

BRANCH REPORT

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President's message

As we begin 2023, we can look forward to an exciting year. This is mainly due to it being the 60th anniversary of the National Association of Federal Retirees as an association as well as our own branch's 60th anniversary. Our annual meeting of members will be held in April and a significant event for the 60th anniversary is planned for September.

In 2022, the branch was able to get back to hosting luncheon meetings once again due to COVID-19 restrictions being relaxed. We held our annual general meeting (AGM) and elections in April at the Italian Cultural Centre (ICC). We also had a successful meeting in September at the ICC with guest speakers from Hearing Life attending. On Dec. 7, 2022, we held our Christmas luncheon at the ICC which was very well-attended and we used the reservation system Eventbrite for the first time and will continue to use it for future events.

We plan to make a strong commitment to advocacy in 2023 and have established a board advocacy committee composed of Ian Sanderson, Deborah Turner and Beverly Segal. We hope to continue to partner at advocacy events this year with other Branches when possible, like we did with Fraser Valley West Branch on Labour Day in 2022.

The branch will be holding its AGM on April 26 at the ICC. We also hope to make stronger ties with our members in the Yukon and we are pleased to welcome Paul Davis from Whitehorse, as a member of our board of directors. Our office manager, Jocelan Caldwell and our office volunteers are our strongest asset. Also, special thanks to Helio DaCosta (recruitment volunteer), as we are one of the few branches in Canada to have access to retirement seminars for current federal employees. Helio presents valuable information about the Association at these seminars.

George Scott
President, Vancouver Branch




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Vancouver Branch board of directors

Left to right: Deborah Turner, director; George Scott, president; Beverly Segal, director; Murray Bryck, vice-president; Tom Chang, treasurer; Ian Sanderson, secretary

In memoriam

The Vancouver Branch extends its sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following individuals:

Patrick W. Cassidy; Glenys Dawson; Thomas Anthony Dohm; Phyllis E. Fox; Jane Evelyn Girard; Doris Irvine; Ralph Mayall; Brent McIlveen; Lorelei Meinert; Albert W. Ranger; Emily Reid; Beverly Sloan; and James Wotten

A message to Vancouver francophone members

If you are a Francophone or Francophile living in B.C., you are invited to explore the “Carrefour 50+” website at <https://carrefour50cb.ca/index.php/fr>. They are B.C.’s umbrella organization supporting French-speaking residents, aged 50 or more, who are keen to connect with others like them through virtual and in-person activities throughout the province. You can contact Pierre Soucy at pmjsoucy@gmail.com to find out more and become a member at no cost.

CRM membership volunteer needed

Training provided — working from home — one of two volunteers included for computer liaison between the Vancouver Branch and the Association’s national office regarding member records. For further information, contact Vancouver Branch at **(604) 681-4742** or fnavan@shaw.ca.

Auditor wanted

The Vancouver Branch is seeking a person with an accounting degree to review the Vancouver Branch financial records and books. This review will be a paid contract. Interested individuals are asked to contact the Vancouver Branch at **(604) 681-4742** or at fnavan@shaw.ca.

Vancouver Branch information

As of March 2023

Address: Vancouver Branch
4445 Norfolk St.
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Branch report: Published quarterly with *Sage*, four-page report in the fall and winter

General meetings: April (annual general meeting), June, September and December

Board of director meetings: Held the week before branch general meetings

Vancouver Branch Board of Directors

President:	George Scott
Vice President:	Murray Bryck
Secretary:	Ian Sanderson
Treasurer:	Tom Chang
Director:	Beverly Segal
Director:	Deborah Turner
Director (Yukon):	Paul Davis

Volunteers

Membership:	Sylvia Mechler
Recruitment:	Helio Da Costa
Health and benefits:	Connie Cameron
Office Manager:	Jocelan Caldwell

Membership

Annual membership fees for 2023 are \$52.56 for a single membership and \$68.28 for a double membership.

For those members who pay annually by credit card:

Go to the national website, www.federalretirees.ca. Click on **Join Us** and follow the on-screen instructions to paying by credit card. You can also pay your membership fees by credit card by calling the national office, toll-free, at 1-855-304-4700, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EST)

For those members switching to Dues Deducted at Source:

If you prefer to change your membership payment to Dues Deducted at Source (DDS), deducted monthly from your pension, the rate is \$4.38 (single) per month or \$5.69 (double) per month. Go to the national website, www.federalretirees.ca. Click on **Join Us** and follow the on-screen instructions to set up DDS payments. An additional bonus is that you will receive a 25% discount on your 2023 membership fees for switching to Dues Deducted at Source.

For those members who pay annually by cheque:

Cheques are to be made payable to: National Association of Federal Retirees, and sent to:

National Association of Federal Retirees
865 Shefford Rd.
Ottawa ON K1J 1H9

The following form should accompany membership renewals when paying by cheque, and mailed to the National office in Ottawa:

Renewal by cheque — 2023 membership rates

☐ **\$52.56** Single membership

☐ **\$68.28** Double membership

Name: _____ Membership number: _____

Spouse/partner name (double membership only): _____

Address: _____

City/province/state: _____

Postal code/zip code: _____ Telephone number: _____

Country (if not Canada): _____

Email address: _____