

NAFR - Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)
Planning Session
Facilitator Gary Barfitt
Hazen Park Centre, Oromocto – Watling Room, 1st Floor

Present:

Léonard LeBlanc, National Director
Elliott Keizer, President
Cyril Theriault, Vice President
Wayne Gunter, Membership Director
Denise Blanchard, Admin Director
Norm Sheen, Special Events Director
Ron Brooks, Immediate Past President
Chris Goddard, Director and Website Manager
Clayton Tupper, Director P-S
Jacques Piché, Director T-Z.

Absent:

Wilson King, Director D-G
Ian Culligan, Director H-L
Rae Hopper, Director M-O

AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. National Priorities
3. Local Priorities
4. Group Work
5. Select Activities
6. Next Steps

INTRODUCTION

Gary outlined the process that we will follow during the session, identifying the following outcomes:

- Know what matters to us
- Know what we should be doing
- Know where to focus our attention
- Where to invest our scarce resources

NATIONAL PRIORITIES

Léonard LeBlanc presented the National Association of Federal Retirees' Strategic Plan 2017-2019.

The five Strategic Goals are:

1. Protect our Pension Benefits
2. Protect our Health Care Benefits
3. Enhance Retirement Income Security
4. A National Seniors Strategy
5. Our Veterans are Supported
6. Enabling Goal: Grow our Membership

LOCAL PRIORITIES

1. Spring Branch Annual Meeting/Dinner
2. Fall Dinner and General Meeting
3. Information Sessions
4. Co-operate with National Initiatives
5. Keep abreast of issues
6. Maintain records
7. Participate in National and Regional Conference and Sessions
8. Partners
9. Stay current
10. Communication
11. Increase Membership

Group Exercise #1

- What do I want our branch to look like five years from now?
- What might keep us from that vision?

*** BREAK FOR LUNCH ***

Group Exercise #2

- Identify priority issues we need to address
- Consider:
 - National Priorities
 - Local Priorities
 - What members want and need from us
 - Others

BRANCH PRIORITIES

- Recruitment
- Improved (effective) working relationship with National
- Communications
- Services to Members
- Be a well-managed branch

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PRIORITIES

- Board Meetings
- Enhance Web
- Use Social Media
- Arrange AGM and other essential activities
- Meet with local unions re. recruitment and management
- Info Sessions
- Currency with Association priorities
- Review effectiveness and refine local Partners Program
- Training and Board Development (Volunteer Development); establish training committee
- Active participation at regional/national level
- Support National Director
- Branch report
- Committees
 - Event organization
 - Recruitment
 - Services to members
 - Volunteer development
 - Communications
- Spring and Fall Dinners