



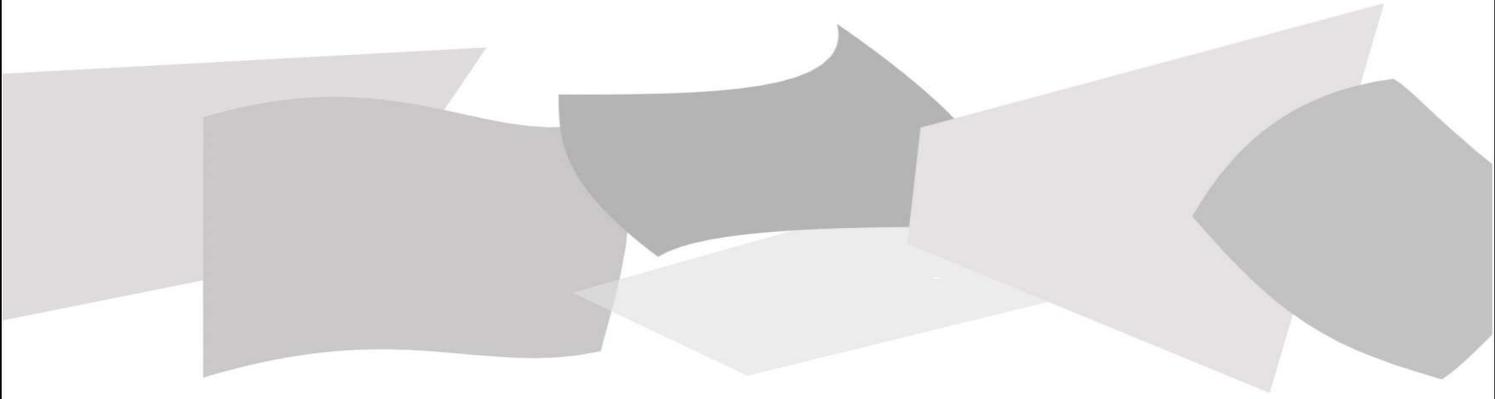
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**National Association of Federal Retirees
Ottawa Valley Branch**

Annual Report

For the year ending December 31, 2014



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April 29, 2015



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President's Report

The year 2014 was very busy for the Association. As you can see from the new letterhead and from recent publications, the re-branding of FSNA to become the National Association of Federal Retirees is well underway. The biggest job from a corporate standpoint was to establish new National By-Laws and to register under the new name by October of 2014. This was a requirement under the new Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, and was achieved by the deadline following agreement at last year's National Annual General Meeting held in Montreal. Our name was changed to more clearly define the role of the association, and at the same time the Association logo was modernized with new colours. The logo change, as well as the name change, proved to be contentious among the various branches, but in the end we came to an agreement that I think most are happy with.

With new National By-Laws in place, there is now a requirement to re-write our Branch By-Laws, to ensure wording does not conflict and to eliminate duplication. Past President Chuck Parent has agreed to review our By-Law documents, and with assistance from guidelines provided by the National Office, produce a proposed new set of By-Law documents. These will be presented for approval by the membership at the 2016 Branch AGM.

As you know, the old newsletter format called "On Guard", was retired in favour of a magazine format called SAGE. This change was also controversial, and continues to be debated among some members. I think, however, that the new format allows for a greater range of topics to be presented to the membership, and for many it is a more interesting publication.

The one thing that I regret is that the Branch no longer has the ability to insert a Branch Report with the Association publication. I felt that the Branch Report was the most cost-effective method of keeping in touch with members at the branch level. We will be able to insert a Branch Report once per year in the Fall, and other Branch announcements can be included in a small section of SAGE. We have not used the SAGE announcement section to date. A proposal to increase the number of times we can produce a Branch Report will be presented at the national AMM in June, however cost is the big issue with the proposal.



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The Association was very active in fighting against the increase to your PSHCP contributions with the Honour Your Promise campaign, and will continue the battle through litigation. While this approach is not popular with everyone, it seems to be the last remaining method of attempting to protect your benefits from cost increases, and the Association has decided it must make this attempt on your behalf.

As the Federal Election talk warms up, your Association is making plans to be active in talking to candidates about their opinions regarding Seniors issues and retiree concerns. The Association has stated that it plans to be more openly political, but does not want to be partisan in its message. Being political is how we can attempt to influence decisions your elected Federal government makes. Those decisions can directly affect your earned benefits and ultimately your lifestyle during retirement years.

Last year, we held a Fall event for members for the first time. It included a luncheon and entertainment instead of being a business meeting. It was very successful, and we also learned some lessons for the future. We are planning a Fall event again this year, however details have not been finalized. The tentative date is October 21 and will likely be held in Smiths Falls.

I'd like to thank the volunteers who have served as your Board of Directors, and encourage you to offer your services to join us as a volunteer. The tasks are not onerous, as we tend to meet only about 8 times a year. Please consider coming forward.

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



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**STATEMENT OF MEMBER'S EQUITY
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Dec. 31 2013	Dec. 31 2014
ASSETS		
Cash in Royal Bank	\$ 9,240.52	\$ 12,041.52
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 200.00	
Tangerine Bank Account		
Emergency Defence of Benefits Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Building & Support Fund	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Benefits to Seniors Fund	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Unrestricted Fund	\$ 2,778.46	\$ 2,941.00
Total Tangerine Account	\$ 15,778.46	\$ 15,941.00
Accounts Receivable		
Total Assets	\$ 25,218.98	\$ 27,982.52
LIABILITIES		
FSNA Membership Dues Payable to National	\$ 2,562.92	\$ 2,565.12
Other Expenses Payable	\$ 121.00	\$ 656.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,683.92	\$ 3,221.12
Members Equity, beginning of year	\$ 20,738.99	\$ 22,535.06
Plus: Excess Revenue Over Expenses for year	\$ 1,796.07	\$ 2,226.34
Members Equity, end of year	\$ 22,535.06	\$ 24,761.40
Total Liabilities and Members Equity	\$ 25,218.98	\$ 27,982.52



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**INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	2013	2014	Budget 2015
INCOME			
DDS Membership Dues	\$ 10,187.61	\$ 10,798.82	\$ 11,000.00
Single Membership Dues - Regular	\$ 2,145.84	\$ 2,143.65	\$ 2,100.00
Single Membership Dues - Net	\$ 100.11		
Double Membership Dues - Regular	\$ 1,209.52	\$ 1,192.32	\$ 1,000.00
Double Membership Dues - Net	\$ 91.80		
Fall Luncheon Event		\$ 960.00	\$ 1,000.00
Other Income - Interest	\$ 156.93	\$ 158.54	\$ 150.00
- Miscellaneous		\$ 133.56	\$ 200.00
Total Income	\$ 13,891.81	\$ 15,386.89	\$ 15,450.00
EXPENDITURES			
Administration	\$ 1,064.50	\$ 1,115.28	\$ 1500.00
Travel	\$ 828.08	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
Annual General Meeting Costs	\$ 2,943.71	\$ 4,029.23	\$ 4,000.00
Monthly Meeting Costs	\$ 1,031.94	\$ 1,109.44	\$ 1,000.00
Internet Services	\$ 848.60	\$ 748.60	\$ 900.00
Public Relations, Donations	\$ 1,120.66	\$ 218.00	\$ 300.00
National Annual Members Meeting	\$ 400.00	\$ 851.00	\$ 1,500.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 67.48	\$ 53.96	\$ 60.00
FSNA Membership Dues Payable to National	\$ 2,562.92	\$ 2,565.12	\$ 2,600.00
20th Anniversary Costs	\$ 1,227.85		
Fall Luncheon Event		\$ 2,469.92	\$ 2,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 12,095.74	\$ 13,160.55	\$ 14,860.00
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,796.07	\$ 2,226.34	\$ 590.00



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Auditor's Report

April 21 2015

Directors and Members
National Association of Federal Retirees
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I have reviewed the records of the Association for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2014 and wish to report that the attached Income and Expense Statement and Statement of Members Equity are in agreement with the bank records of the Association.

Darlene Mitchell
CGA



Membership Director Report – Steve Fahie

The membership numbers for the Branch continue to be healthy, with only a small reduction from the previous year. The reduction is due to a general cleanup of the membership database, which removed some names that were inactive for over a year. Also, the membership drive normally done every two years has been delayed while details with the various branches of government are worked out. Since there was no membership drive in 2014, normal attrition has affected our numbers a little bit.

Statistics as of January 1 2015

	End of 2013	End of 2014
Double Households	552	544
Single Households	614	608
Associates	0	0
Total Households	1166	1152
Non-DDS Households	128	133
DDS Households	1038	1019
Unpaid at End of Year	60	44
Total Membership	1718	1696

Health Benefits Officer Report – Ed Rockburne

This past year has pretty well been routine, with the usual mix of inquiries. Our membership would be wise to review their Hospital coverage, under the PSHCP, as costs per hospital coverage have increased at most Hospitals, and each charge different rates. For example, “Level 111”, which is our highest level, only covers Semi Private at the Perth Hospital, and may be less, at others. Should you wish to upgrade, or change your coverage, bear in mind that it will take up to three months to process.



The role of the HBO is to be knowledgeable, provide information and respond to members regarding aspects of the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) and the Pensioners Dental Service Plan (PDSP), including how to submit their claim or appeal.

This can include the following:

- Periodically reviews plan documents and reviews information with the National Office staff to ensure accurate information is provided to members.
- Makes presentations about the PSHCP and/or PDSP at branch membership meetings and/or writes a related article for the branch newsletter.
- Informs National Office of problems or issues that their regional members experience with the PSHCP and the PDSP.
- Participates in HBO teleconferences.
- Keeps current by consulting the Association's HBO Intranet site on a regular basis.

“Branch Report” Editor Report – Judy Buehler

With the change to the Association newsletter to a magazine format, the quarterly Branch Report was eliminated in 2014. There may be Branch announcements in the new Sage magazine, and one Branch Report per year in the Fall will be issued.

There is a proposal to be tabled at the National Annual Members Meeting to re-introduce the Branch Report. Because of the cost involved, wide support across the country would be required to reinstate this on a quarterly basis.

Donations Committee Report – Judy Buehler

A new regulation passed by the National Board of Directors of FSNA in late 2013 eliminated the possibility of Branches using membership funds as donations to local



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causes. Because of this ruling, the Branch “Benefits to Seniors Donations Policy”, passed by your Board in 2003, will have to be removed from our Policy documents. Your Branch Board was not in agreement with this decision and regrets we can no longer support local Seniors issues by donating to appropriate causes.

Webmaster Report – Steve Fahie

The Branch and National websites continue to be good sources for Association and Branch information, plus links to other sites that may be of interest to members and seniors in general. These links include websites regarding your retirement benefits, your Preferred Partner programs, and many other sites of interest including recreation and entertainment throughout the Ottawa Valley.

With a major IT renewal project ongoing at the National level, there may be significant changes to the websites this year. At this time we do not know what the Branch website will look like in the future.

Until the National website is revamped under our new corporate name of “National Association of Federal Retirees”, the old websites remain active.

Branch website: www.fsnaottawavalley.ca

National website: www.fsna.com



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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.

Thurs. July 16 Matinee
FSNA Day
at **Classic Theatre Festival in
Perth**



At the Thursday, July 16th matinee **you can enjoy a 20% discount** on the price of admission, because you are an Association member and the folks at Classic Theatre are nice people. This year's classic Broadway hit that you'll enjoy is Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park*

Barefoot in the Park is clever and hilarious, filled with snappy dialogue and witty one-liners. The play ran for 4 years and 1,530 performances and is the 10th longest running non-musical on Broadway.

**Great entertainment for a summer's
afternoon!**

Tickets are available by phone: 1-877-283-1283 or in person: Tickets Please, Perth or on-line: at www.ticketsplease.ca



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

Watch for the 2015-2016 concert lineup at

www.almonteinconcert.com.

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