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## All Branch Mail Out #14

**Date:** March 24, 2022

**TO:** NS/NU Branches  
NS/NU Executive Council  
NS/NU Zone Commanders  
NS/NU Past Presidents  
NS/NU Command Staff

**From:** Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte  
Executive Director  
NS/NU Command, RCL

**Subject:** Special Executive Council Meeting  
Minutes

**Message:** Comrades: On behalf of NS/NU Chairman  
Tom Young please find attached minutes of  
Special Executive Council Meeting March 22,  
2022



**2. NS/NU Command Policy Article I**

NS/NU Command Constitution and Laws Committee Chairman Don McCumber reminded the meeting that the proposed amendment to NS/NU Command Policy Article I, introduced to Executive Council at its' meeting in February was referred back to Committee for revision.

**M – 2**

Moved by Comrade McCumber, seconded by Comrade Della Valle

That the proposed revised amendment/change to NS/NU Command Policy Article I be accepted.

12 Affirmative

0 Abstention

0 Opposed

**Motion Carried**

**3. Poppy Trust Fund Assessment Calculation**

NS/NU Command Constitution and Laws Committee Chairman Don McCumber reminded the meeting that the matter of timing of the poppy trust fund assessment calculation was referred to Poppy and Remembrance Committee for recommendation to Constitution and Laws Committee then, through the Constitution and Laws Committee for recommendation to Executive Council for decision.

**M – 3**

Moved by Comrade McCumber, seconded by Comrade Dawe

That Executive Council accept the following recommendation of the Constitution and Laws Committee, as submitted by the Poppy and Remembrance Committee:

That the 10% poppy trust fund assessment be applied to the balance in Branch poppy trust fund accounts as reported on the September Branch monthly financial report and that;

all ptf expenses reported on each Branch monthly financial report be verified and reconciled monthly to internal Command records and in consultation with Branches where necessary, so any errors may be rectified on a monthly basis ensuring the accumulated balance reported as @ September 30 is accurate, and that;

the Executive Director consult directly with appropriate Branch contacts on the matters arising related to monthly ptf expenditures , advising the Zone and District Commander should difficulties in communication and compliance arise.

12 Affirmative

0 Abstention

0 Opposed

**Motion Carried**

**4. Queens Platinum Jubilee Lapel Pins**

NS/NU Command President Donna McRury advised the meeting that on a proportionate basis, NS/NU Command had received from National Command, 95 Queens Platinum Jubilee lapel pins for distribution. Discussion ensued as to methods by which to distribute the pins given that there are only 95.

**M – 4**

Moved by Comrade McRury, seconded by Comrade McCumber

That the pins be distributed to the longest serving members of NS/NU Command.

It was pointed out that the longest serving members would indeed be ordinary members given Associate membership did not become a category until approximately 1976, and, that if there were not enough pins to cover all in an individual age category, none would be provided in that age category and a decision would be made later on how any surplus pins would be distributed.

12 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

**5. Staffing Updates**

NS/NU Command Personnel Committee Chairman Don McCumber advised the meeting of the resignation of Anne McGregor Bookkeeper/Clerk effective April 20. He noted that former Bookkeeper Ken Guitard will fill the position of Bookkeeper until a new hire can be placed and that the Personnel Committee is scheduled to meet later in the week to determine a timeline in filling the position.

**6. Reinvestments**

In consideration of the terms offered, NS/NU Command Treasurer Conrad Gilbert, on behalf of NS/NU Command Finance Committee, made the following recommendation to Executive Council:

**M – 5**

Moved by Comrade Gilbert, seconded by Comrade McRury

That,

**GIC IS041V**-Elsie Jean Lambert be reinvested for a 1 year term at 1.40%

**GIC (Supplementary) 1SLTBC** be reinvested for a 14 month term at 1.80%

**GIC (Capital Reserve Cashable) 1SLTCC** be reinvested for a 14 month term at 1.80%

**GIC (short-term) 1SLSZK** be reinvested for a 14 month term at 1.80%

12 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

**7. Other Business**

NS/NU Command Poppy and Remembrance Committee Chairman Clarence Dawe reminded Executive Council of his request for suggested changes/revisions to the allowable use of poppy trust funds. He noted that the input would be submitted to National Command on April 21 at a Poppy and Remembrance Committee of the Whole meeting. NS/NU Command President McRury encouraged District Commanders to consult with Zone Commanders and Branches in order to best take advantage of this important opportunity.

NS/NU Command Immediate Past President Marion Fryday-Cook advised the meeting that as a member of the Dominion Command Centenary Committee she will be providing information and updates on plans for the 100 anniversary of The Royal Canadian Legion in 2026 and that a NS/NU Command committee will be required.

**M - 6**

Moved by Comrade MacDonald seconded by Comrade McCumber

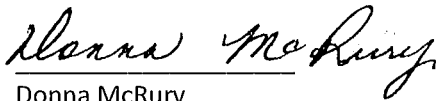
That the meeting be adjourned.

12 Affirmative  
0 Abstention  
0 Opposed  
**Motion Carried**

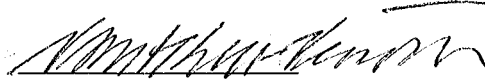
There being no further business NS/NU Command Chairman Tom Young adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

**8. Closing Ritual**

The Closing Ritual was conducted by NS/NU Command 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice George Della Valle.



Donna McRury  
President  
Nova Scotia Nunavut Command  
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Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte  
Executive Director  
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**NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND  
BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS/CHANGES**

BRANCH # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_ VOTING MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

The following format is the **only one** to be used by all Branches when requesting amendments/changes to their Branch By-Laws. Changes/Amendments to Ladies Auxiliary By-Laws must be approved by the Branch Executive/President and submitted by the Branch Secretary/President to Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command. **(ONLY ONE (1) AMENDMENT PER PAGE.)**

**NOTE:** A copy of the Branch existing by-laws must accompany your amendments/changes submission.

**EXISTING BY-LAW**

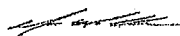
**PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**

<p><b>Article 1004</b></p> <p>A. Branch By-Laws shall be reviewed by the existing Branch By-Law committee at least once a year and any changes in the Branch By-Laws shall be submitted by the Branch to the Command for approval.</p> <p>B. Before Branch By-Law changes can be accepted for review, Branches are to ensure that the Command has on file, at all times, an up-to-date copy of the Branch By-Laws, or the proposed By-Law changes will not be considered.</p> <p>C. The Command By-Law Committee is not responsible to do full reviews except on newly chartered Branches.</p> <p>D. Any changes to Branch or Ladies Auxiliary By-Laws are not to be acted upon until ratified by the By-Laws Committee of Command.</p>	<p><b>Article 1004</b></p> <p>A. All branches within NS/NU Command shall adhere to the Standardized Branch Bylaws package, which includes Annex A. Amendments to these Bylaws will be according to Article 1501 of said bylaws.</p> <p>B. Annex A of the Standardized Branch Bylaws package shall be reviewed by the branch annually and any necessary adjustments shall be submitted to the Executive Director by the end of June.</p> <p>C. Any changes to the branch Ladies Auxiliary Bylaws will be regulated by Article XIII of the Standardized Branch Bylaws package and are not to be acted upon until ratified by the By-Laws Committee of Command.</p>
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The amendments/changes to these by-laws were approved at the Branch General Meeting held: \_\_\_\_\_

It was Moved by Comrade Steve Wessel                      Seconded by Comrade George Della Valle

Branch President \_\_\_\_\_ District or Zone Commander's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

NS/NU Command By-Law Chairman:                       Date: January 17, 2022

**NOVA SCOTIA/NUNAVUT COMMAND  
POLICY AMENDMENTS/CHANGES**

**EXISTING POLICY**

**PROPOSED CHANGE/AMENDMENT**

1. A Branch who wishes to apply to host a future Command Convention, must submit an application 30 days prior to the current Convention, so that the branch application may be checked. In order for the application to host to be considered it must be approved at a branch general meeting with the date of the meeting listed and the signatures of the branch President and Secretary included.

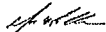
1. A Branch who wishes to apply to host a future Command Convention, must submit an application **no later than November 01 prior to the current Convention year**, so that the branch application may be checked. **NS/NU Command Executive Council will make a decision on the awarding of the convention at the February Executive Council Meeting prior to convention.** In order for the application to host to be considered it must be approved at a branch general meeting with the date of the meeting listed and the signatures of the branch President and Secretary included.

The amendment/changes to this POLICY were approved at the Constitution and Bylaw Meeting held January 17/22

It was moved by: Comrade Steve Wessel

Second by Comrade George Della Valle.

NS/NU Command By-Law Chairman: Comrade Don McCumber



Date: January 17/22