



**FEDERAL SUPERANNUATES
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

OTTAWA VALLEY BRANCH

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010**

May 2, 2011



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good morning Ottawa Valley Branch Members and Guests. My report this morning will deal with seven major topics, but before I begin I would request that you keep your questions short, provide your name and try to ask questions that are of interest to many. If you have a question that applies only to you, approach the board member involved during the break. Also, if we cannot answer a question, we will certainly find out and get back to you.

A) **Questionnaire Results** - You will recall that we handed out two questionnaires at our AGM of 2010 titled "Evaluation" and "Ideas for Meetings".

Evaluation: We had 63 completed of 85 attendees. The only negative comments were on the audio system - we are hopeful we have rectified this.

Ideas for Meetings: 52 completed. The most popular were financial issues, including tax info and health issues, including health care and dental plan benefits. The only negative topic was pre-arranged funerals - that was probably understandable.

B) **Primary FSNA Initiatives:**

i) Protection of federal retiree benefits including indexation;

ii) Maintenance and enhancement of existing program benefits of our Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP); and

iii) Maintenance and enhancement of existing program benefits of our Pensioners' Dental Service Plan (PDSP).

C) **Financial** - Our financial situation is quite sound and Doug Schoular, your Treasurer keeps us on "the straight and narrow"; he will elaborate on our finances during his report.

President's Report (continued)

D) **Memberships** - Similarly, Steve Fahie, our Membership Chair, has organized this area to the extent that our numbers have increased significantly. Thanks also to the National Board's recruitment efforts and a special thank you to the Ottawa Branch for their help in signing members belonging to Ottawa but living within our boundaries.

E) **By-Laws** - FSNA's National Board received ministerial approval for its revised By-Laws; we are now in the process of ensuring that ours are compatible.

F) **FSNA's 50th** - 2013 will mark FSNA's 50th Anniversary. If any of you have any ideas about how the Board and/or the National Board could celebrate this momentous occasion, we would welcome your input.

G) **National AGM** - This will be held in Ottawa - June 27th and 28th, 2011 and I will be representing the Ottawa Valley Branch.

Now enough from me - are there any questions?

Chuck Parent
President, Ottawa Valley Branch



May 5, 2011

Directors and Members
Federal Superannuates National Association
Ottawa Valley Branch

I have reviewed the records of the Association and for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2010 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.


Warren Snelling

FSNA OTTAWA VALLEY BRANCH
STATEMENT OF MEMBER'S EQUITY

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010

ASSETS

Cash in Royal Bank		\$ 3,993.30	
Accounts Receivable		\$ 1,587.52	
ING Direct Bank Account			
Emergency Defence of Benefits Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00		
Building & Support Fund	\$ 4,000.00		
Benefits to Seniors Fund	\$ 4,000.00		
Unrestricted Fund	\$ 6,674.50	\$ 19,674.50	

TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 25,255.32
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LIABILITIES

FSNA Membership Dues Payable to National	\$ 2,366.28
Other Expenses Payable	\$ 899.12

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,265.40
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MEMBERS EQUITY AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010

\$ 21,989.92

Director

Director



FSNA OTTAWA VALLEY BRANCH

**INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2010**

INCOME

DDS Membership Dues	\$ 9,011.14
Single Membership Dues	\$ 2,391.05
Double Membership Dues	\$ 1,823.12
Associate Membership Dues	\$ 120.00
Other Income	\$ 217.18

TOTAL INCOME \$ 13,562.49

EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$ 805.10
Travel	\$ 518.06
Annual General Meeting Costs	\$ 3,670.65
Monthly Meeting Costs	\$ 1,608.71
High Speed Internet Services	\$ 1,329.38
Public Relations	\$ 203.00
Congress 10	\$ 425.00
Bank Service Charges	\$ 55.03
FSNA Membership Dues Payable to National	\$ 3,165.74

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 11,780.67

EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES \$ 1,781.82

2010 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AS DECEMBER 31, 2010

The total membership for the Branch increased substantially during the year. This increase was mainly due to two membership drives:

We canvassed all current FSNA members who live within the Ottawa Valley Branch boundaries, but were affiliated with the Ottawa Branch to ask if they would like to transfer their affiliation to their local Branch. This was done with the cooperation of the Ottawa Branch. Branch affiliation is a personal choice, however we believe some members were unaware there was a Branch closer to their place of residence.

The National Office bi-annual campaign to recruit new members through an information letter sent to retirees with the cooperation of PWGSC was carried out in the Fall of 2010.

The total membership numbers are as follows:

	End of 2,009	End of 2,010	Total Change
Double Memberships	473	529	56
Single Memberships	533	583	50
Associate Memberships	17	12	-5
Total Active Members	1,496	1,653	157

Households:

Dues paid through DDS:	880	897	17
Dues Paid Directly:	143	137	-6
Outstanding Dues:	76	43	-23

2010 Membership Director's Report (continued)

Since the end of 2010, we gained a few more members and cancelled the memberships of a few members who have not renewed in over a year. As of mid-April, our total membership now stands at 1,664.

We again ask all members to consider paying their dues through "Dues Deducted at Source" (DDS). This easy method of payment greatly reduces the workload of the volunteers working for the Branch, and also reduces the possibility of errors in the collection of dues. A significant amount of time and money is spent just keeping track of members who do not pay their dues directly through deductions from their pension payments.

Forms are available to change your method of payment from annual cheque to monthly dues deducted at source. There is no additional cost involved in paying your dues by deduction at source.

Steve Fahie
Membership Director
613-839-1359

2010 PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

During 2010, your Ottawa Valley Branch produced three Branch Reports. Feature articles included overviews of the Annual General Meeting, FSNA Advocacy work, information on medical plan-related issues brought to the attention of our Health Benefits Officer, an item on Spouses Pension Advocacy Committee, and where space allowed, a joke or two.

If there is a topic you'd like to see featured in your Branch Report, please contact the editor, Judy Buehler, at goodlife@ripnet.com or 613-264-8856 to discuss. We are always looking for items of interest to our members.

Donations Committee

In 2010, the Ottawa Valley Branch Donations Committee received only one request for funding, from the Ontario Senior Games District 9. They are hosting Regional Games this August in Smiths Falls and requested \$500 to help with expenses. The Donations Committee realizes what a beneficial organization this is to the health of seniors and approved their request.

You can find us at: www.fsnaottawavalley.ca

Judy Beuhler
Public Relations Director

2010 BRANCH HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

As the HBO (Health Branch Officer) of the Ottawa Valley Branch I find myself the first point of contact for members seeking information concerning their Health Care Benefits.

Since the implementation of the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) Benefit Card, and the requirement that members submit a positive enrolment, we, the Sun Life Insurance Company, and myself, have been inundated with calls from members experiencing a number of problems.

A number of these inquiries were about the 100 day limit on drug prescriptions, but as most now know, that number can be increased by calling Sun Life Insurance, who in turn will authorize your druggist to increase that number, if justified.

Another point to keep in mind, is that your prescription will be filled with a generic drug, unless your Doctor specifies on the prescription "No Substitution".

Happily, the program seems to be functioning favourably now.

As a point of interest, there is a new Service offered to residents of Eastern Ontario, which began on May 6, 2011, by the Community Centre of Ottawa. If you do not know where to go for information concerning non-emergency community, social, Government or Health Services, just dial 211, and you will get assistance in up to 150 languages.

If you should have any further questions concerning your Health Care Benefits, please feel free to call me. Ed Roxburne at (613) 264-8372.