

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES (FSNA)

Executive Meeting
Vancouver Island North Branch
November 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order.

Present: Bill McSeveney, Cecile Turnbull, Tom Dandeno, Bill Turnbull, Steve Bunyan, Mary Kamann, John Davis, Kevin Weighill, Frank Elvins, Halle MacMullen

Absent: Karen Finn, Barb Schneider, Laretta Hewitt, Doug Runchey, Ian Sibbald

Minutes: No errors or omissions. Moved by Bill and seconded by Steve that the minutes of the last executive meeting be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported that he has not yet received the new membership cards with the new logo and has not received the cheque for the DDS dues as of this date. Cash in the Bank as of this date is \$10,296.84. Moved by Tom that the Financial Statement be accepted as read, seconded by Kevin. Carried.

Media: John has the posters and notices out for the December General Luncheon Meeting.

Welfare: Halle reported that she sent out one card.

Programs: Barb was absent. Halle reported that all the arrangements have been made for the luncheon with the Hotel. Halle and Barb are to go shopping for the gifts. Music will be supplied by Joan Collins during the meet and greet and name tags will be on the tables for the executive. Valet parking has been arranged at the Hotel. Ticket sales have been slow – about 170 at this time. Reminder about food bank donations.

Membership/Webmaster: Steve reported that the Web is up to date and getting positive input. Steve is working on the membership databank. The recruiting drive is still on and has brought in some new members. To date we have 1265 members and 652 spouses for a total of 1917. Moved by Steve that the report be accepted, seconded by Halle. Carried.

Newsletter: Kevin reported that the newsletter is ready for the printers this week and will be out by the 20th of the month. This issue of the local newsletter will be the last for Bernie Guyader, the Editorial Assistant. Kevin will take on this job and see how it goes.

Benefits: Bill had nothing new to report.

Telephone: Cecile had nothing new to report.

History: Frank had nothing new to report.

Other Business:

1. **By-laws:** Bill McSeveney suggested to change the name North Vancouver Island Branch By-laws to *Vancouver Island North Branch Administrative Procedures*.

2. **Auditors:** Bill McSeveney addressed the issue of the term Auditors. Auditors seemed to have the context of professional financial auditors to the executive, so it was proposed to amend the wording in the *Branch Administrative Procedures* section 7:01 to Financial Review Committee. A motion at the December General Meeting will be presented by Halle MacMullen.

Old Business:

1. Bill McSeveney, Kevin Weighill, Karen/John Finn, Cecile/Bill Turnbull will attend the Regional Executive Training in Duncan on November 26, 08.
2. Bill Turnbull will attend the HBO Training in Vancouver, November 27, 08. He will keep receipts for expenses.
3. John Challender and Arnie Auerbach have volunteered to be the audit committee for the 2008 Financial reports. Moved by Bill Turnbull that they be nominated at the AGM, seconded by Halle.

New Business:

1. **Media Relations:** Bill Turnbull met with John Challender to discuss how we could help promote the local branch more effectively to attract new members. John suggested using every opportunity to get pictures, along with captions and our website address into local papers to attract local federal retirees.
2. Tom MacLean of Collette Vacations wrote to Bill McSeveney and would like to do another presentation at our AGM. It was decided that Bill would contact him to make arrangements for the March meeting.
3. Kevin Weighill would like to recognize Bernie Guyader for his years of service to the organization. It was decided that Kevin would present Bernie with a letter of thanks or a certificate at the December AGM.
4. John Davis requested permission to purchase new nametags for any new executive members. The new logo and colours will be put on these.