

FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
General Meeting - North Vancouver Island Branch
March 8, 2006

Ian called the meeting to order. He then gave a report on the President's meeting he and Al Dawber attended in Toronto at the end of February.

1. Medicare: "The FSNA position is to ensure that all the principles of the Canada Health Act are maintained but must reflect the realities of our current environment to ensure that:

1. All Canadians receive the same services regardless of ability to pay and province or territory of residence.

2. Wait times of services are significantly reduced.

3. Services provided by private clinics are not in competition with the public system but are complimentary to it and are regulated, controlled and paid by governments."

2. The Public Service Health Care Plan is being negotiated and is expected be made public in April. Cuts to the plan are unlikely and there could be an increase in the premiums which have been frozen.

3. There was a small victory in the case regarding Bill C-138. The judge presiding made a decision favourable to the plaintiffs in deciding that the documents that had been tabled by the plaintiffs are admissible as evidence.

4. Al Dawber informed us that BC Presidents presented a suggestion to amend the number of delegates each Branch sends to the Triennial Convention. The suggestion was to send one delegate for up to 2000 members in the Branch; over two thousand, the Branch would send 2 delegates. Many delegates felt that there were just too many members at the Convention and it made the process too cumbersome. The decision was made to maintain the status quo and have further discussion at the Convention.

Minutes: Bill McSeveney moved the acceptance of the minutes with the following amendment. "According to our regulations, the President, the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Directors are elected by the general membership". The motion was seconded by John. Carried.

Treasurer's report: Presented by Tom Dandeno and circulated to the members present. The interest earned to December 31, 2005 was reinvested and added to the investment total to bring our balance to \$27041.17 to February 28, 2006. Tom moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Bryan Lind. Carried.

Membership report: We have a membership of 1111 with 587 spouses/partners for a total of 1698 to February 28, 2006. Reminders were sent to 75 members who have not yet renewed. Dues have been received from a number of these and a few others have told him they have changed to Dues Deducted at Source. A DDS printout is not yet available under the new program but they assure us they will be available shortly. Tom moved the acceptance of his report, seconded by Halle. Carried..

Committee Reports:

Programs: Barbara said there were about 170 in attendance which makes it the best attended March meeting ever. She thanked the girls for helping make the favours which are on the tables.

Media: John had nothing to report.

History: Frank had nothing to report.

Webmaster: Steve told us that 3 of the 4 Island branches are now on the website and Sidney is still discussing it. The domain name is good for three years and the address is www.fсна-nvi.com. Steve asked those present who have visited the site to raise their hands and about one-fourth of those present have. He also said that the Newsletter could be sent to computer users on line which would really cut down on the postage costs. This topic will be revisited at a later date. Al Dawber has said he would pick up the cost of the Regional Site from his budget. Steve will forward the bills to him.

Health Benefits: John has had some inquiries which indicate to him that executors of wills are lacking information. The Supplementary Death Benefits are not recorded. He has asked all of those present to get their wills in order and to list all of the benefits. He will make up a list of relevant telephone numbers which should be stored with the wills for the benefit of those who are settling estates. Tom also has Survivor Benefit leaflets in which all of the information can be recorded.

Telephone: Cecile thanked the volunteers for getting all the phone calling done and asked for a round of applause for these important people.

John Finn made a presentation explaining the Canada Pension Plan and its relationship to civil service, RCMP and Armed Forces pension plans. It is a rather complicated situation but he helped us to understand some of it and laid to rest a lot of the "old wives tales" many of us have held. He also stressed there is no relationship between these pensions and the Old Age Pension.

Following the presentation, draws were made for the prize donated by the Westerly and for the 50/50 draws.

John moved the meeting be adjourned.