

Annual General Meeting – Minutes

2025 April 8
Pinawa Alliance Church

Board Members Present

Chuck Vandergraaf – President	Evelyn Vandergraaf – Membership Chair
Maureen Macdonald – Secretary	Bob McCamis – Treasurer
Alanna Wilcox – Vice-President and HBO	Alice Young – Member-at-Large
Karen Ross – Member-at-Large	

Regrets

George Montgomery – Member-at-large

1. Call to Order

Chuck Vandergraaf called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Introduction of Guests

- Glenn Armstrong, Provincial Advocacy Officer, Manitoba
- Lionel Guerard, President, Winnipeg & District Branch
- Wendy Jarvin, President, Western Manitoba Branch
- Connie Kehler, Director, Prairie and NWT District
- Paula Nygaard, Branch Services Coordinator, Manitoba
- Sarah Jane Nesbitt, Two Rivers

3. Additions/Changes to the Agenda

None to report (Attachment 1).

4. Acceptance of the 2025 April 8 Agenda for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

MOTION: Acceptance of the 2025 April 8 Agenda for the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Moved by Evelyn Vandergraaf and Seconded by Grace Simmons.

Motion was carried

5. Minutes of the 2024 October 22 Fall General Meeting (FGM)

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2024 October 22 FGM of the Eastern Manitoba Branch be accepted.

Moved by Maureen Macdonald and Seconded by Peter Baumgartner.

Motion was carried

6. Update on Association Matters – Connie Kehler

Connie Kehler, District Director for the Prairies, gave a talk and updated our membership on current items within the National Association of Federal Retirees.

7. Reports

7.1 President

Chuck Vandergraaf referenced the spring newsletter which contained his President's Update.

7.2 Treasurer

Discussion on the challenges on the Treasurer's roles including the use of the National Office financial reporting system. Discussion on our financial statements and corrections that Robert McCamis has had to make to our 2022-2023 financial statements (Attachment 2).

MOTION: Robert McCamis motioned that the corrected 2023 Financial Statement and the 2024 Financial Statement of the Eastern Manitoba Branch be accepted.

Moved by Robert McCamis and Seconded by Karen Ross.

Motion was carried

Discussion and overhead presentation of our 2025 Budget (Attachment 3).

MOTION: Robert McCamis motioned that the 2025 Budget of the Eastern Manitoba Branch be accepted.

Moved by Robert McCamis and Seconded by Leni Ohta.

Motion was carried

Discussion on Allocated Funds and Reserve Fund Spending. Robert presented overheads and talked about these allocated funds and what they will be used for e.g. printer, meetings in other parts of MB91 district, travel, and advocacy (Attachment 4).

MOTION: Robert McCamis motioned that the 2025 Allocated/Reserve Funds of the Eastern Manitoba Branch be accepted.

Moved by Robert McCamis and Seconded by Peter Baumgartner.

Motion was carried

7.3 Membership

Evelyn Vandergraaf gave her Membership report.

	2025-04 (BAM)	2024-10 (FGM)
Double Households	207	213
Single Households	147	150
Active Members	561	576
DDS* Households	322	329
Non-DDS Households	32	34
Regular Households	354	363

Discussion on NAFR membership deductions and the different methods of paying i.e. dues deducted from source (preferable method which deducts fees directly from the member's Pension cheque), by cheque, or credit card.

8. In Memoriam

Bill Chelack
Agnes Swanson
Ken Wasywich

Jim Rogocki
Lorne Swanson

9. Change to the MB91 Bylaw

Currently:

8.1.1 The Branch board shall determine the date, location, and agenda of the meeting. The date shall be no later than April 15th.

Reasons

- To give the board more flexibility in scheduling the annual BAM considering that
 - The BAM is held in a place of worship (Pinawa Alliance Church)
 - May conflict with activities surrounding the Easter celebrations

MOTION: Chuck Vandergraaf motioned bylaw 8.1.1 of the Eastern Manitoba Branch to read: The Branch board shall determine the date, location, and agenda of the meeting. The date shall be no later than May 15th.

Moved by Alanna Wilcox and Seconded by Gary Buchanan.

Motion was carried

10. Advocacy - Glenn Armstrong

Glenn Armstrong, our Advocacy Program Officer (MB) gave a talk and updated our membership on current events and local issues within the National Association of Federal Retirees and the current political environment.

11. New Business

11.1 Elections/Appointments to the Board

Discussion on the some of the Board positions and what is entailed.

MOTION: Chuck Vandergraaf motioned for acceptance on the current slate of Board Members.

President: Alanna Wilcox

Secretary: Maureen MacDonald

Treasurer & Webmaster: Bob McCamis

Membership: Alice Young

Health & Benefits Officer: Karen Ross

Moved by George Turner and Seconded by Joyce Tabe.

Motion was carried

11.2 Date for 2025 FGM

To be determined.

12. Closing Remarks - Chuck Vandergraaf

First off, let me congratulate the new Eastern Manitoba board. You will be well served by its new president, Alanna Wilcox and the other board members.

Allow me to close with a few personal remarks.

In less than a month from now, it will have been 80 years since Canadian soldiers liberated my former home country. I recall that evening of May 4, 1945, when people streamed out of their homes and the Dutch tri-colour flag was raised, something that was not allowed during the Nazi regime. Less than an hour later, word came that the war was not quite over. Flags were hauled down and the streets emptied. The war officially ended a few days later in Europe.

Why am I talking about this here and why now? There are two reasons

1. The sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers who put their lives on the line to bring freedom to countries not their own, and.
2. The Canadians population had to make sacrifices in the form of rationing. A quick search on the Internet brought me to the *Western Producer* (Nov 10, 2021) with the following information on weekly rationing per adult:

- sugar: one cup (the average Canadian eats twice that much today)
- tea: two ounces, or coffee: eight ounces. (because these items came from other countries)
- butter: four ounces (one-quarter pound)
- meat: 24-32 ounces (less than five ounces per day)
- beer, spirits and wine were also rationed, the amount varying between provinces

Friends, we are entering another war, this time a financial one. Tariffs are affecting our Canadian industry and agriculture. The stock market is tanking. Layoffs are looming.

Although I fully support the Association's advocacy program, we may have to lower our expectations under these conditions. What can we, as retirees do?

I suggest the following:

- Don't panic. "We will overcome". Our pensions are secure, and we cannot be laid off.
- Advocate. You know the four priorities of the Association. Talk to your friends and elected officials. Glenn has provided a lot of information today.
- Volunteer, as you are able. As retired people, we have been given time to do so. Each hour spent volunteering means one less hour of support that needs to be provided at a cost to our provincial or federal government.
- Vote. Your vote counts. Democracy demands it.
- As CBC's Tom Herrington says at the end of his news broadcast, "be kind to each other".

Alanna Wilcox thanked Chuck Vandergraaf for his many years of service. A cake was served in his honour.

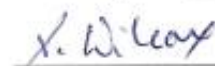
14. Adjournment

MOTION: Adjournment at 3:00 p.m. of the 2025 April 8 AGM of the Eastern Manitoba Branch be accepted.

Moved by Alanna Wilcox and Seconded by Joyce Tabe.

Motion was carried

Minutes Approved: October 7, 2025



President



Secretary

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

No Actions to report.

Attachment 1: Agenda



AGENDA
EASTERN MANITOBA BRANCH [MB91]
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES
BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING
2025 April 08 ~2:00 pm
Pinawa Alliance Church

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Guests
 - 2.1 Glenn Armstrong, Provincial Advocacy Officer, Manitoba
 - 2.2 Lionel Guerard, President, Winnipeg & District Branch
 - 2.3 Wendy Jarvin, President, Western Manitoba Branch
 - 2.4 Connie Kehler, Director, Prairie and NWT District
 - 2.5 Paula Nygaard, Branch Services Coordinator, Manitoba
 - 2.6 Sarah Jane Nesbitt, Two Rivers
 - 2.7 Pat Porth, Two Rivers
3. Additions/Changes to the Agenda
4. Acceptance of the Agenda
5. Minutes of the 2024 October 22 Fall General Meeting
6. Update on Association matters – Connie Kehler
7. Officers' reports
 - 7.1 President – Chuck Vandergraaf
 - 7.2 Treasurer – Bob McCamis
 - 7.2.1 Budget for 2025
 - 7.2.2 Allocated Funds
 - 7.3 Membership – Evelyn Vandergraaf
8. In Memoriam
9. Change to the MB91 bylaw
10. Advocacy –Glenn Armstrong
11. New Business
 - 11.1 Elections/Appointments to the Board
 - 11.2 Date for 2025 FGM (October 21?)
12. Closing Remarks – Chuck Vandergraaf
13. Adjournment

Attachment 2: Treasurers Financial Statement

 National Association of Federal Retirees Association nationale des retraités fédéraux	Financial Statement				
	Balances				
	2022	2023	2023	2024	
	Actual	As Presented	Corrected	Actual	
ASSETS					
Chequing	\$1,323.54	\$3,328.50	-\$3,585.24		\$704.57
Savings	\$17,980.46	\$17,980.46	\$18,601.69		\$8,428.68
Investments	\$13.46	\$13.46			
Other	\$1,138.97	\$1,154.01	\$1,154.01		\$1,188.90
TOTAL	\$20,456.43	\$22,476.43	\$16,170.46		\$10,322.15
LIABILITIES					
Future Year Fees	\$240.02	\$240.06	\$240.06		\$237.99
NET ASSETS/ TOTAL EQUITY	\$20,216.41	\$22,236.37	\$15,930.40		\$10,084.16

 National Association of Federal Retirees / Association nationale des retraités fédéraux		Financial Statement		
		Earnings/ Loss		
		2022	2023	2023
		Actual	As Presented	Corrected
				2024
				Actual
REVENUE				
Fees/ Adjustments		-\$56.54	-\$0.04	-\$0.04
Fees - National		\$4,443.82	\$5,638.75	\$4,490.01
Interest		\$210.76		\$621.23
Other		\$13.46		-\$13.96
TOTAL		\$4,611.50	\$5,638.71	\$5,097.24
EXPENSES				
Branch AGM			\$495.55	\$495.55
Branch Info Sharing				\$323.60
Branch Mtg. Exp.			\$700.00	\$700.00
Branch Recruit			\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Community Activities	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$70.00
IT Licenses/Equip.			\$702.04	\$702.04
Postage			\$463.05	\$463.05
Meeting Expenses				\$3,900.53
Stationary/Supplies			\$600.11	\$600.11
Operating Expenses		\$50.00	\$4,510.75	\$4,510.75
				\$7,063.45

		<u>Financial Statement</u>			
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		2022	2023	2023	2024
		Actual	As Presented	Corrected	Actual
REVENUE					
TOTAL		\$4,611.50	\$5,638.71	\$5,097.24	\$5,108.71
EXPENSES					
Operating Expenses		\$50.00	\$4,510.75	\$4,510.75	\$7,063.45
Misc. (non-op)		\$1,775.38	\$5,765.00	\$5,765.00	\$0.00
Reserve Spending (non-op)					\$3,000.00
Non-Operating Exp.		\$1,775.38	\$5,765.00	\$5,765.00	\$3,000.00
TOTAL EXP.		\$1,825.38	\$10,275.75	\$10,275.75	\$10,063.45
Earnings (Loss)		\$2,786.12	-\$4,637.04	-\$5,178.51	-\$4,954.74

Attachment 3: 2025 Budget

National Association of Federal Retirees	
Eastern Manitoba Branch	
<u>2025 BUDGET (1)</u>	
ASSETS as of 2024 Dec. 31	\$10,322.15
<u>Income - 2025</u>	
Fees	\$4,500.00
Interest	\$150.00
Other	\$5.00
Total	\$4,655.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$14,977.15

National Association of Federal Retirees Eastern Manitoba Branch <u>2025 BUDGET (2)</u>	
<u>Expenses - 2025</u>	
BAM [AGM] Rent/Lunch	\$2,500.00
Administration	\$750.00
IT Licenses/Equip.	\$300.00
Communications	\$250.00
(Newsletters, Condolence Cards, etc.)	
NAFR Travel Expenses	\$1,400.00
Donations [2 Wreaths - Nov. 11]	\$70.00
Total	\$5,270.00
2025 Operating Profit (Loss)	-\$615.00
SURPLUS FUNDS	\$9,707.15

Attachment 4: Allocated Funds

BRANCH: Eastern Manitoba [MB91] For the year 2025-2028

Name & Amount	Define (To be used for)	Timeline (To be used when)	Justify Amount	Use/Transfer authority
Reserved Equity- Equipment \$400	Computer equipment for volunteer use	2025-2026	Printer	Board may use \$400 as needed.
Reserved Equity- Special Events \$1,000	Satellite recruiting meeting in nearby community(ies)	2025-2027	Hall rental \$500, Refreshments \$500	Board may use \$1,000 as needed.
Reserved Equity- Training/Succession Planning \$7,000	Send Observers to AMM Ottawa and District meetings. Additional board training	2026,2028 2026-2028 2025-2026	On-site hotel (\$1,500 + Travel \$1,000) x2= \$5,000 (AMM) District Meeting \$1,000 Est. facilitated session \$1,000	Board may use \$3,500 per year as needed.
Reserved Equity- Advocacy \$1,000	2027 Provincial Elections	2027	Rent of Community Centre, Refreshments, Advertising \$1,000	Board may use \$1,000 in 2027 as needed.
TOTAL \$9,400				

MOTION: That the Reserved Funds allocation for 2025-2028 be approved as presented.

2025 BAM MB91