

**BCGREA Branch 900 Meeting -- February 18, 2026**  
**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Auditorium**

Maurice Davidson (Chair) welcomed everyone to the gathering and called the meeting to order at 10:00. Nineteen members and guests were present.

Frances introduced our guest speaker Ms. Erin Moore, the Executive Director of the Penticton Senior's Drop-In Centre. (Thanks to the DiLorenzo's for the suggestion.)

The Centre is located on South Main Street, being built in 1998-1999 and is open 9:00-5:00 weekdays. The Centre's publication includes the following summary: "...we offer a lot of amenities and activities daily, as well as weekly, monthly and yearly happenings and events."

Currently there are approximately 1250 members, with a normal day seeing 200-250 members attending various activities at the Centre.

Activities include such regular groups as: exercise classes, various games (bingo carpet bowling, pool, table tennis), various card games (bridge, crib, etc.), a variety of dance classes, and various educational classes.

The Centre has a Café that is open Mon-Fri. from 9:00-3:00, serving nutritious, inexpensive meals. (As well as coffee and treats.) A selection of frozen meals and soups are available to take home at very reasonable prices.

Yearly membership for the Centre is \$40.00/person or \$70.00/couple. Activities are \$4.00/session for members.

Volunteers (a pool of over 200) play a large role in enabling the Centre to keep costs affordable for seniors. (Another great way to meet people and enjoy some great conversation.) For further information call the Centre at 250-493-2111 or email [info@pentictonseniors.ca](mailto:info@pentictonseniors.ca) And the website [www.pentictonseniors.ca](http://www.pentictonseniors.ca).

Following a short break the business portion of the meeting took place:  
A summary of the January 21, 2026 minutes was read by Maurice. (An error in the recipient for the 60/40 draws was noted.)

**Financial Report:** Tabled until next meeting. (Bank balance is \$522.24.)

**Membership Report:** Tabled until next meeting. (274 members)  
New member that has joined is Linda Skoronski from Peachland.

**Old Business:**

A volunteer to arrange the monthly guest speakers is still needed.

Name Tags. Larry advised that he has some name tag-lanyards that we can use. Hopefully this will be in place next meeting.

**New Business:        *Bank Account Signing Authority:***

At the October 15, 2026 meeting the following motion was presented:

“Motion by Maurice Davidson: That John Dame’s name to be removed as a signing authority on the BCGREA Branch 900 bank accounts. Beth McGifford is to be added as a signing authority. These changes to take place as soon as possible.

Motion seconded by Paul Perkins.

Carried by a unanimous vote of those present.”

Further changes are required to the signing authorities for the bank account:

Maurice made a motion that Jean McLeod be added as a bank signing authority for Branch 900’s bank account and remove Imre Horvath, as he has moved to West Kelowna. Beth McGifford seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Current authorized signatures on Branch 900’s bank account are:

Maurice Davidson, Beth McGifford and Jean McLeod.

***Life Memberships:***

Maurice is currently working on this project. There are 8 recipients for this year. (Each recipient will receive a lapel pin, a new membership card, and Branch 900 will reimburse this year’s membership dues.

***Memorial Donation:***

The executive has determined that the Summerland Food Bank will be the recipient of Branch 900’s Memorial Donation. At this time, the amount has not been determined.

***Other:***

BCGREA membership dues will be deducted from the February pension deposit. The amount is \$25.00/year.

***60/40 Draw:***

Stu Crossan was the winner of \$45.60

Karen Brucker the winner of \$30.40.

Cindy Davidson was the winner of a bottle of Maple Syrup—donated by Paul.

***Upcoming Events:***

- Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. (Back to our regular time.) Guest Speaker will be Ms. Linda Brooks, volunteer coordinator for the Penticton Hospice Society.
- March 4, 2026: Provincial All-Chairs meeting (via Zoom): Darcy and Maurice to attend
- April 23, 2026: Provincial AGM on the south coast. Committee Meetings on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Attendees to this meeting yet to be determined.)

Note: Assistance with filing of personal Income Tax is available at the Senior’s Centre. For more information, drop in or call the Centre.

Sharon Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting.



## BCGREA BRANCH 900 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEETING February 18, 2026

VALID FROM January 19, 2026 TO February 15, 2026

### Current Membership

Members	Shared Couple	Total
<b>246</b> (245)	<b>28</b>	<b>274</b> (273)
Life 20+ Years	Honorary	Associate
<b>56</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

### Membership Changes

New	Resigned	Deceased	Transferred <sup>1</sup>
<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<sup>1</sup>Transferred – during the previous calendar month(s)

### Membership Communities

Osoyoos	Oliver	Okanagan Falls	Kaleden
<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
Penticton	Naramata	Summerland	Keremeos
<b>134</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>19</b>
Princeton	Peachland	Other BC	Outside BC
<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>

## Details

Description	Total	Opened <sup>①</sup>	Delivered <sup>②</sup>	Blocked	Bounce
Minutes (Prev Meet) BR900Jan2026Minutes	194	143   74%	49	0	2   1.0%
Notice BR900Feb2026Notice	194	147   76%	45	0	2   1.0%
Benchmarks		46%			0.5%

Members without email addresses	<b>26</b>
Invalid Emails (list of members attached)	<b>2</b>

## New Members

FirstName	LastName	Email	Phone	City	MemberSinceDate
Lynda	Skoronski			Peachland	01/25/2026

## Members that may have invalid emails [based on last campaign bounce]

ToName	ToEmail	TypeDisplay	Campaign	Reason
Doreen Delores Hecimovic		Mass email	BR900Feb2026Notice	Bounced Address
Ruth Manning		Mass email	BR900Feb2026Notice	Bounced Address

## Notes:

① Opened - Clicking the email: The core action is the recipient opening and viewing the email.

② Delivered - The receiving server has acknowledged and accepted the email. At this stage, the email is in the recipient's server's queue to be placed in their inbox or spam folder.