

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES
WESTERN MANITOBA BRANCH MB30
Annual General Meeting and Recruitment Event April 14, 2026**

Present: Wendy Jarvin, President; Brett Turner, Vice-President; Rae McBurney, Treasurer; Kathie King, Secretary; Jane Brunet, Director; Brad Kelso, Director; Jim Doppler, Director; Garnet Shearer, FOB; Terry Gunnlaugson, FOB; Ken Jarvin, FOB; Betty Kelso, FOB; and William Stadnyk, Nominations Chairperson.

Regrets: Val Zoerb, Director.

Attendees: 42 Members and 11 Guests

1. Welcome and Call to Order:

Wendy Jarvin welcomed attendees and provided “housekeeping” tips. Wendy explained the recruitment feature of the meeting and encouraged members to share the NAFR information on display to current government employees, future retirees, and other federal retirees who are non-members.

Meeting called to order: 11:38 am

2. Introduction of Board Members and Guests:

Wendy Jarvin introduced the board of directors and their position titles. Wendy also introduced the following guests and gave them a warm welcome: Glenn Jones, President, Leo Girouard, Vice President and Colin Hourie, Treasurer, all of Central Branch; Lionel Guerard, President of Winnipeg Branch; Alanna Wilcox, President of Eastern Branch; Glenn Armstrong, MB Advocacy Program Officer; Connie Kehler and Paula Nygaard, both Directors of the National Board of Directors.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Terry Gunnlaugson for the approval of the agenda. Seconded by Lloyd Curtis.
CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes from the Annual General Meeting – April 15, 2025:

Motion by Garnet Shearer to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025 AGM. Seconded by Rhonda Mathers. **CARRIED**

5. Remembrance of our Members:

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Branch members lost in 2025/2026.

6. Annual Branch Report:

Wendy Jarvin highlighted the branch’s core services to members; the branch’s current membership; and progress on the Governance and Branch Restructuring Review project. She reviewed our 2025 recruitment activities, including the Ice Cream event at the Agriculture Canada Centre during Public Service Week and our participation with a booth at the CFB Shilo Symposium in October. The branch also marked Veterans Week, with NAFR wreaths laid at Remembrance Day services in Brandon and at 10 additional Legion branches across our region. NAFR holiday greetings were shared in newspapers serving 16 surrounding communities. Looking ahead, the branch will focus on “member support” by visiting Parks Canada members, and by exploring ways to connect with rural members through Zoom. We will also support the Royal Canadian Legion commemoration events as it celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2026. Wendy concluded by sharing a 4-minute video message from **Gisèle Tassé-Goodman**, Chair, National Board of Directors, National Association of Federal Retirees.

7. Presentation of Approved Financial Reports:

- a) Approved Financial Statements: The Balance Sheet and Earnings/Loss Statement for the year ending 2025 showing a loss of \$514.69 were presented.
- b) Approved 2025 Budget: Budget for 2026, as previously approved by the board, showing a shortfall of \$1,409.45 was presented.
- c) Approved Reserve Equity Plan: The 2026 Reserves Template totaling \$16,146.00 was presented.
- d) Appointment of Financial Reviewer: Motion by Brett Turner to appoint Pat Selinger as the financial reviewer for the year ending December 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Rae McBurney. The motion was **CARRIED**.

8. Proposed Amendments to the Branch By-Laws:

Motion by Jim Doppler that the following changes be made to the Branch By-Laws: Part IV, 4.2 be removed (no longer applicable); Part VIII, 8.1.1 be changed from "April 15th" to "no later than April 30th"; and Part VIII, 8.5 be changed from "25 members, as long as the Branch has fewer than 1,000 members" to "two times the number of directors currently in office plus one".

Seconded by Joel Langley. **CARRIED**

9. Board of Directors 2026/2027: Elections, Acclamations and Call for Volunteers

Nominations Chairperson Bill Stadnyk read appropriate By-Laws and Regulations for 2025/26 nominations. A chart showing the expired board positions and a 2nd chart showing the Board Positions for 2026 – 2027 was presented to the membership. Changes this year are Brett Turner stepping down as Vice President but remaining as a Director, Rae McBurney stepping down as Treasurer and as Director. Director Jim Doppler will move into the Vice President position and Betty Kelso will move into the Treasurer position. Garnet Shearer nominated and presented written documentation, as per by-laws, from Larry Weisgerber indicating he is letting his name stand to fill the vacant Director position on the board. There were no other nominations or nominees.

Bill moved the Board of Directors as presented in the 2026-2027 Chart along with Larry Weisgerber's nomination will be installed **by Acclamation**. Seconded by Kathie King. **CARRIED**

10. Advocacy Report: Glenn Armstrong, Advocacy Program Officer

Glenn gave his Spring 2026 Update on the Associations new 5 Advocacy Priorities: 1. Retirement Income Security, 2. Positive and Healthy Aging, 3. Veteran Well-Being, 4. Reliable Health Care and 5. Fairness for Federal Retirees. Glenn noted the number of seniors is increasing and by 2040, 25% will be over 65 years of age, signifying a definite need to keep bringing the Associations priorities to Governments at all levels. Glenn also discussed the main points of the Public Sector Pension Plan (PSPP), OAS, GIS, and Canada Pension Plan. Glenn emphasized that strong federal leadership is needed to ensure Canada is a country where everyone has access to a high quality of life in retirement and a healthy, positive aging experience. Glenn ended his report with an advisement to members to be cautious of on-line rumors, scams and misinformation.

11. Lunch and Draws:

The meeting broke for lunch as supplied by Joe Beeverz. Don Webster was the winner of the 50/50. Glenn Armstrong and Linda Selinger won the two door prizes. Wendy presented Rae McBurney with a special gift for her years of service to the board and expressed appreciation for all her excellent work.

12. Guest Speakers: “Paws 4 Valour” – Joel and Shauna Langley and Bandit
 “Project Resilience 911” – Ngaire Abernathy and Koki

Joel and Shauna Langley gave a presentation on their six-week, free program, “Paws 4 Valour”, which is geared for Military Veterans, RCMP and First Responders. It is not a therapy or service dog program but rather each participant brings their own dog to train with two certified dog trainers and a behavioral specialist. It is designed to assist veterans and front-line workers, to use the training of their dogs as a help in reintegration into civilian life after retirement and also to assist with mental health issues. Six suitable candidates and their dogs are selected per session. Paws 4 Valour works with Project Resilience 911 which was established as a “Road to Mental Resilience” Peer Support Team to raise awareness for front-line responders and front-line workers by starting the conversation and ensuring no one walks alone. It is designed to support and share resources, training, funding, opportunities and wellness initiatives for all First Responder, Frontline and Military agencies in Manitoba. Ngaire Abernathy, a social worker and certified dog trainer, works with both Projects and provided information along with Joel and Shauna Langley. Members of NAFR were introduced to their dogs, Bandit and Koki. To the delight of the audience, the dogs performed some tricks. All was well-received and Wendy thanked Joel and Shauna and Ngaire for their time and excellent presentations.

13. Adjournment: Al Robertson moved the meeting be adjourned at 1:20 pm

Western Manitoba Branch 2026- 2027 Board of Directors

Position	Name	End of term
President	Wendy Jarvin	2027
Vice-president	Jim Doppler	2028
Treasurer	Betty Kelso	2028
Secretary	Kathie King	2027
Director-at-large	Jane Brunet	2028
Director-at-large	Brad Kelso	2027
Director-at-large	Brett Turner	2028
Director-at-large	Larry Weisgerber	2028
Director-at-Large	Val Zoerb	2028

Friends of the Board: Terry Gunnlaugson
 Garnet Shearer
 Kenn Jarvin

Minutes Approved by:

Wendy Jarvin – President

Kathie King – Secretary
