

National Association of Federal Retirees
Kingston and District Branch
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Kingston and District Branch FSNA

Tuesday, 21 April 2009
Banquet Room, MINOS Village Restaurant
2762 Princess Street, Kingston, Ontario.

Registration & Meet and Greet: 5:30 pm.

1. **Call To Order & Welcome:** President Ron Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He welcomed all members and especially those who have not attended an AGM before. There were one hundred members in attendance.
2. President Ron Henderson introduced Ann Clapperton the Regional Services Officer, Eastern Ontario Region, to the members. Anne gave an outline of her new position in the hierarchy of FSNA under the new governance rules and provided a short synopsis of what is happening at the Regional and National level, including:
 - The pension surplus appeal;
 - Retirement of the Executive Director/Presidents leave of absence;
 - The NBOD and BCC meetings in early April;
 - Congress 09;
 - Benchmarking;
 - Training;
 - Recruitment campaign;
 - Myhospitalcare.ca; and
 - Income tax e-mail scam.
3. **Minutes of the previous AGM:**
 - a) **Errors or omission – nil**
 - b) **Discussion – nil**
 - c) **Motion – Moved, Jim Spencer, seconded Bill Wornes, the minutes be approved as presented. Carried**
4. **Business arising from the minutes: Nil**

5. Reports of Officers and Committees:

- a) **President:** Thanked the outgoing directors for all their hard work, dedication and loyalty to the branch. We have continued to move forward and he was gratified by the work accomplished by the board members.
- b) **Vice President Admin:** Expressed her pleasure at the branch accomplishments this year. In 2008 we held three outreach events as well as our AGM in April. In February 08, we met in Brockville, we held our BBQ in Kingston in August and our autumn outreach in Westport. In May our branch hosted a Regional get-together with the executive officers of all branches in eastern Ontario. Officers attended from Oshawa, Peterborough, Belleville and Trenton. It was an opportunity to meet members from other branches and exchange ideas and learn from others. Our branch was complimented on taking the initiative for the idea and we hope others will hold similar events in other locations.
On Remembrance Day, members laid wreaths in Brockville, Westport and at the Army, Navy, Air Force Club, Kingston.
You may have noticed in the Branch Report that we have moved our meeting place to the C&E Museum. We meet the third Thursday of each month and all are welcome to join us.
- c) **Treasurer:** A statement of the branch's financial position from Jan. 1 to Dec 31 2008 was presented and was summarized by the treasurer. As of the closing date, net unrestricted assets stand at \$37,994. The report was accepted as presented.
The proposed Budget for 2009 was presented to the membership. The report shows that expected expenses are to approximate \$25,119.05 and reserve funds allocated to the amount of \$26,903.94, for a total of \$52,022.99 to fund the branch for year 2009. The budget was accepted as presented.
- d) **Membership:** Our membership is flourishing. Some of our members have moved to other locals, some have transferred away and others have passed away. We still show an overall increase. In 2008 we grew by 92 single and 96 double memberships, this represents 284 new members. Our last report shows Kingston and District Branch with a total of 3630 members. Changes to personal status should be sent to the membership chairperson to keep our records up to date.
- e) **Health and Benefits:** Arliss Berry will attend HBO training in Barrie. She was able to help out many members and also pass on ways to help others who needed further information.
- f) **Recruiting:** Our recruiting team was not busy this year as there were not many retirement seminars. Retirement seminars are scheduled for later this year. The National Recruiting campaign was successful and we gained new members.

OUR MEMBERS ARE OUR BEST RECRUITING TEAM!

g) Phone Committee: George Healy gave a report on behalf of the phoning committee. The committee have increased their number by four and lost two for a net increase. George urged members to join the phoning committee as more members lighten the load for everyone.

h) Webmaster: Luc Bujold pointed out that information for the branch and national subjects is just a click away. It is surprising how much information can be accessed through our web site. An Email broadcast system is now in place so that relevant information may be passed to members in the quickest method. There has not been a large response and if this is to be effective, we should encourage members to subscribe.

j) Directors: Real Prefontaine was introduced as assistant treasurer.

k) Jim Spencer, Director and Chair of the Branch Audit Committee presented his report on the audit of the branch financial records for 2008. He moved the report be approved as presented. **Carried.**

Jim agreed to accept the appointment of Audit Committee Chair for 2009

8. Unfinished Business: Nil

9. New Business: The President yielded the floor to Past President Ron Aquino to conduct the election of officers from the following list of candidates for 2009:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Ron Henderson
Vice president Administration	Barbara Fagg
Vice president Operations	Luc Bujold
Treasurer	Doris Potter
Secretary	Carol Wylie
Past President	Ron Aquino
Director Membership	Donna Henderson
Director Health Benefits	Arliss Berry
Directors Phone Committee	George and Annie Healy
Director & Chair of Audit Committee	James Spencer
Director & Branch Report Editor	Walter Veley
Director of Activities	Noel Coward
Director & Vice Treasurer	Real Prefontaine

Carol Wylie volunteered to fill the position of secretary being vacated by Bill Wornes. There being no further nominations, the elections were closed and the candidates were acclaimed to their positions.

RSO Ann Clapperton formally swore in the officers.

10. **Adjournment:** Proposed by James Spencer that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

The meeting closed at 7:10 pm.