

BRANCH REPORT

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President's message

Greetings from your branch board! I hope this finds you safe and healthy as we move forward. As I sit here on January 7th writing this, looking back on the last few weeks, I would like to share an observation from a former co-worker. "I would like to cancel my subscription to 2021. I have experienced the free 7-day trail and I am not interested." I truly hope that 2021 is a better year.

The past year as a board, we met on several occasions via Zoom and also once in-person, all socially distanced of course, to keep up to date with all the information that was being shared by the National Office. Although we are not able to have gatherings, we are still working in the background on your behalf.

There have been several items I would like to bring to your attention for 2021. These are as follows.

In the summer our treasurer, Lynn Chatterton, lost her husband after a lengthy illness. Lynn decided to return to her home and family in Campbellton which meant we no longer had her as a very hard working board member. She was kind enough to stay on with us until we found a new treasurer and could complete our financials for the year 2020. A big thank you to her for the years of service and her commitment.

As we are a small board, we direly need new volunteers to help on the board. In late September, with the assistance of the National Office, I sent an email to all members requesting help. There are over 600 members with emails and the one reply I received was a thank you for keeping us informed. As a board we will see these trying days of a pandemic through. When we meet in person, a full slate of board members will be required. Some of us will stay to coach the new team, but at the end of the day, if we are unable to secure new volunteers, we will be forced to forfeit our charter as a branch. That is the last thing we want to see, and I do not believe you want that either. No real heavy lifting required, only an hour here and there! Help us, please!



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In October we attempted to have a virtual annual meeting of the members. I required a minimum of 25 members to attend. After a lot of prep work and coaching from the technical team in Ottawa, we had only 12 members, but there was silver lining in that we were able to get a new treasurer. Donna Bovolaneas, a CPA from St George. A world of gratitude to her to come forward as our new treasurer for 2021. Her gentle, quiet demeanor and a wealth of knowledge will be a great asset to us. The board met in early November to appoint her on an interim position until we can have a general members meeting.

In early December, the National Annual Members Meeting was held via Zoom. In a little over two hours, with over a 100 people voting, we were able to pass the national minutes and audited financial statements for 2019. Election of new board members was also completed. I was highly impressed with the smooth flow and hard work that went into this from the National Office staff. Our national meeting in 2021 will be held this way as well.

At this point that is about all I have to report on. We are here and continue to work on your behalf. I hope that as we sit, stay and be careful in these days, that each and everyone of you will roll up your sleeves and get vaccinated. We are all seniors and vulnerable. Please stay safe, healthy and wear your masks, even if they are a tad uncomfortable. We will meet again and I can promise you we will party when we do.

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