

Mark Clunes

FSNA EXECUTIVE MEETING JANUARY 14, 1997
at 1:00 PM COMOX LEGION HALL

1. Call to order and attendance:

Al Dawber	President
John Challender	Vice-President
Tom Dandeno	Treasurer
Dorothy Lind	Secretary
Anne Hallam	Director/Membership
Ron Collette	Director/Newsletter
John Davis	Director
Mary Kaaman	Director/Programmes
Arnie Leiter	Director/Welfare
Don Middleton	Director
Velda Hoggan	Director/Ass't Membership

2. It was moved by Tom Dandeno and seconded by John Davis that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Treasurer: Tom reported a closing balance for 1996 of \$4012.11. He also told us that dues deducted at source are calculated as \$194.04 per month and paid at the rate of \$582.12 per calendar quarter.

b. Membership: Current membership was reported as follows:

	Members	Partners	Total
Paid by source deduction	281	161	443
Paid to Branch	149	86	235
Not yet renewed	144	64	208
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Total Membership	574	311	885

Members who have not yet renewed remain in good standing to the end of the first General Meeting in the new year or March 31st, whichever is earlier.

John said he had been checking on a list of people who had not renewed in 1996 - has done about 18 so far - and found some had died, some were in nursing homes but some of them had said they were going to renew their membership. Tom confirmed that some had.

c. Welfare: No report.

d. Programmes: Mary said she had been talking to the Washington Inn and the next General Meeting is scheduled to be held there on March 12, 1997. The menu will be as usual and the cost will be \$11.00 per person. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m., lunch will be served at noon and the meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. We have requested no head table.

e. Media: John said he would do up a contribution for the insert. Ron has asked for contributions from others as well. Closing date is February 10/97.

4. Old Business: It has been decided to ask a representative of Midland Walwyn to give a short talk at the next General Meeting about the Retirement and Savings Program package.

5. New Business: The following is an extract from a letter written by Claude Edwards, FSNA's National President, to a member of the Ottawa Branch and forwarded to us by Dunc Dunsmore, our Regional Director.

Over the years, we have attempted to cooperate with AFP/AAC and, at one stage, suggested that we should merge the two organizations. We have attempted to establish meetings of both executives to consider this, but AFP/AAC was only interested in having the FSNA executive come to London, Ontario to meet with their executive. We proposed that we could convene a meeting in Toronto since AFP/AAC was not prepared to come to Ottawa, but they did not respond to our letter suggesting it as a meeting place. We know the position of AFP/AAC was that they should, if they merge with FSNA, come in as a section and have all Armed Forces FSNA members transferred to their organization. They also demanded an assurance that they would retain a Vice-President position on the executive. Our position was that if a merger was undertaken at some time other than FSNA's triennial convention, the executive would be expanded to include an Armed Forces representative of their choosing and they would also be entitled to a member on our National Board. At the convention following the merger, Armed Forces representatives would be free to run for any office in the merged organization, but would not be guaranteed a seat on the Executive or the Board. This proposal was not acceptable to the Armed Forces Pensioners'/Annuitants Association. While all questions relating to a merger were negotiable, the AFP/AAC did not respond to our offer to meet and that is where the matter rests. Mr Halayko, the President, was reminded a number of times of his failure to respond to our offer to negotiate a merger and made bland promises to review the situation and 'get back to us'. This has not happened." This letter was written in December of 1995.

In a memorandum to all Branch Presidents, Claude Edwards is responding to a desire on the part of the Branches to be more involved with FSNA policies and activities by suggesting that those interested Branches appoint a person who will be responsible for the information/member service of the PSHCP at the branch level. Don Middleton has agreed to take on this responsibility. John will fax a letter to Head Office immediately after this meeting.

6. Open Discussion: The secretary will order 30 pins and 10 Fact Books in English. John has agreed to fax the order in hopes they will be here for the General Meeting in March.

7. The next executive meeting will be held on February 11, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at the Comox Legion Hall.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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Presidents Report
(Al Dawber)

Welcome to 1997, I wish you all the very best in the New Year.

We had our Annual Elections Meeting at the Westerly Hotel on 27 Nov 96. We had a large number of Members in attendance (120), a great turnout. We have ended 1996 in a very upbeat fashion - our membership is way up in the 800+ area, we are financially sound. The Branch has received a letter from the National President, Claude Edwards, congratulating us on having the largest membership increase out of the five Island Branches.

Our slate of Branch Officers for 1997 has had a few changes. Mary Stevens has moved near Nanaimo and has stepped down. Velda Hoggan has stepped down from the Membership position but is remaining on as a Director. John Challender was elected as the new Vice President and Ann Hallam was elected as the new Membership Chairperson. Both of these Members are experienced in committee work and are anxious to be involved. Here is a list of your 1997 Executive:

President	- Al Dawber	Director	- Frank Elvins
V/President	John Challender	"	John Davis
Secretary	Dorothy Lind	"	Jean Green
Treasurer	Tom Dandeno	"	Don Middleton
Newsletter	Ron Collette	"	Charles Page
Programmes	Mary Kamaan	"	Velda Hoggan
Welfare	Arnie Leiter		
Membership	Ann Hallam		

We had two special guests at the Meeting - Dunc Dunsmore the Regional Director (and his wife Lute). He gave a short talk on our indexing increase and that it appears that our PSHCP premiums will be going up. Dick Gakk, President of the Nanaimo and Area Branch

talked about his Branch and that it was important to interact with the five Island Branches.

Medoc is proving to be a very popular plan with our travelling Members. Their Toll-free number is 1-800-663-9995 (Johnson Insurance).

We are in need of volunteers to help Ann Hallam (334-0594) on the telephone calling lists for our General Meetings. This is an important job, takes up only a few hours per year.