

NAFR York Branch Meeting
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Tuesday, March 4, 2025 (Zoom)

Present: Fred Conway, President; John MacPhee, Treasurer; Frank Froude, Web Editor; Linda Laffree, Membership; Joe Vettese, Director-at-large; Keith Chang, Director-at-large.

Absent: Vas Sawhney, Director-at-large

Keith Chang took the minutes.

1. Review and Approval of Agenda: Approved as proposed.

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of January 8, 2025: Keith enquired about the status of the Branch Bylaws, as the current version on the web is still marked as “Draft 2022”. It is confirmed that it has indeed been approved by the AGM.

Action: Frank to update the web.

The minutes were approved.

3. Business Arising:

The recent passing of Ed Millar was noted. His long service and contributions to the Board and the Branch were well remembered.

4. Review of Board Positions: Still looking for a Secretary.

5. Reports

(a) President: Fred summarized communications from and with the Ottawa head office, reporting, in particular, such issues as branch structure, advocacy review, district organization, and NAFR position on senior issues. A lot of changes will be coming.

AMM 2025 will take place on June 17/18 at Lac Leamy. The Branch is entitled to one delegate, and can send an observer at Branch cost.

(b) Treasurer: John reported on the financial status, indicating that there is an excess surplus of about \$4600, to be returned to Ottawa.

Action: John is to contact Michael Yee for the audit/financial review in time for the AGM on April 15, 2025. Training of branch treasurers, originally scheduled during the April District meeting, has now been rescheduled to the District's Fall meeting.

(c) Membership: Linda reported on the Branch membership status, indicating current active member count of 975, relative to 981 of January 2025, as shown in the attachment.

(d) Website Editor: There was a discussion on whether board members' phone numbers should be included in the Sage branch supplements of the website, including the archived issues. It was decided to include them unless individuals decide not to. **Action:** Frank to update as necessary. Frank is also to update the website, possibly including such items as advocacy and financial, in addition to the current agenda and minutes.

Action: Given the upcoming changes to the NAFR website, Frank will contact the Ottawa webmaster for a possible Zoom presentation to the Board.

Action: Although not directly related to the website, Fred will test the Branch mailbox and determine if it is worth continuing to keep it.

(e) Advocacy: Nil

6. Spring District Meeting April 29-30: Branch is entitled to one delegate (plus an observer at Branch cost). Branch delegate to be determined, as Fred cannot attend. The planned Treasurer training has been postponed to the Fall District meeting as noted above.

7. Meeting dates. See attached.

8. AGM Planning:

To be held on April 15, 2025. The room at Aurora Legion Hall has been booked. It will be done in hybrid mode. A rehearsal will be essential. **Action:** To invite Brian Turner to assist with both the rehearsal and the actual presentation. The presentation will be given by Tom on climate change.

Keith will take care of refreshments. **Action:** John to enquire with Legion if they could also provide soft drinks, in addition to coffee and tea.

Elections of the president and some board members will be held. **Action:** Eblast will be employed to call for volunteers to join the board.

The expiry date of the terms for the Directors was discussed. Attached is a document summarizing these, and indicating the available positions.

9. New Business: Nil

10. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 9:30-12:00 at the Aurora Legion Hall

**YORK BRANCH ON 55
MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

@ March 2, 2025

Report	Current	Previous @ Jan. 4, 2025	Comments
Active Members	975	981	
Members Who Recently Joined	5	8	3 Single 1 Double
Unpaid Active Members Lookup – Non DDS	2	8	Tom Cooper/Karen Bartholomew Note: of the 8 from the Jan. 4th report - 6 rejoined
Voluntary Member Losses	0	5	
Deceased Members	1		Semyon Zaretsky
DDS Expected Not Received	0	2	
Lost Contacts (Active members)	33	33	

**York Branch
National Association of Federal Retirees
2025 Important Dates**

1. Jan. 6, 2025 Submission deadline for Spring SAGE
2. Jan. 8, 2025 York Br. BOD Meeting (Zoom Conference)
3. Mar. 4, 2025 York Br. BOD Meeting (Zoom Conference)
4. Mar. 20, 2025 – deadline for AMM proposals
5. Apr. 1, 2025 York Br. BOD Meeting
6. Apr. 15, 2025 York Br. AGM (Apr. 21 is Easter Monday)
7. Apr. 29-30, 2025, Ontario District Meeting
8. April 24, 2025 – record date for AMM
9. May 6, 2025 York Br. BOD Meeting (Zoom to review AGM Minutes)
10. June 3, 2025 York Br. BOD Meeting
11. June 17-18, 2025 NAFR AMM at Lac Leamy
12. June 29, 2025 Submission deadline for Fall SAGE
13. Wednesday Sept 10, 2025 York Br. BOD Meeting
14. Oct. 7, 2025 York Br. BOD Meeting – Thanksgiving is 13th.
15. Oct. 21, 2025 York Br. FMM
16. Nov. 4, 2025 York Branch Meeting (Zoom)

All York Br. BOD meeting dates on Tuesday unless indicated.

Sage Issue	Deadline	Delivery	Events
Spring 2024	Jan. 4	March 1 to 12	March 2 to June 12
Summer 2024	March 31	June 3 to 12	June 4 to Sept. 12
Fall 2024	June 29	Sept. 3 to 12	Sept. 4 to Dec. 11
Winter 2024	Oct. 2	Dec. 2 to 11	Dec. 3 to March 12

2024-2025 NAFR York Branch Board of Directors

Elected as Directors for Terms Shown

