws. Used towards less fortunate families at Christmas.</p>	<p><i>Timeframe:</i> Over the next two years</p> <p>Reserved used to top up any shortfall between funds raised and \$500. At end of fiscal 2024, the balance was \$451.52</p>
<p>Reserved Equity – Rental Premises Improvements</p> <p>Created to dispose of/recycle outdated furniture and equipment, plus repaint branch office at Mountainview Heights Church, Kelowna</p>	<p><i>Timeframe:</i> Work will be undertaken in 2025.</p> <p>Reserve remains as \$1,850 to cover estimated costs for cleaning walls, priming and repainting office. 3 laptops and printer recycled at no cost to branch. Recycling costs for office furniture outstanding.</p>

Branch Financial Statements

Balance Sheet – December 31, 2024

December 31, 2024	Actual 2023	Actual 2024
Assets -Chequing	\$ 3,839.77	\$ 1,108.85
Savings	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Computer & Equipment	\$ 4.40	\$ 1,093.30
Investments-GICs	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Assets- Other	\$ 3,154.18	\$ 3,281.77
Total Assets	\$15,998.35	\$14,483.92
Liabilities–Accts Payable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liabilities-Future Year Fees	\$ 1,452.24	\$ 1,477.01
Net Assets	\$14,546.11	\$13,006.91
Earnings / Loss	\$ 72.68	\$ 1,539.20
Total Equity	\$14,546.11	\$13,006.91
Reserved Equity (RE) - Advocacy	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
RE - IT & Equipment	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 807.77
RE - Other	\$ 604.47	\$ 451.52
RE – Rental Facilities	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 1,850.00
RE - Special Events	\$ 1,695.85	\$ 1,695.85
Total Reserved Equity	\$ 9,320.32	\$ 7,805.14
Unreserved Equity	\$ 5,298.47	\$ 6,740.97
Earnings / Loss	\$ 72.68	\$1,539.20
Net Unreserved Equity	\$ 5,225.79	\$ 5,201.77
Total Equity	\$14,546.11	\$13,006.91

Earnings & Loss – December 31, 2024

Revenue / Expense Highlights	Actual 2023	Actual 2024
Charitable Fundraising	\$ 269.00	\$ 347.05
Fees - National (per capita & CC)	\$11,584.61	\$12,310.29
Interest	\$ 521.44	\$ 487.09

Total Revenue	\$11,873.91	\$12,819.59
Total Expenses	\$11,946.59	\$14,358.79
Earnings / Loss	\$ 72.68	\$ 1,539.20

Branch Budget 2025

Revenue	Actual 2024	Budget 2025
Charitable Fundraising - Donations	\$ 347.05	\$ 500.00
Donations (see Reg. 5.3)	\$ -347.05	\$ 0.00
Fees - Adjustment	\$ 12.21	\$ 0.00
Fees – National (per capita & CC fees)	\$ 12,310.29	\$ 13,000.00
Interest /Other rev	\$ 497.09	\$ 500.00
Total Revenue	\$ 12,819.59	\$ 14,000.00
Total Expenses*	\$ 14,358.79	\$ 15,175.00
Earnings / Loss	\$ 1,539.20	\$ 1,175.00

*EXPENSES Highlights	Actual 2024	Budget 2025
Bank Charges	\$ 72.52	\$ 100.00
Branch AGM (Food/Bev)	\$ 797.80	\$ 850.00
Branch Governance/Mtg Exp	\$ 269.17	\$ 500.00
Info Share/Natl,Reg , Dist Mtg	\$ 177.27	\$ 250.00
Recruitment Event	\$ 5,250.35	\$ 4,500.00
Recruit Event Sales	\$ -1,494.00	\$ 0.00
Volunteer Support/Engagement	\$ 2,651.57	\$ 2,500.00
Community Activities	\$ 1,345.91	\$ 1,500.00
Administration (Office, Stationary, Postage/PO Box, Phone, Internet)	\$ 4,915.35	\$ 4,375.00
Tickets/Pins/Promotions	\$ 101.92	\$ 100.00
Misc (non-op)	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00
Reserve Spend (non-Op)	\$ 270.93	\$ 250.00
Total Expenses	\$14,358.79	\$15,175.00
Earnings/ Loss	\$ 1,539.20	\$ 1,175.00



National Association of Federal Retirees Central
Okanagan Branch BC-07

Annual General Meeting – April 20, 2024

Lakeview Heights Baptist Church,
2630 Alhambra Drive, West Kelowna, BC. Registration: 10:30 AM

1. **Meeting called to order** at 10:50 am Quorum met with 35 in attendance, including 6 Board members. Moved by: Jerry Stinson Seconded by: Edith Purcell Carried. Guy gave a warm welcome to all and invited new members to stand and introduce themselves.
Guy noted that the Central Okanagan Branch has existed for 53 years, and the original certificate was signed by Claude Edwards, an early National President whose name is now associated with the Association's headquarters in Ottawa . The Branch has also received three awards from National - Innovation, Advocacy (retired teachers, all candidates meeting at Mary Irwin Theatre) and Branch Excellence for Large Branch.
2. **Agenda** – Guy reviewed the agenda and identified items that need to be discussed. **MOTION:**"That we approve the agenda as reviewed." Moved by: Jerry Stinson Seconded by: Edith Purcell Carried.
3. **Introductions – President Guy Bird**
 - a) Branch Services Coordinator: Julie Spencer, one of our voting members.
 - b) **Existing Board members:** Vice President Larry Crabb, Treasurer Wayne McAlpine, Director (Membership/Care & Concern) Helen Crabb, Secretary Daniela Evans, Director at Large Ethel Robidoux, Director at Large Edna Allwright.
4. **Table the Minutes from the April 15, 2023, AGM:** The Minutes were included in the package handed out at registration. Guy asked if anyone had questions, there being no question from the floor, a motion was made.
MOTION: "That we adopt the Minutes of April 15, 2023, as distributed" Moved by: Merv Scott. Seconded by: Jan Redlich Carried.

Guy made special mention of Helen's involvement with the UBCO Aging in Place Research Cluster and her great work on this Committee. He referenced the Learning Experience titled Lunch and Bowl that covered "How to stay scam safe" and "How to surf safely on the internet".

5. **Acknowledge those members that have passed away.**

- Helen Crabb – Director of Care and Concern read the names of members who have passed away since last AGM.

Derril Mann, Ronald Huybers, Kenneth Sinclair, James Shackleton, Lloyd Sveinson, Adair Banerd, Yvette Marchand, John Boulton, Myrtle Wilson, Christopher Southin, Ray Falk, Evie Babcock, Robert 'Fred' Hallett, Herman Bush, Eugene Koenig, Stella Robertson, Howard Braun, Ronne Heal, James Corbett, Winnifred Langham, Gordon 'Dale' Brown, Irene Ogglesby, Peter McPhail, Frederick Rudy, Martin Barany, Jolana Dusik, Kjell Sunden.

No longer among us but not forgotten.

A moment of silence was observed by all for those who passed away.

6. **Annual Report –**

- a) Guy reviewed the 2023 Annual Report with a few highlights from an unusual year with raging forest fires. Guy reached out to Johnson Insurance at the time and was pleased to learn from a member who reported that she had received a call from Johnson Insurance to see if she was okay. Christmas Luncheon was a success, and all enjoyed singing with Vic and Carol Ukrainetz (The Fiddler and his Keys). From the funds raised this year including at this event, the Branch was able to donate \$500 to the Salvation Army Toy Drive.
- b) Guy noted that the National office received over 7000 emails from members regarding Canada Life transition from Sunlife. Canada's Public Service Health Care Plan is the largest in North America. Guy pointed out that 20 % of the members' dues are remitted back to the branch to support branch activities. Therefore, we appreciate members getting involved with the Branch as we continue our efforts to "Make a Difference" for our members and in our community. Guy thanked all the volunteers that help, especially with the Salvation Army Kettle campaign.
MOTION: "That we adopt the 2023 Annual Report as presented". Moved by Anne Gilbert. Seconded by Don Warrilow Carried.

7. Table the Reviewed Financials for 2023 – Treasurer Wayne McAlpine / Guy Bird

The Financial Statements, information regarding branch reserves and the 2024 Budget were presented and reviewed. The Branch had an operating loss of \$72.68 and a net equity of \$14,545.11. The full financial statements are attached. Wayne is happy to mail a copy of the 2024 budget upon request.

MOTION: “That the 2023 Financial Statements be accepted as presented and reviewed.” Moved by: Wayne McAlpine Seconded by: Mervyn Scott. Carried.

MOTION: That the 2024 Budget be accepted as presented.” Moved by: Wayne McAlpine. Seconded by: Helen Crabb. Carried.

8. Table change to Branch Bylaws for review and approval

Branch Bylaws - Part V – Branch Board or Executive 5.1.1. Composition – Specifically, that the Branch board shall be comprised of up to 8 members of which three shall be elected to serve in the executive positions: the President, the Vice-President, and the Treasurer.

MOTION: That Branch By-laws Paragraph 5.1.1. be changed to Treasurer in place of Secretary. Moved by: Larry Crabb Seconded by: June Mcleod Carried.

9. Elections of Officers — Conducted by Larry Crabb, Vice President and Wayne McAlpine, Chair

of the Nominating Team. Larry referred to bylaw 6.2 which explains why no nominations from the floor are permitted. Larry then reviewed the slate of candidates. There being no other nominations, the slate was acclaimed as follows and Larry called for a vote of approval:

BC 07 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED AT AGM 2024

President	Daniela Evans	1 st year of 2-year term ends AGM 2026
Vice President	Guy Bird	1 st year of 2-year term ends AGM 2026
Treasurer	Wayne McAlpine	2 nd year of 2-year term ends AGM 2025
Secretary	Vacant	TBD @ May meeting
Membership	Vacant	TBD @ May meeting
Communications /Website	Vacant	TBD @ May meeting
Care and Concern	Vacant	TBD @ May meeting
Director at Large	Edna Allwright	2 nd year of 2-year term ends AGM 2025
Director at Large	Lorrie Brown	1 st year of 2-year term ends AGM 2026
Director at Large	Lisa Cheswick	1 st year of 2-year term ends AGM 2026
Director at Large	Julie Spencer	1 st year of 2-year term ends AGM 2026

MOTION: To approve the Board slate as presented. Moved by: Jan Redlich Seconded by: Dale Henry. Carried.

Daniela mentioned that Lisa is away but will be back from holidays in time to attend the May meeting. Lorrie and Julie were acknowledged, and all were thanked for stepping up. Guy thanked Larry, Helen and Ethel for their long service as very dedicated volunteer Board members over many years. Flowers and gifts were presented.

10. Appoint the Financial Reviewer for the following year. – Guy Bird

- Guy explained that the Financial Reviewer can be a member of the Branch but not a member of the Board. Mervyn advised that he had reviewed the 2023 Financial Statements and found them to be accurate and correct. He also agreed to be the Financial Reviewer for fiscal year 2024.

MOTION: “That we appoint Mervyn Scott to be the Financial Reviewer for the year 2024”. Moved by: Guy Bird; Seconded by Wayne McAlpine. Motion carried.

Relocation Services Group (RSG), a NAFR partner, provided a gift card for raffle and information pamphlets plus take away items. RSG was thanked for their support of our AGM. Thanks to Ethel Robidoux for donation of the RCMP Teddy Bear.

Raffle Winners – Edith Purcell (gift card) and Linda Heppner — Congratulations!

11. Closing remarks: Guy thanked everyone for coming and advised members to check their in-box for upcoming events in 2024. All invited to enjoy a complimentary lunch catered by Happy-tizers.

12. Adjournment: MOTION: “That we adjourn this meeting” Moved by: Guy Bird The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am..

Guy Bird

Guy Bird, President

Daniela Evans

Daniela Evans, Secretary

2024 Annual Report Central Okanagan Branch BCO7

Make a Difference through Advocacy & Connections

As we look back over 2024, public attention to forest fires, water supply, the economy or inflation eventually led to heightened focus on politics and leadership at the provincial, federal and international level. Focusing on two key areas of advocacy role and creating connections, 2024 may be leading us to new ways to support and represent our members.

Shift for Advocacy - One of our primary roles in the Branch is to advocate for our members' needs and services with elected officials at both the provincial and federal level. At the provincial level, for example, this was complicated by changes in ridings along with the BC United and BC Conservative Party leaders adding sufficient confusion about who is in the candidate pool. As a result, our conversations at the board level, and with other branches at the Eastern BC Conference in spring prompted us to think about our future strategy could or should be for advocacy during elections.

We can no longer lean on practices of the past in the changing political landscape – townhalls have turned into webinars; events are now considered in light of safety concerns for our members as well as elected officials; and riding changes don't necessarily line up with the areas we represent as the Central Okanagan Branch. Our time and effort is best served by focusing on connecting with elected officials rather than candidates. In summer, we had MP Tracey Gray attend our annual summer picnic at Mission Creek Park with a surprise in her support staff.

With a federal election in spring 2025, and a new US President drawing more from our elected officials, it may be more difficult to arrange branch specific activities around advocacy. Our members are also focussed on understanding, deciding, and demonstrating who we are as Canadians to the world at large. We need your input and ideas on how to evolve our advocacy role at the branch and national Association level so that we continue to be heard at the highest levels of our provincial and federal governments.

Expanding our Connections - Our Branch focus on creating connections continued in 2024. We connected through monthly coffee meetings, publishing two editions of the OK Central Newsletter, and answering member questions via phone and email. The BC/Yukon District training conference and the Eastern BC meeting provided excellent opportunities

to connect with other branches, and give input into the National strategic plan. We also collaborated with RCMP Veterans and BC Retired Teachers Association for Learning Experiences and plan to expand connections with North and South Okanagan Branches and other retiree organizations. In June, for example, Central and South Okanagan presidents attended the PIPSC Executive Union conference in Kelowna to raise awareness about our Association. We will continue to connect to other organizations and hopefully partner with more to deliver new learning experiences in 2025.

The Medwatch program that thrives at Summerwood Retirement resort was introduced to the Westwood Retirement Resort with updates made to the form. The Salvation Army Kettle campaign was also successful with volunteer teams gathering donations in both Kelowna and West Kelowna in November and the Branch was recognized by the Salvation Army with a certificate of appreciation.

2024 ended with over 60 people enjoying a Christmas luncheon of good food, conversation and entertainment. Because of the fall election, planning began in 2024 to host a learning experience in estate readiness for early 2025.

We wanted to make the best use of the monies that come to the Branch. We completed our plan to replace outdated equipment so that our Board can be more efficient as well as subsidizing recruitment and member events such as the Summer Picnic in Mission Park, the Christmas Luncheon and the AGM at the Lakeview Heights Church.

So what about 2025? We are going to try new approaches on how to reach our elected officials and stay connected in the community. Attending community events as branch representatives, inviting other associations to partner with us to create learning experiences or info sessions, and working with North and South Okanagan branches will be emphasized.

Our volunteers and members' involvement will be key to a successful new year in our Branch. It matters that we can continue to be of service and thank you for your support in the challenging times that are ahead. Please help us do so by keeping connected to the Board and to each other.

In Service,

Daniela Evans

Daniela Evans, President



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ELECTIONS 2025

BC07 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024 – 2025 - 2026 Nomination Slate

Three key positions are up for election this year: Treasurer, Secretary, Director (Membership).

It is important that we fill the (3) positions listed below. There will be lots of training and support.

TREASURER

The Treasurer ensures that a true account is kept of all monies received and paid out by the branch and of all financial transactions. Assists in the preparation of a budget and acts in an advisory capacity to Board on all financial matters. Prepares an annual fiscal report and presents it to the Board and to general membership at AGM.

SECRETARY (can be a shared role). Present at monthly meetings taking notes and prepares documents or other communication required for its membership.

DIRECTOR (Membership) (can be a shared role). Assists with membership recruitment and support initiatives with a team approach. Helps resolve matters arising from telephone or email enquiries. Receives and responds to member correspondence as required.

All positions require nominations by a fellow member before the day of April 7th, 2025. Per our bylaws, nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

If you are interested in joining or sharing a position in any capacity at any time during the year, please contact Daniela or Guy at 250-712-6213.

President	Daniela Evans	2 yr term ends 2026
Vice-President	Guy Bird	2 yr term ends 2026
Treasurer	Wayne McAlpine	Nominated
Secretary	Vacant (co-role)	
Membership	Vacant (co-role)	
Director at Large	Edna Allwright	Term end 2025
Director at Large	Lorrie Brown	2 yr term ends 2026
Director at Large	Lisa Cheswick	2 yr term ends 2026
Director at Large	Julie Spencer	2 yr term ends 2026

Volunteers for Specific Activities

We also have opportunities for members to be volunteers for specific initiatives or activities.

For 2025:

Summer Picnic – We would appreciate having a new member volunteer help us plan the Branch Summer Picnic scheduled for July 12th, 2025. Help us have a fun event for our Branch at Mission Creek Park in Kelowna.

West Kelowna Salvation Army Kettle Campaign – We will also need a **Volunteer Coordinator** for this charitable campaign. If you can spare some time to coordinate our one day event in November scheduling volunteers at the Walmart in West Kelowna, please let us know.

Any help is welcome - Think about joining us.