

## Bulletin to Branches 2010-02

February 26, 2010

### Attendance at AGM – Winnipeg Branch



I was invited by George Dobson, President of the Winnipeg Branch to attend the branch's AGM on February 16<sup>th</sup>. I had the opportunity to address over 160 attendees and bring them up to date on the matters that affect them and the work of the Association as a whole. I was also privileged to witness the swearing-in of the newly elected Board members of the Branch. National President, Stan Hrabarchuk and National Director – Manitoba, Joe Sanderson were also in attendance.

### Congress '10 resolutions reminder

Resolutions that are not proposing changes to by-laws and that are submitted no later than March 18 will be considered at Congress 2010. Resolutions must be signed by the branch's president and the branch's secretary and mailed to my attention, FSNA Executive Director, at the National Office address, even if they were initially sent by e-mail.

### Registration for Congress '10

All attendees are requested to register for Congress 2010 by **March 31, 2010**. On-line registration opened on **February 15, 2010** and is accessible from FSNA's Web site home page ([www.fsna.com](http://www.fsna.com)) by clicking on the link in the right-hand column that says "To register, click here". More detailed registration information was enclosed in the last Bulletin.

### Nominations for national president and vice-presidents

Nominations for the national president and the three national vice-president positions should be submitted on the attached form and mailed to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Dennis Jackson at the National Office address.

## **PSHCP Bulletin**

Members of the Public Service Health Care Plan should have received, in early February, the Plan's Bulletin No. 23 that gives details on the new administrative contract and the benefit card to be issued by this fall. Plan members who did not receive this bulletin should contact Sun Life to make sure that their address on file is up to date.



## **National accounting software update**

In 2009, National Office contracted with Despartie & Associates to study the feasibility of creating a national, web-based bookkeeping program for use by all branches for keeping branch financial records and preparing financial statements. The feasibility study has been delivered to National Office and an analysis is now being performed to ascertain the scope and breadth of this initiative in order to make recommendations to NBOD for its consideration.

## **Dues remittance to National Office**

Branches are reminded to submit to National Office, at their earliest convenience, and no later than 30 days after receipt, the national portion of the 2009 dues for those members who make payment to the branch by cheque or by cash.

## **NBOD meeting**

NBOD will be meeting in Ottawa on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2010.

## **NBOD minutes**

The minutes of the December 2009 NBOD meeting are enclosed.

## **Dissolution of the United Kingdom Branch**

The United Kingdom Branch executive members have notified us that their branch is now closed. Dissolution of the UK Branch will however have to be ratified by Congress '10 before it becomes official. Meanwhile, UK members in good standing are being served by National Office as members-at-large.

## **Advocacy initiatives**

Please find attached the summary of advocacy initiatives undertaken in January.

## **Membership Cards – DDS members**

Members who have their dues deducted at source from their pension cheques should receive their 2010 membership card before the middle of March.

## Tax Receipts for FSNA Dues

This is a reminder that FSNA does not and never has issued membership dues receipts for income tax purposes. FSNA membership dues are NOT acceptable as an income tax deduction because the association is not a charity or a professional organization (where members need to maintain a designation for employment purposes). Some members submit their annual FSNA statement of dues paid to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA); some statements are accepted as a tax deduction (worth about \$5), and some are rightly rejected. This discrepancy is an internal one at CRA that FSNA has no control over.

## ON GUARD summer 2010 deadlines

**Action** The deadlines for the summer 2010 branch report information to arrive at the National Office are: Friday 30 April Membership changes (for non WMS branches)  
Friday 7 May Branch Reports

The expected delivery period to members is 7 – 18 June 2010.

Reports can be sent by e-mail to Françoise Gauthier ([gauthier@fsna.com](mailto:gauthier@fsna.com)). Please include the **branch code** (i.e. NB64) as well as the **branch name** (i.e. Moncton) in the message **subject** window.

If you have not received an acknowledgement reply within two working days, call her or send her another e-mail, as this could indicate there was a transmission problem.



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Executive Director

### Attachments:

Nomination forms for president and the three national vice-president positions  
[Minutes of the December 2009 NBOD meeting](#) (click here to access)  
Summary of advocacy initiatives undertaken in January

Congress 2010  
Halifax, 15-17 June 2010



## FSNA Congress 2010

# National Board of Directors Nomination Form

### Nominator

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
please print address

nominate \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
please print address

for the office of (check one)  National President  National Vice-President

*For a national VP position, indicate if the nomination is for*  1<sup>st</sup> VP  2<sup>nd</sup> VP  3<sup>rd</sup> VP

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date (dd/mm/yy)

This nomination is supported by the following branch president **OR** annual congress official participant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date (dd/mm/yy)

### Nominee

I \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Branch

accept the nomination for the office of (check one)

National President  National Vice-President

*For a national VP position, indicate if the nomination is for*  1<sup>st</sup> VP  2<sup>nd</sup> VP  3<sup>rd</sup> VP

I hereby certify that I am a member in good standing of FSNA and pledge that if elected, I will faithfully carry out the duties of that office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date (dd/mm/yy)

#### Mail to:

Dennis Jackson  
Chair, Nominations Committee  
c/o Executive Assistant  
Personal and confidential  
FSNA National Office  
1052 St Laurent Blvd.  
Ottawa ON K1K 3B4

**Tracking FSNA's Advocacy across Canada  
January 2010**

**Glossary:**

NBOD = National Board of Directors  
 ED = Executive Director  
 PS = Public Service  
 PDSP = Pensioner's Dental Service Plan  
 RSO = Regional Services Officer  
 SDB = Supplementary Death Benefit

ND = National Director  
 PAO = Provincial Advocacy Officer  
 PSHCP = Public Service Health Care Plan  
 LTC = Long Term Care  
 SR = Standing Resolution

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Means</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>FSNA Advocate</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Jan 4	Seniors' tax issues in PE	Meeting	Minister of Finance for PE	ND, PAO, RSO for PE, Charlottetown Branch President, Summerside Branch President	
Jan 13	Seniors' issues of relevance to both organizations.	Meeting	Canadian Labour Congress	FSNA ED, PSHCP Research Officer, Special Advisor	
Jan 14	PSHCP	Meeting	PSHCP Partners' Committee (representatives of the public service unions, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat and FSNA)	ED, Research & Communications Officer (PSHCP & PDSP)	
Jan 19	Introduction to FSNA and meeting request	Letter	Minister of Health and Wellness for PE	ND for PE	
Jan 19	Introduction to FSNA and meeting request	Letter	Minister of Community Services, Seniors and Labour for PE	ND for PE	

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Jan 19	Seniors' tax issues in PE in advance of budget discussions	Letter	Premier of PE	ND for PE	
Jan 28	Bill C236 – modernizing Ontario's Pension Benefits Act	Meeting	Ontario Senior's Secretariat Liaison Committee and the Associate Deputy Minister, Office of Budget, Taxation and Pensions	ND for ON	
Jan 28	Ontario's Tax Plan for Jobs and Growth	Meeting	Ontario Senior's Secretariat Liaison Committee & the Minister Responsible for Seniors	ND for ON	