

BC09 BOD MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2026

We acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the Traditional Lands of the Lekwungen-speaking Peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 292,
411 Gorge Road East, Victoria, B.C.

Time: 10:03 a.m.

In Attendance: Maxine Clarke, Fiann Crane, James Dallimore, Patricia Francis, Jennifer Furry, Elizabeth (Libby) MacRae, David Stinson, Benny Wong

Regrets: Adele McIntosh

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Agenda: M/ Patricia S/ Maxine

Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2026, meeting
M/ David S/ Jim

1. REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Libby

1. Governance, structure and effectiveness review
 - i. Started with the establishment of a Special Committee on Association Structure
 - ii. Guiding principles in the process are fiscal responsibility, sustainability, accountability, inclusivity, collaboration, trust, open communication, member-focused decision-making and continuous learning
 - iii. Townhall was held on March 26
 - iv. Once the proposed model is fully developed, the next steps will be to bring it forward for consideration in principle at the upcoming meeting of members. Then translating that direction into updated bylaws and governance documents. Then back to members for a final vote.
2. Member recruitment
 - i. pre-retirement courses remain a key driver of membership growth
 - ii. last year the association gained almost 10,000 new members
3. Member services
 - i. The association has a dedicated member services team, which is the first point of contact for members, volunteers and the public seeking support or information; responds to telephone enquiries, emails letters, in-person visits; updates membership information. "As the frontline for general inquiries, the team assists

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members with questions related to the association's mandate, programs and services, preferred partners, pension and benefits support. For more complex or escalated matters, they help direct members to the appropriate contacts at preferred partners, pension offices, the Public Service Health Care Plan or the Pensioners' Dental Services Plan. In support of volunteers and branches, the team provides recruitment kits, co-ordinates branch orders, such as swag and business cards, and distributes promotional materials related to the association and its preferred partners. They also contribute to recruitment initiatives by attending in-person events and supporting branch recruitment efforts. They also manage the distribution of membership cards, application forms and related document requests. Contact: service@federalretirees

4. AMM – Branches may choose all-in-one billing, allowing a single invoice after AMM covering registration, transportation, accommodation, meals, per diems and incidentals. There is a meet the Candidates session on May 26 at 13:30 EDT.
5. Branch Board Orientation – May 27 Governance and May 28 Operations
6. Updated advocacy toolkits and leave-behind documents are available on VIP
7. Fall Sage due June 22, in members homes Sept.2-12, date range for events Sept. 4-Dec. 11
8. District Meeting: May 12 to 14, 2026 in Abbotsford. Branch representatives will need to travel on Mon, May 11 and then return on Thur., three branch reps have registered
9. President's Actions since last meeting:
 - i. Answered and/or referred all e-mails addressed to both the Branch and the Branch President
 - ii. Received an e-mail from a former National Director with an attached document detailing concerns about the NAFR Governance Renewal Project-Shaping Our Future
 - iii. Attended virtual town hall on governance March 26
 - iv. Submitted mine and Jennifer's January-March 2026 expense claims to NO
 - v. Forwarded Employment and Social Development Canada e-mails dated March 12 and 31 and April 15 to branch directors
 - vi. Forwarded two e-mails from Senior Singles for Tax Fairness dated April 15 and 16 to Board directors

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- vii. Forwarded Shaping Our Future: Governance & Structure Review Consultation at spring district meetings dated April 17 to Branch Directors
- viii. Weekly Update - Received three weekly e-mail updates from the Co-Chairs of the President's Forum – first was April 15 and sent to all Association Presidents; there is a OneDrive space where relevant documents are being shared in preparation for AMM e.g. results of district meetings; documents for and against the governance renewal; general information; I have reviewed all documents
- ix. Forwarded AMM proposals to Branch Directors
- x. Governance Renewal - Responded to a request for BC/Yukon President Zoom meeting before District meeting – Tuesday May 5 at 7:00; Benny will attend

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: Maxine

Maxine reported that she participated in the two Branch organization seminars. Maxine is experiencing great difficulty in getting on CRM. Maxine finally got the Treasurer's email address moved so she can access it. Further discussions are taking place regarding the transfer of the Treasurer's responsibilities over to Maxine.

C. ADVOCACY: Adele

No report. Libby noted that we received more material from NO regarding advocacy.

D. HEALTH BENEFITS: David

Nothing new to report. PDSP is under negotiation.

E. MEMBERSHIP: Patricia

Patricia worked with IT to get access to CRM which has now been achieved. She spends most of the time on the In Memoriam list. It was decided that Patricia will send the list direct to NO. Benny has the sign in book that Ray used at our events, and he will give it to Patricia. Patricia indicated that she would buy a new book along with a roll of tickets. Jim has indicated that he will continue with the greeter's position. Libby has suggested that Patricia get in touch with the NO service email to see if they send out letters to members.

F. SPEAKERS PROGRAM: Fiann

For September meeting, in addition with Collette we have a graduate student from UVIC who will present a talk about brain health called Aging with Agency. Benny asked that he be told in advance what audio-visual may be needed. Elder Care will be speaking at the December meeting. Fiann is working on having the

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55+ Games for 2027. She was pursuing Advanced Care Directives but have not heard from them.

G. WEBSITE: Benny

Benny was able to get in touch with someone from NO who was very helpful in updating the website. He has updated the contact list, meeting minutes, etc. The 2026 AGM financial materials have also been posted to the website.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Wellnessnews

Benny found copies of the Wellnessnews. Jim will take a copy to David. Further discussion will take place regarding their request for putting in an ad.

B. District Meeting May 12-14 Abbotsford

It is a detailed agenda and those attending will report back at our next meeting.

C. AMM June 15-17 Gatineau

As above.

D. September 8 General Meeting

The location is booked as are the speakers. Jim will bring cookies, Benny will arrange the coffee/tea service, Fiann will get in touch with Darlene who is the coordinator for the church to find out what utensils etc. are needed and assist in ordering sandwiches from Thrifty's who will deliver.

E. December 8 General Meeting

Libby will double check with Adele confirming the booking at the Craigflower Scottish Centre. Police Chorus has been confirmed, and Patricia had provided the contact to Fiann.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. NAFR New Governance Model

This will be a major topic at the District meeting in Chilliwack and at the AMM in June. The recommendations of the National Board committee looking at Association restructure appear to be suggesting a much more centralized governance model based very largely on the National Board of Directors, assisted by the CEO and the National Office staff. The Branch structure across Canada will be replaced by a much smaller number of regional groupings with much reduced responsibility. David commented that the townhall meeting left him with more questions than answers as well as a feeling that the intended outcome has already been decided - i.e., much of what is happening now are the formalities of changing the governance of the Association, one step at a time. He noted that there was no discussion at the "townhall meeting" about the costs of

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the restructuring. Hopefully, information presented at the up-coming District meeting will make a lot of this clearer before the delegates assembled at the AMM in June are asked to vote on the proposed changes.

Libby mentioned that it is interesting to note that they weren't going to have a President's forum at the AMM, but they now are doing so. Unfortunately, approval for break out rooms has not been received. It is important to read the documents provided.

B. Branch Orientation Sessions

a. May 27 and 28

Please attend if possible.

C. Meetings for 2027

Benny suggested that we cancel the January meeting, have the AGM in March, as well as a meeting in June, September and December. It was suggested by members that we have a May meeting rather than June. It was suggested that we have the meeting in May 2027 and move to the either the week of May 17th or May 24th which is after the district meeting.

It was moved that in 2027 we have a meeting in March, late May, September and December.

M/ Maxine S/Benny Carried

ROUNDTABLE

Reminder: Please bring your April/May/June travel claims in for signature.

NEXT BOD MEETING: June 2, 2026

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: September 8, 2026

ADJOURNMENT at 11:58 am