

**National Association of Federal Retirees
Fredericton and District Branch (NB62)
BOD Meeting – Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.
Hazen Park Centre, 2nd Floor Boardroom, Oromocto**

PRESENT

Elliott Keizer, Cyril Theriault, Denise Blanchard, John Richards, Evans Estabrooks, Mike McCormick, Ian Culligan, Andrew Gunter, Norm Sheen, Gary Barfitt and Elise Young.

ABSENT

Rae Hopper, Chris Goddard.

1. WELCOME

Elliott Keizer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following changes:

Add to Business from the Minutes:

4c) Advocacy and Health Care – Elliott

4d) BOD & Atlantic Volunteers Meeting, Moncton – Elliott

4e) Storage - John

Moved by Cyril

Seconded by Elise

CARRIED

3. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF October 16th, 2019

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Moved by Andrew

Seconded by Gary

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

a) Board of Directors duties and responsibilities – Cyril

Received another draft from National regarding templates of Board Secretary and Director at Large. Cyril will look at them and distribute them at the next meeting for review by the board.

b) Communications Committee Terms of Reference – Chris and Mike

Chris and Mike met and decided that it was a bit complicated and decided to cut it back. Chris is presently working on it to make it more manageable. It will identify who we target and how we reach them. Thinking of producing a binder for each board members; what should be

included in it. Denise mentioned that there is one that she prepared but he could be updated. Cyril mentioned that we could add the administrative guidelines that goes along with the By-Laws. Denise will send the information to Mike.

c) Advocacy and Health Care – Elliott

At the last Fall AGM, Elliott said that he would send a question to members inviting to give us their comments regarding health care issues. Would also ask for volunteers to help with this; Sandy Theriault and Peggy Powell would be interested.

We need to formulate a question that will be sent to members by email or Sage; Spring 2020 edition's deadline is Dec. 20, 2019. John suggested that we could have a mail out.

How should we communicate to members and what should we focus on? Health is a broad topic and we will need to focus on specific areas.

Evans referred to a recent newspaper article from the Coalition of Concerned Citizens on Health Care on modernizing the NB Health Care system. He suggested that we attend their meeting on December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (lunch provided) to help us on drafting our message. Fee is \$40 regular and \$20 for senior and Evans is planning to go. Cyril suggested is that Sandy and Peggy could attend to gather some data and pay for their admission. After this meeting, some directors could meet and formulate questions that we want to present to membership and circulate to the board.

Cyril will approach Sandy and Peggy. John offered to coordinate it and Denise will get the envelopes and stamps and take care of sending the email.

d) BOD & Atlantic Volunteers Meeting, Moncton – Elliott

Chris is not able to go; Evans, Cyril, Elliott and Dorma Grant will attend.

Sayward Montague asked for topics to discuss. Town Hall with Jean-Guy Soulière and Simon Coakeley where we can ask the following questions:

Lead time with Sage; Attitude issues with dealing with National; Mega Recruitment Drive contest; Volunteer job descriptions; You and your survivors; CRM

e) Storage - John

Tabled for the next meeting – Saturday, February 15th, 2020.

5. REPORTS

a) Finance – John

John circulated and reviewed his financial statement. See attached report

Motion to approve report by John; Seconded by Ian CARRIED

b) Special Events – Gary

Self-Care session was well received. So far 83 people have registered for the MEDOC session. Denise will send a reminder to the members who are registered on November 26th. Retirement Planning session held on November 15th with 15 people in attendance. Gary and

Fall Dinner:

Spring Dinner:

Spring Information Session:

Motion to approve report by Gary Seconded by Cyril CARRIED

Evans provided a summary of his report which is attached to the minutes.

Moved to approve report by Evans	Seconded by Elliott	CARRIED
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a) Training – Chris

Chris is absent. Training will re-schedule. To be tabled for the next meeting

Gary read an email from Clayton Tupper regarding the wording of the grace before the meal and “certain aspect of Christianity” in regards with members of other faiths. Cyril asked National Office about his and Gary read their response. A non-denominational statement is used at the National Award Banquet:

"Please join me in a moment of gratitude for tonight's meal and the company of our friends and colleagues".

The board decided that we will not change anything, except that there will be no direct reference to any religion. Elliott will reply to Clayton.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 15th, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.
2nd Floor Boardroom, Hazen Park Centre, Oromocto

Recorded by: _____
Denise Blanchard, Admin Director

Approved by: _____
Elliott Keizer, President