



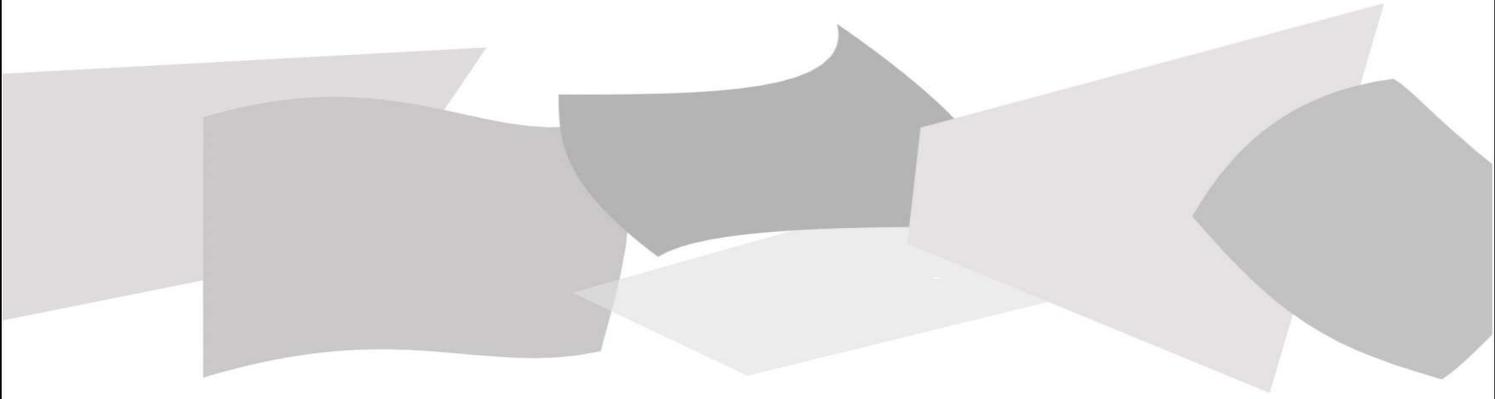
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**National Association of Federal Retirees
Ottawa Valley Branch**

Annual Report

For the year ending December 31, 2015



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President's Report

Welcome to the 2016 Annual General Meeting for the Ottawa Valley Branch. The fiscal year ending December 31 2015 was again a busy one for the Association and the Branch. It included the continuing efforts to protect your benefits and to fight the rate increases for the Public Service Health Care Plan. The “Honour Your Promise” campaign is still alive for the future, and litigation regarding the increase is still being worked on.

A Federal Election year is always busy for our Association, and 2015 was no exception in this regard. With the government now being led by the Liberal party, there have been some indications of improvements for seniors and veterans in particular. Your Association will be watching these developments carefully to ensure the promised changes are carried out. I realize that not everyone will be in agreement with some of the policies being introduced by the new government, and that it will take time to evaluate the changes in style and in substance that the Liberal party is introducing. From an Association standpoint, we will continue to approach the government from a non-partisan standpoint, and focus on those issues that affect our members and seniors in general.

You are likely aware of the major changes within the organization that occurred at the 2016 National Annual Meeting of Members. The unexpected resignation of the CEO Sylvia Ceacero, followed by President Gary Oberg announcing that he would be stepping down a year early certainly caught many of us by surprise. Please be assured that the Association is in good hands with Debbie Bernhardt filling in at the National Office as Acting CEO while a search for a permanent CEO is in progress. Also, Ottawa District board director Konrad von Finkenstein has been appointed as Chair of the national Board, until a new President and Vice-President can be elected at the next Annual Meeting of Members.

The Branch governance changes required due to the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act and the new National bylaws will be presented later during this meeting. They include the new Branch bylaws, the repeal of our Benefits to Seniors Donations Policy document, and the redistribution of our Benefits to Seniors reserve fund. There could be other minor governance changes in the future, but these are the main issues that have to be addressed.



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During 2015, it became obvious that the National reserve fund for emergency defence of benefits would be depleted by the ongoing fight to protect your PSHCP benefits at a reasonable cost. The National Office sent out a plea to all Branches to consider contributing Branch funds to the National Office, specifically to build up the National fund. After some deliberations, your branch executive decided to contribute \$5000 out of our reserves for this purpose. This money does not go into the general revenue for the National Office, and must be allocated to the National Emergency Defense of Benefits fund.

Our annual plea for new volunteers to contribute a little of their time and serve on our Branch Board of Directors is especially urgent this year. Most of your current Board members have been volunteering for many years, and I fully expect that we will have people stepping down this year, having served the Branch well. Without an executive to continue the work of the Branch, the Branch would cease to exist and would be absorbed into other neighboring Branches. The amount of work involved is not extensive, and we meet as an Executive about eight times a year. Executive meetings generally last about 2 hours. We plan for two general meeting a year currently, one being this meeting and the other a Fall social event, introduced 2 years ago. Skills involved are varied, and can include a basic knowledge of computer applications such as email, Microsoft Word or Excel. A general interest in federal politics, retiree benefits, senior's health, finance or quality of life issues for an aging population can also be particularly helpful to the Branch. Please consider coming forward as a volunteer to make sure the work of the Branch can continue. Also, if you know of other members who might be interested, please let them know of the current need.

Finally, I want to thank all the current Board members for their ongoing contributions to the Branch and to the membership. Without you the Branch could not be as successful as it has been for many years.

Steve Fahie
President, Ottawa Valley Branch
National Association of Federal Retirees



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**STATEMENT OF MEMBERS EQUITY
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	Dec.31 2014	Dec. 31 2015
ASSETS		
Cash in Royal Bank	\$ 12,041.52	\$ 12,006.30
Tangerine Bank Account		
Emergency Defense of Benefits Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Building and Support Fund	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Benefits to Seniors Donations Fund	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Unrestricted Reserves	\$ 2,941.00	\$ 2,022.34
Total Tangerine Account	\$ 15,941.00	\$ 11,022.34
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 27,982.52	\$ 23,028.64
LIABILITIES		
Payable to National Office	\$ 2,565.12	\$ 1,103.04
Other Expenses Payable	\$ 656.00	\$ 81.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,221.12	\$ 1,184.04
Members Equity - Beginning of Year	\$ 22,535.06	\$ 24,761.40
Excess expenses over Revenue	\$ 2,226.34	\$ (2,916.80)
Members Equity, End of Year	\$ 24,761.40	\$ 21,844.60
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS EQUITY	\$ 27,982.52	\$ 23,028.64



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**INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2014	2015	Budget 2016
INCOME			
DDS Membership Dues	\$ 10,798.82	\$ 10,275.63	\$ 11,000.00
Single Membership Dues - Regular	\$ 2,143.65	\$ 1,033.56	\$ 2,000.00
Double Membership Dues - Regular	\$ 1,192.32	\$ 397.44	\$ 1,000.00
Dues Paid By Credit Card		\$ 417.28	\$ 600.00
Fall Luncheon Event	\$ 960.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 900.00
Other Income - Interest	\$ 158.54	\$ 81.34	\$ 100.00
Misc Income	\$ 133.56	\$ 1.72	
Total Income	\$ 15,386.89	\$ 13,081.97	\$ 15,600.00
EXPENDITURES			
Administration	\$ 1,115.28	\$ 477.68	\$ 800.00
Travel			\$ 500.00
AGM Costs	\$ 4,029.23	\$ 4,534.94	\$ 4,500.00
Monthly Meeting Costs	\$ 1,109.44	\$ 1,382.89	\$ 1,200.00
High Speed Internet	\$ 748.60	\$ 798.60	\$ 800.00
Public Relations	\$ 218.00	\$ 673.08	\$ 500.00
National Annual Members Meeting	\$ 851.00	\$ 409.00	\$ 1,500.00
Bank Charges	\$ 53.96	\$ 61.94	\$ 70.00
Membership Dues National Portion	\$ 2,565.12	\$ 1,002.96	\$ 2,700.00
Fall Luncheon Event	\$ 2,469.92	\$ 1,657.68	\$ 2,200.00
Total Expenses	\$ 13,160.55	\$ 10,998.77	\$ 14,770.00
Operating Revenue over Expenses	\$ 2,226.34	\$ 2,083.20	\$ 830.00
Defence of Benefits Contribution to National Office		\$ 5,000.00	
Total Expenses over Revenue		\$ (2,916.80)	\$ 830.00



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Auditor's Report

To: Members of the Board
National Association of Retirees
Ottawa Valley Branch

Subject: Annual Audit Report of Financial Records and Statements
for the Year 2015

In accordance with my mandate I have examined the financial records and statements for the year ended December 31, 2015.

In my opinion, the records and financial statements attached reflect the financial position of the branch.

R.M. McClean



Membership Director Report – Steve Fahie

	AGM 2015	AGM 2016
Double Households	544	549
Single Households	608	610
Total Households	1152	1159
Non-DDS Households	133	176
DDS Households	1019	983
Unpaid at End of Year	44	47
Total Membership	1696	1708

Membership numbers have remained stable since last year. Of the non-DDS households, 75 paid their dues by credit card last time. Credit card payment is a relatively new capability for the Association.

The new online membership system introduced by the National Office last year provides for a greater range of capabilities than the old system, however it has certainly been a learning curve to adjust to the new system. Members can login to the system to view and update their own details such as their address and communication preferences.



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Health Benefits Officer Report – Ed Rockburne

This last year has been representative of most years with a blend of inquiries regarding the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP).

A major change which we will see on our pension checks this March is an increase of \$8.00 for singles and \$16.00 for families in the premiums for our PSHCP coverage. We can expect the Government to continue in its efforts to find new funding for Health care, as the Provinces seek increased transfers. In some Provinces they have brought about extra billing and user fees, which according to Louise Bergeron, in the Federal Retirees Health News Letter, is against the National Health Act of Canada. All this on top of changes to our Immigration Policy will put considerable drain on our Health resources and future costs.

Our membership is reminded that, when a spouse that has been paying the premiums for the PSHCP dies, the surviving spouse should, as soon as possible, make application to have the premiums paid by them. Otherwise they could face a three month qualifying period.

If you should have any further questions regarding the PSHCP, please feel free to call me, Ed Rockburne at (613) 264-8372.

“Branch Report” Editor Report – Judy Buehler

With the change to the Association newsletter to a magazine format, branches are allowed one free branch report per year, in the summer issue of Sage. In 2015, the Ottawa Valley Branch promoted our Fall Luncheon at Gallipeau Centre starring Neville Wells. Watch the Branch Announcements in the other issues of Sage for pertinent Branch information.



Webmaster Report – Steve Fahie

The Branch website continues to be the best source for information about the Branch. While updates and news are not frequent, we encourage members to check the website first if they have any questions or concerns about Branch activity.

The National Office has offered Branches the ability to have a Branch website as a subset of the national website. Some branches are taking advantage of this offer, however at this time we are still maintaining our own website. Our own website gives us the freedom to include items that are not available on the national site, however it also means there is more work involved in maintaining it. We will be examining our options regarding the website in the coming year.

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Preferred Partners

National Preferred Partners can be found in any issue of Sage magazine, or on the national website at fsna.com/affinity-programs.htm.

Here are our local Branch Preferred Partners.

3 FSNA Days at Classic Theatre Festival in Perth

2 p.m. Matinees on:

Friday, June 24—Neil Simon's
'I Ought to Be In Pictures'

Friday, July 22—George Bernard
Shaw's 'Arms and the Man'

Friday, August 19—J.B. Priestley's
'An Inspector Calls'

Again this year, Classic Theatre Festival is offering a 20% discount to members on the ticket price of these Broadway and London hits!

For more information on the shows visit the Classic Theatre website at www.classictheatre.ca

Tickets are available by phone:
1-877-283-1283



Almonte in Concert is offering a 20% discount to Association members for their upcoming season.

Watch for the 2016-2017 concert lineup at

www.almonteinconcert.com.

To purchase discounted tickets, please call 613 256-4554.