



Senior Citizens' Association of British Columbia



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64th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Houston

May 4 to 6, 2017

MINUTES

May 4th Registration 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Social Hour 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

May 5th The 64th Annual General Meeting and Convention of the Senior Citizens' Association was called to order by President Gale Detta at 9:00 a.m.

The assembly sang O'Canada followed by the Seniors Prayer. A minute of silence was observed in honour of deceased members and friends.

Introduction President Gale Detta introduced the Executive and Board members.

Invocation – United Church Minister – Morgan Ryder

Host Welcome – Ted Metz, President Branch 97 Houston

Address of Welcome from President Gale Detta

Greetings from Mayor Shane Brienen who was unable to attend due to attending their own AGM a letter from Mayor Brienen was read by Ted Metz.

Greetings from Member of Parliament, Nathan Cullen – Gale informed those present that there was no response from MP Nathan Cullen.

Greetings from Member of Legislative Assembly, John Rustad

President Gale Detta reviewed the Ground Rules for Convention.

Adoption of the Agenda for the 64th Annual General Meeting.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2016 Convention.

M/S/C That the Minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting held in Canoe be accepted.

10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. – President Gale introduced guest speaker Isobel Mackenzie by reading the following BIO: *Isobel has over 20 years' experience working with seniors in home care, community services and volunteer services. Isobel led B.C.'s largest not-for-profit agency, serving over 6,000 seniors annually. In this work Isobel led the pioneering of a new model of dementia care that has become a national best practice. She led the first safety accreditation for homecare workers, among many other accomplishments. Isobel has been widely recognized for her work and was named CEO of the Year for the Not-for-Profit Sector and nominated as a Provincial Health Care Hero.*

Prior to her appointment as the Seniors Advocate, Isobel served on a number of national and provincial boards and commissions including the BC Medical Services Commission, the Canadian Homecare Association, BC Care Providers, BC Care Aide



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and Community Health Worker Registry, and the Capital Regional District Housing Corporation.

Isobel received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Victoria and has a Certificate in Health Care Leadership from the University of Toronto. Isobel lives in Victoria.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Isobel Mackenzie.

Following Isobel's talk, she answered questions from the floor. An outline of her talk will be sent to all Branches in November along with the Branch Data Information as well it can be seen on our Website.

Lunch Break – 12 to 1 PM.

1:00 p.m. – Gale introduced Sargent Jason Burndred from the R.C.M.P. who spoke to the meeting with regards to Frauds, Scams, etc and how Seniors should try to become more aware of these types of activities.

A Tour of the Swimming Pool, (beautiful with paintings surrounding it to make it look like a lake), view of the Grizzly Bear at the Chamber of Commerce, walk through the Park and view Canada's Longest Fly Rod, sculptured salmon and view all the flower gardens. End the tour with a visit with the tenants at Pleasant Valley Village Sixplexes and have coffee, tea and goodies.

6:00 p.m. – Host Night Dinner.

7:00 p.m. – Entertainment supplied by Bob Hamblin who read poems from his book – Poems and Songs. This book is about Life in the North in verse and song and is available on Amazon, Poems & Songs by Robert W. Hamblin.

May 5th Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

9:00 a.m. – Arnold introduced Speaker Andy Pollack who spoke to us about growing garlic. Andy's talk was well accepted and enjoyed as we learned about the many types of garlic.

9:30 a.m. – Gale introduced Speaker Ainsley Stacy from the B.C. Ambulance Service who spoke to us about how to effectively call for help and how to reduce 922 calls. Her talk was very informative.

10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Break.

10:30 a.m. – President Gale Introduced guest speaker Tom Euverman who spoke to us on the history of Houston. Tom's talk was very interesting and informative. He gave us all a history lesson on how Houston came to be.

11: 15 a.m. – President Gale Introduced guest speaker Stewart Dickson, Government Agent who spoke to us on Financial help for low income seniors, very informative.

Lunch Break – 12 to 1 PM.

Roll Call of Branches - The Roll Call was taken by Wilbur Wostradowski

Delegates 16 Board 6 Proxies 11 Total 33 Visitors 5

Treasurer's Report Secretary/Treasurer Ralph White reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the year 2016. As this report has not been audited, it is accepted as circulated.



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Resolutions were presented by 1st Vice President Arnold Amonson:

Prior to presenting the 2 resolutions for this year, Arnold reviewed what happened with the resolutions we presented to the governments last year. He read the letters that were received and these will be attached to the original minutes and on the website.

Resolution Number 1 – Moved by Branch 124, Burton, Seconded by Branch 11, Cranbrook. Carried.

Resolution Number 2 – Moved by Ralph White, Seconded by Branch 97, Houston. Carried.

The 2 Resolutions passed will be forwarded to the appropriate Government Ministers.

Constitution & ByLaw Changes were presented by Administrative Assistant Wilbur Wostradowski:

Moved by Branch 92, Canoe, Seconded by Branch 68, Grand Forks That the Proposed changes to the ByLaws of the Senior Citizens' Association of B.C. be adopted as Presented. Carried.

Website: Lorraine Brandford, 2nd Vice-President and Website Administrator presented an overview of how the Website Works and how Branches can access the Website and get involved with the Website.

Elections

President – Nominated - Gale Detta Elected by Acclamation.

1st Vice President – Nominated - Arnold Amonson Elected by Acclamation

2nd Vice President - Nominated – Lorraine Bradford Elected by Acclamation

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Notice of Motion from 2016 AGM: - Gale Detta

Moved by Wilbur Wostradowski, Seconded by Ralph White that the Resolution (copy attached) submitted by the Provincial Board dated February 14, 1983 and passed by the delegates at the 1983 Annual General Meeting of the Association regarding the bequest of fifteen thousand, five hundred (\$15,500.00) that was received as a legacy from the estate of Norman Schnurr, be rescinded and that the principal sum of fifteen thousand, five hundred (\$15,500.00) be used to further the work of the Senior Citizens' Association of British Columbia. Carried.

2. Place and Date for 2018 AGM: A letter received from Beaver Valley Seniors, Branch #44 indicating that they would be honoured to Host the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Association of B.C. was read to the meeting. Moved by Branch 99, Greenwood, seconded by Branch 107, Salmon Valley that we accept Beaver Valley Seniors, Branch 44's bid to host the 2018 AGM on May 3rd to 5th, 2018 in Fruitvale B.C. Carried

Evaluation Sheets were handed in.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Thank you Houston for a Great Convention