

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES  
Meeting: March 19, 2018

PRESENT: Carol Grieco, David Kaminski, Louise Nobbs, Joe Mansfield, Lynn Borthwick, Gerard Carmichael, John Mitchell, Yves Marchand, Lorna Kennedy, Maggie McNichol and Wayne Keefe.

GUESTS: Sylvia Keefe.

REGRETS: Frank Bayne, Deb Phillips, Lois Brown, Ted Young.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes were approved with the addition of the word "minutes" being added after the executive board meeting. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Carol reported that the new tickets should be ready for our meeting in April. She does not yet know the cost.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Louise provided her report. We received just under \$3,800 from Ottawa bringing our bank balance to just over \$11,000. She is meeting with Sigi to go over the books making sure that they are ready for the April meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Joe advised the board that we are still around 1,800 members. What new members we got was offset by the passing of many members. Carol reported that she now has the letter that is being sent out to our new members.

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING: Carol reported that she had been in contact with Diabetes Canada and we had a choice of 4 options of speakers for our meeting. She chose one of the free ones as opposed to the ones that cost around \$300. We will be hearing from "Rebecca Cowie". Since we do not make donations it was decided to leave it up to our members if they wish to donate personally. We will be providing the screen, computer, microphone etc. for Rebecca to use. Carol is working on the agenda. We need to have copies of last year's minutes as well as the financial statements for the tables. The list of nominations will be added to the bottom of the agenda. Lynn and Lorna will be on the door and Doreen will be handing out name tags to those who wish them. The cost is the same as last year; \$8.00/member and \$10.00/non-member. Joe and Frank will sell tickets for the 50/50 and there will not be any raffle draws this year. It was decided that Wayne will introduce the speaker this year with Carol as backup.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Lynn reported that there will be 3 positions elected this year and that they will be for a 2 year term. They are Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Membership Chair. Recommendations put forward were that the President appoints Yves as the Webmaster and Lynn as the Nominations and Elections Chair.

ONTARIO ADVOCACY UPDATE: Yves has been in contact and has received links to lots of articles making sure that we are up to date. We have not been asked to do anything as yet. As to Bill C27 that has been tabled until our May meeting.

WEBSITE UPDATE: Yves reported that if we have anything for the website to

send it to Carol first then she will forward it to him. To get to the website go to National first then click on to Kitchener.

SAGE REPORT: David reported that the new Sage is out and that he found it to be one of the best he has read. There is lots of info on what is happening to Veterans. There are lots of changes coming. The next 4 page insert will be in the fall but submissions for it are due in June.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Carol reported that the National Office is now a landlord. They have rented out the bottom floor to the "Ottawa/Carlton Association for people with developmental disabilities. The Western Ontario Conference will be held in London from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Two members are allowed from each branch. Carol and Maggie will be attending. There will be workshops on Membership Recruitment as well as Volunteer Recruitment. The Annual Members Meeting will be held in Gatineau this year from June 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. She will be attending as well as Louise and possibly Yves. Registration deadline is April 19<sup>th</sup>. She received a letter from our President stating that the branches need to set up meetings with our Members of Parliament about Bill C27. This will be discussed at our May meeting.

ROUND TABLE: Gerard asked for coverage for the Office on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Joe will take care of the 10<sup>th</sup> and Carol the 17<sup>th</sup>. Maggie reported that Dave cannot be in the Office this Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gerard will cover for him.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.