



**National Association of Federal Retirees  
Vancouver Island North Branch**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
7 October 2009**

1. Cecile Turnbull called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. In attendance were:

Vice-President	Cecile Turnbull	Treasurer	Tom Dandeno
Past President	Ian Sibbald	Welfare	Halle MacMullen
Programs	Barb Schneider	Membership	Steve Bunyan
Benefits	Bill Turnbull	Telephone	Paddy O'Brien
History	Frank Elvins	Director	Mary Kamann
Director	Lauretta Hewit	Media	John Davis
Observer	Deb Yelf		

Absent were:

President	Bill McSeveney	Secretary	Karen Finn
Newsletter	Kevin Weighill	Assistant Benefits	Doug Dunsmore
Director	Marjorie Arnold		

3. Adoption of previous minutes:

Copies of the previous executive meeting minutes were made available to members present. It was moved by Steve Bunyan and seconded by Paddy O'Brien that the minutes be adopted as presented. Carried.

4. Committee reports:

- a. Treasurer – Tom Dandeno presented the statement of revenue for the period 1 January to 30 September 2009 (copy attached) and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by John Davis. Carried.
- b. Media – John Davis sought assurances that the next event requiring media coverage was the December AGM. Having obtained that, he said that the requisite public notices would be submitted.
- c. Welfare – Halle MacMullen stated that no cards had been sent out over the past month.
- d. Programs –
  - Barb Schneider asked for suggestions regarding gifts for the Christmas luncheon, specifically whether to continue with two cases of wine and to hold other gift costs to previous levels. All present urged her to continue as in previous years. She requested a cash float of \$600 for gift purchases. This was approved.

- Halle MacMullen requested a cash float of \$75 for 50/50 draws at future luncheons. Her motion was seconded by Barb Schneider and carried.
  - Bill Turnbull reported Christmas luncheon ticket sales of 135 with 10 pending. Barb Schneider reported selling 8 tickets, giving out 2 and having requests for 6 more, bringing the grand total to 161 thus far.
- e. Membership – Steve Bunyan reported a membership count of 1346 plus 691 spouses for a total of 2037. He said his tally and the WMS were now quite close. Steve distributed computer printouts of the current membership list to those present.
  - f. Newsletter – Kevin Weighill was unable to attend. Cecile Turnbull said she would approach Kevin about distributing the next newsletter earlier than normal, say by mid-November, partly to boost luncheon ticket sales and partly to advise members of the elections that will take place at the December meeting. With the benefit of hindsight, she indicated that an announcement regarding elections should have been on the September General Meeting agenda.
  - g. Benefits – Bill Turnbull had a nil report.
  - h. Telephone – Paddy O'Brien reported that she is on the lookout for a couple of telephoners and that some of her telephoners reported difficulties opening e-mail attachments she had sent. It was suggested that attachments be sent in either \*.rtf or \*.pdf format since these are reasonably universal.
  - i. History – Frank Elvins has assembled a list of Branch charitable donations going back to 2001 which he will send to Kevin Weighill for inclusion in the next newsletter.

#### 5. Old business:

Draft 2010 By-Law Review – Cecile and Bill Turnbull reported on the by-law review meeting in Duncan on 24 September 2009. They briefly summarized the contentious points which generally revolve around the powers given to the NBOD and its lack of accountability to the membership as represented by the Branch Presidents. Also troubling were the limited roles of the National Directors and RSOs. They showed John Finn's compilation of proposed changes which is to be forwarded to Ottawa under the signature of the RSO and the five Vancouver Island Branch Presidents. Cecile reported that Bill McSeveney was prepared to sign the document although he disagreed with the proposal to exclude NBOD members from voting at AGMs. On the subject of voting, Bill said that weighted voting had been a hot topic and that John Finn had suggested tabling a resolution to study what the voting formula should be since its historical origins, as Jim Cotter had explained, were far from scientific.

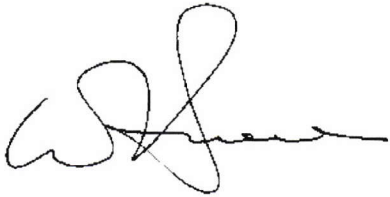
#### 6. New business:

- a. Remembrance Day Wreaths – John Davis and Cecile Turnbull said they would order the wreaths for Comox and Courtenay, respectively. Cecile indicated that she would ask Bill McSeveney to order the Campbell River wreath and that she would lay the wreath in Courtenay. The anticipated cost of \$35 – \$45 per wreath was deemed acceptable by all.

- b. Duncan Regional Meeting, 4 November 2009 – Expected attendees at this session are Bill McSeveney, Cecile Turnbull, Steve Bunyan, Bill Turnbull and Doug Dunsmore if he is available.
- c. RSO 2010 Budget – Bill Turnbull explained that the proposed 2010 RSO budget planned for two major operations and training sessions, one on the Island and the other in Vancouver. Both would span two days and involve an overnight stay. The RSO, John Finn, was looking for approval in principle that each Branch would pay \$100 of the travel costs of their participants to a maximum of five persons. His budget would then cover the balance which the Directors thought was a pretty good deal. It was moved by Bill Turnbull and seconded by Paddy O'Brien that approval in principle be given. Carried.
- d. Executive Elections / Nominating Committee – Cecile Turnbull asked for names of members-at-large who might form a nominating committee. Al Dauber, Paul Gill and Theresa Mead were proposed.

7. Adjournment:

John Davis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Halle MacMullen seconded. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.



William Turnbull  
Acting Secretary



Cecile Turnbull  
Vice-President

Enclosures: 1

Next Executive Meeting: 1:00 pm on Tuesday, 3 November 2009 at the Comox Legion.
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FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH BRANCH  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE  
JANUARY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

OPENING BALANCE		35142.50
CASH ON HAND	100.00	
IMPREST FUNDS	300.00	
TERM DEPOSITS	24331.40	
CASH IN BANK	10411.10	
REVENUE		
DDS DUES	8263.30	
CASH DUES	5558.85	
DUES REFUND	66.37	
CHRISTMAS TICKETS	1665.00	
ESTATE DOCUMENTS	45.00	
CATERING	285.00	
INTEREST	1.02	
50/50	340.00	
		16224.54
EXPENDITURE		
ASSESSMENTS	6222.29	
DUES REFUND	44.40	
CATERING	943.45	
OFFICE	1365.24	
ESTATE DOCUMENTS	90.00	
MEETINGS	1012.31	
TRAVEL	313.50	
DONATIONS	2000.00	
NEWSLETTER	4193.80	
TOTAL		16184.99
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR PERIOD		39.55
CLOSING BALANCE		35182.05
CASH ON HAND	100.00	
IMPREST FUNDS	300.00	
TERM DEPOSITS	24331.40	
CASH IN BANK	10450.65	