



MINUTES: Membership Meeting

DATE: March 10, 2025

Location: Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

1. **Call to Order, 1:30 pm**

Roz Kennedy Chaired.

There were 19 members present

2. **Guest Speaker** – Roz introduced the guest speaker, Robin Fisher, who spoke on Elder College. Robin is the president and wants to communicate that Elder College is Alive and Well. Until 2023 it was under VIU. Now is operating outside of VIU and is an independent society. Now has a membership of 900+. Courses on Zoom, and in person in Parksville, Qualicum, Lantzville, Duncan and Gabriola. Go to www.eldercollege.org Help line 250.797-9055. AT Nanoose Community Center there is a Saturday Speakers series. There are 100 courses offered on all topics in addition to the Saturday Speakers Series. There is also a speakers' bureau (speakers who go out to speak to groups). Life-long learning = well-being. Elder College is a health system which leads to longer, healthier lives. "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance". Elder college is growing since becoming independent.

3. **Executive Roll Call**

<u>√</u> Lea Campbell – Chairperson	<u>√</u> Warren McCormick - Membership/Treasurer
<u>√</u> Roz Kennedy – 1st Vice-Chair/Programs	<u>√</u> Chris Crabtree – Phoning Committee
<u>√</u> Kathy Torhjelm – Secretary	<u>√</u> Judy Lynk - Director

4. **Adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting:** February 10, 2026. M/S Roger Terry, Roger Lytton. Carried,

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Treasurer Report** – Current balance is \$ 4837.92

7. **Membership Report** - Our membership is 532

8. **Telephone Co-Ordinator Report** – Chris Crabtree – all is good.

9. **Merchandising** – See Roz if you wish to purchase items or check the website www.bcgrea.ca

Motion to accept reports – M/S Lawrence Johnson/Lea Campbell. Carried.

10. **Special Events** – June 9th lunch is at the 256 Legion; December lunch is at Ricky's.

11. **Guest Speaker** – Lea Campbell –

April 14th is Dan Levitt, Provincial Seniors Advocate – bring a friend.

May 12th – Lana Cuddeford and Brennan Janaszak from Hearing Life.

June 9th – Spring Luncheon at Branch 256 Legion – Tickets will be available at the April meeting.

12 **Unfinished Business:**

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13. **New Business:**

- T4 slips for 2025 are available on-line at www.ppsp.pensionsbc.ca
- Provincial AGM is being held on April 23rd in Tsawwassen. Our branch delegates are Lea Campbell and Roz Kennedy. Members who wish to observe the AGM on Zoom should email Kathy (kathytorhjem@shaw.ca) and she will make sure you receive the link.

14. **Good and Welfare Door prizes –**

Judy Lynk won a \$30 grocery card; and Roger Lytton a BCGREA notebook and pen

15. **Next Meeting**

Next Membership meeting date will be **April 14, 2026**

Location: Unitarian Fellowship Hall, *595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo*

The speaker will be Dan Levitt.

Reminder that the previous month's minutes can be found on the BCGREA.ca website.

Today's minutes will also be added.

16. **Adjournment** – On a motion of Roger Lytton at 2:40.

Dear NPF Affiliates, Members and Friends,

This House of Commons petition aims to make funerals more affordable by increasing the CPP Death Benefit, which has been stuck at \$2,500 since 1998 even though funeral costs have more than doubled.

The petition will close March 17. It will be tabled in the House of Commons and requires a government response. The greater the number the signatures, the stronger the message to parliament.

Please consider signing the petition and sharing it with your family, friends and colleagues. Your help in signing this petition helps send a strong message that dying with dignity is an affordability issue for all Canadians.

Don't forget to reply to the House of Commons confirmation email you will receive to authenticate your signature.

Please also consider contacting local MPs about this issue since more than petition alone will be needed to accomplish this change.

Thank you for your consideration,

See the petition link here:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-6959>

Best regards,

Trish McAuliffe (she/her)

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National Pensioners Federation

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I acknowledge, with gratitude, that I present to you from the unceded traditional territory of the Three Fires confederacy of First Nations, comprising of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi.

www.nationalpensionersfederation.ca

[Sign the Petition Here](#)
