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The COVID Olympics



Photo: Courtesy of Jeff Nenson, Regina, SK

Jeff Nenson & Neil Cochrane, of Regina, travelled to Tokyo, Japan in July 2021 for the postponed 2020 Olympics. Every measure was taken to keep everyone safe from the COVID-19 virus at the various events, including inside this broadcast mobile truck from Shanghai, China, which was used for 3-on-3 basketball.

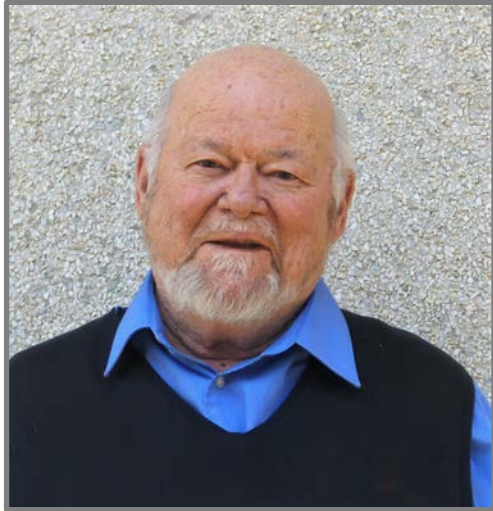
President's Report

Bob Forrow, CBC PNA Regional President, Edmonton, AB

Here is an optimistic take on COVID-19. In the summer, due to concerns about the coronavirus disease, we had to cancel the in-person annual general meeting of our region of the PNA. We had booked it at the University Club at the University of Alberta, in Edmonton. Instead, we met through Zoom. Next year, though, we hope to meet in person and have already booked the University Club for September 14th, 2022.

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Our virtual annual general meeting, held on September 15, 2021, was the second AGM in a row that was held by Zoom. We easily surpassed the 5% attendance required for quorum and had 28 members present. Thank you for attending! Joan Gateley-Johnson of Saskatoon, SK, one of eight new members, won the draw for a \$100.00 gift card. In other business at the meeting, we updated our bylaws. We continue to talk to CBC retirees about the benefits of joining the PNA. The regional membership of the CBC Pensioners National Association was at 272 as of October 2021.



I've been elected to another three-year term as Regional President aseasonal-President Lutz Walsh of Regina, SK. According to our bylaws a member can serve only six years in any one PNA position. Treasurer Cécile Magnan of Edmonton, AB, and Secretary Joanne Skidmore of Regina, SK have each finished six years of contributing their knowledge and experience. Jim MacVicar, our former Regional President and chair of the Election Committee, found a new Treasurer in Richard Marcotte of Regina, SK and a new secretary in Del Simon of Calgary, AB. Cécile Magnan has agreed to counsel Richard Marcotte on the details of our regional budget and Joanne Skidmore will assist Del Simon for a while.

I continue to phone CBC Pensioners National Association members in the Edmonton, Northern Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Saskatchewan on their birthdays. Jeff Collins of the Southern Alberta Chapter calls members in Calgary and areas in southern Alberta

A former National Vice-President Bill Laing of Edmonton was decluttering his home and found vintage CBC mugs. Bill decided to donate them to the PNA in Edmonton. We will either raffle or donate these mugs to members once we are able to meet in person again. Likely other CBC pensioners are considering decluttering their homes, and we ask PNA members in Alberta to donate historical CBC gems to the Royal Alberta Museum in Edmonton.

The Southern Alberta Chapter cancelled its Annual General Meeting in the spring due to COVID-19 and since then communicate by phone and Zoom. The CBC 20 Year Association and Saskatchewan PNA Chapter cancelled its annual Spring Fling due to the coronavirus and connect by phone and Zoom. On top of losing the opportunity to meet members at those social events, I lost the opportunity to visit CBC employees and management in Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, and Regina to talk about the merits of the Pensioners National Association. The Regional PNA Executive meets regularly by e-mail, Zoom and telephone conference calls.

Our regional newsletter *The Transmitter* is going through a transition. Starting next year, it will be published only twice a year because we could not find a member to take on Joanne Skidmore's role as co-editor. Monique Nenson of Regina, SK will carry on as technical co-editor assisted by Vice-President Lutz Walsh and Secretary Del Simon. They will work on a shorter version of the newsletter which will include death notices of CBC people from across Canada. If you wish to submit an article or photos to *The Transmitter* please contact Lutz Walsh at 306-522-1834, beaupre.walsh@sasktel.net or Del Simon at 403-264-2171 delsimon.cbc.pna@gmail.com.

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Election of the Executive: 2021–2024 Term

Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories Region (ASN Region)
CBC Pensioners National Association

Presented by the Chair of the Election Committee, Jim MacVicar, Past-President of the ASN region of the PNA

Nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary closed on April 7, 2021. Four members of our region were elected by acclamation to fill the positions.

President: Bob Forrow of Edmonton, AB (serving a second three-year term as President)
 Vice-President: Lutz Walsh of Regina, SK (serving a second three-year term as Vice-President)
 Treasurer: Richard Marcotte of Regina, SK (serving a first three-year term as Treasurer)
 Secretary: Del Simon of Calgary, AB (serving a first three-year term as Secretary)

As Chair of the Election Committee, Jim MacVicar of Devon, AB, I would like to thank the other committee members Joanne McAdam of Calgary, AB (President of the Southern Alberta Chapter) and Bob Forrow of Edmonton, AB (President of the ASN Region). The three of us contacted many ASN members to find four people willing to volunteer their skills and time to be on the executive for 2021-2024. The Executive-elect began working together after the ASN Annual General Meeting was held through Zoom on September 15, 2021.

Thank you to each member of the new executive for your commitment to the CBC PNA. I encourage all members in the region to support the work of your new executive.

CBC PNA Executive 2021-2024 *(Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Northwest Territories)*

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Please share *The Transmitter* with any CBC retirees or spouses who are not yet members of the Pensioners National Association. We need to expand our membership to maintain our arrangements with CBC.

Changes in Your Life?

Share the news with the CBC PNA

You may have recently changed your E-mail address or telephone number or moved to a new place and now have a new mailing address. Please send all changes in contact information to the PNA national office info@cbcpensioners.ca. You can also let the regional secretary of the Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories (ASN) region know by sending an email to Del Simon delsimon.cbc.pna@gmail.com

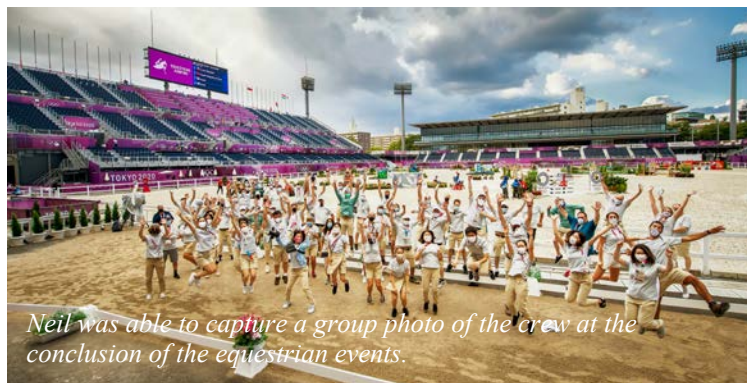
Thanks for keeping the CBC PNA in the loop!



Neil Cochrane, standing in front of the Olympic Rings at the entrance to the Equestrian Park

Working the Tokyo Olympics

Former CBC Regina cameraman, Neil Cochrane, was in Tokyo this past August, where he worked as a cameraman for the equestrian events at the 2020 Olympic Games.



Neil was able to capture a group photo of the crew at the conclusion of the equestrian events.



*Courtesy of Neil Cochrane, CBC PNA, Regina, SK
The entrance to the International Broadcast Centre*



*Courtesy of Jeff Nenson, Regina, SK
Preparations for the Steeplechase equestrian event*



*Jeff Nenson,
at the 3-on-3 basketball venue*

Long Journey to the Tokyo Olympics

Jeff Nenson, Regina, SK

In the fall of 2019, I was asked if I would like to work at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics. I thought about all the great moments I had had at past Olympic Games and quickly said YES.

Then in early 2020 the pandemic changed my plans. The 2020 Olympic games were postponed until July 2021. Few people, including myself, thought COVID-19 would still be an issue after the end of another year. How wrong I was! In April of 2021, the pandemic was still raging but vaccinations were starting to have a positive effect in several countries. However, that was not the case in many others, including Japan which had been slow to vaccinate because the COVID-19 infection rate had been so low. Their infections had been increasing and every day I thought the cancellation of the Olympics would be announced. To my surprise on May 5th, I received an email that told me to immediately start getting my health information together - the Games were going ahead.

Thus began a trip I will never forget. For the next eight weeks, I talked to doctors, visited the travel vaccination clinic, and sent details about every needle that had ever been injected into my arm. I even tried, without success, to find my childhood vaccination card. In addition to the back-and-forth communications related to all my health information, I also had to take online courses in safety and OBS (Open Broadcaster Software) right up to the last week before flying to Tokyo.

To board the flight to Tokyo, I needed two negative COVID-19 PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) tests at 72-hour and 48-hour intervals and both tests had to be verified by a doctor. All of this was handled by the CBC. At 6 a.m. on July 21, 2021, with my negative test results and all my paperwork in a file folder, I arrived at the Regina airport for my 7:40 a.m. flight to Toronto. I showed every piece of paper in that file folder, as well as my passport, to the woman at the Air Canada check-in counter. She did her best to make sure I wouldn't be turned away at the Tokyo airport and told me to download one of Canada's emergency apps on my phone. This was in addition to the two Japanese apps that I had already installed during the health screening measures over the past eight weeks. These apps were used to track everything I did in Japan. They were also the way that I would submit my COVID-19 test data during my stay in Tokyo. Saliva tests were done daily for the first three days after arrival, followed by one on day seven and another on the day before departure. People who worked anywhere near the athletes had to be tested daily.

I arrived at the half-empty Toronto airport without issue and then left on my 13-hour flight to Tokyo. The 787 Dreamliner was only about 35% full. I had row 43 all to myself, and almost one to one personal service. I had the best international flight I have ever taken. Upon arrival at Narita International Airport, I stood in the long lineup for Customs and Immigration, the first of many times showing all my paperwork at multiple stations within the airport. Keep in mind that I wore a mask during the whole trip.



*Photo: Courtesy of Neil Cochrane
Narita Airport, where people line up to
enter the country amid COVID protocols*

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After seven hours of paperwork at the airport (yes, it took that long) and doing another COVID-19 test (negative), I got into another lineup for a one-hour bus ride to the main transportation hub somewhere in downtown Tokyo. This hub is where everyone got into taxis for short trips to their hotels. I checked into my hotel at 11:30 p.m., having been awake for roughly 30 hours. I was looking forward to a great 8 hours of sleep before the 7:45 a.m. crew call the next day. It was not to be.



Photo: Courtesy of Jeff Nenson
People waiting outside the hotel during a late-night fire emergency.

At roughly 3 o'clock in the morning, I woke up to flashes of light in my hotel room along with a woman's voice on a speaker saying something in Japanese I didn't understand. I was dazed and confused for a few minutes before realizing that something was wrong. I opened my hotel room door, saw there was smoke in the hallway, and quickly got dressed. I took only my accreditation with me through the emergency exit, down from the 3rd floor to the front sidewalk outside. Firetrucks were parked on the sidewalk out front of the building and firefighters were running hoses to the tempura restaurant next door, where a transformer at the back of the building had caused an electrical fire. The night was hot so most of the hotel windows were open for ventilation, allowing the smoke to waft into the hallways.

When everything was under control at 4:30 a.m., we were allowed back into the hotel. After all that excitement I couldn't get back to sleep and went to work at 7:45 a.m. with a total of 3 hours of sleep. What a way to start my Olympic experience!



Photo: Courtesy of Jeff Nenson
3-on-3 basketball was located in a temporary facility which was later quickly transformed into the venue for sport climbing.

Cultivating COVID Gratitude

Gary Fowlie is originally from Prince Albert, SK. He worked as a television journalist with CBC Saskatchewan, has been living in New York City, and was diagnosed with COVID-19 in April 2020. Gary wrote about his recovery road trip in the November 2020 issue of *The Transmitter*.



It's been a year and a half since COVID-19 and I started our long haul and like everyone else, I'm anxious to put this stretch of human highway behind me. Still, I know that when heading into oncoming traffic it's best to look back to see who's behind you. The two drivers I see in my rear-view mirror couldn't be more different. They are my mother and Charles Dickens.

'A Tale of Two Cities' provides a great template to measure what we've all been through. *'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,'* Dickens wrote in his novel 162 years ago. *'It was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.'* Upon reflection we can all find evidence to testify to Dickens' insight. Mine will follow. My mother comes first.

Mom was no writer. She was a woman whose taste in literature was more Danielle Steele than Dickens. When faced with someone whose obstinacy led them to hold on to their opinions despite the facts set before them, she would be quick to retort *"You know it's a fine line between stubborn and stupid!"* Mom would have had a field day with the many who've ignored the science and put their stubbornly selfish opinions ahead of the common good and in doing so put their life and everyone else at risk.

My mother's favored line marks the boundary drawn by Charles Dickens between wisdom and foolishness, belief and incredulity, light and darkness, hope and despair. There are plenty of examples of how the pandemic has proven Dickens and my mother right on a professional, political, and personal level.

Professionally I spent most of a 16-year career at the United Nations, and the better part of a lifetime before that, trying to prove that 'universal and affordable access' to technology like the internet is a 'utility', as important to our economy in this century as electricity was in the last. It just took a pandemic lockdown and a retooling of the education, health, and retail sectors to make it obvious.

On the other hand, the internet, which enabled global collaboration and the development of a COVID-19 vaccine at record speed, enables the dissemination of misinformation at velocities that challenge the most critical thinker; making it tough to separate the credible Town Criers from the Village Idiots. Simply put, the internet allows the stupid to feel smart by seeking out someone to reinforce their ignorance. We all know at least one person like this. Maybe even a family member; like one of mine who doesn't trust the mRNA science behind the vaccine yet believes in 'healing touch' (aka no-contact massage) as a treatment for COVID-19.

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On the political front, there were too many politicians who told us what we wanted to hear rather than what we needed to know and who said they felt our pain but only long enough to gain more power. Too often they went to extremes; either braying endlessly with complaints yet stubbornly providing no solutions or stomping around like creatures of privilege, clinging to old ways and even older slights. Fortunately, the pandemic has also marked the rise of the independent millennial voter who puts the issues ahead of their prejudice or parental practice and willingly calls out the stubbornly stupid regardless of their political stripe. Millennials give me hope.

Personally, the pandemic has been a physical and emotional challenge on many levels. I've been humbled and made to face my own mortality, yet it's given me renewed appreciation for every day that I wake up on the right side of the grass. It's also renewed my love for friends and family that I took for granted and while it has reminded me that I can't control everything, it's gotten me off my butt to do what I can, while I can.

This fall, hopefully the last one under the COVID-19 cloud, I suggest we all try to cultivate an attitude of gratefulness for what we've been through. It will help us build resilience to the inevitable surprises of the future and it will give us the courage to move forward together in the present. We have science on our side here too. A study of 997 survivors of the SARS epidemic in 2003 found that recovered individuals were more resilient, had better social support, and experienced less worry.

I'm sure Dickens, who unlike my mother wrote a great deal about redemption, would have agreed with her. It is indeed a fine line between stubborn and stupid. Dickens tells us that *"suffering has been stronger than all other teaching and has taught me to understand what your heart used to be. I have been bent and broken, but - I hope - into a better shape"*. I'm stubborn enough to believe him and stupid enough to make my mother proud, if and when Dickens is proven wrong.

Gary Fowlie is a former CBC Journalist and Technology Economist who represented the United Nations specialized agency, the International Telecommunication Union at UN Headquarters in New York where he previously served as Chief of Media Liaison.

Call for Interest

Communications Advisory Board

CBC Pensioners National Association (PNA)

The National Board of the CBC PNA is seeking to fill six to eight positions on a newly created Communications Advisory Board (CAB).

Reporting to the PNA National Board of Directors this new working group will be charged with assisting the Communications Coordinator (CC) of the PNA to develop and support an overall PNA editorial policy and a communications strategy, aid the CC in specific communications endeavours and help in the generation and gathering of material for both the CONTACT newsletter and cbcpensioners.ca.

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- To encourage broader member engagement, fresh voices and a wider range of experience, candidates will be drawn primarily from members who are not already serving as elected officials in chapter, regional and national bodies or as appointed officials in the PNA.
- Board member selection will observe the principles of gender equity, diversity, inclusion and regional, cultural and linguistic balance.
- Ability to converse in both official languages will be considered an asset, but not a prerequisite.

To submit your name as a candidate for the CAB, please send a brief email letter outlining your interest and your work experience to: John Mang, Interim Chair, Communications Advisory Board pnacabchair@shaw.ca, with a copy to Dianne St-Germain at dst.germain@on.aibn.com. Please also copy your local Regional PNA President.

A Unique Opportunity!

Deadline: November 30, 2021

We're looking for someone who can help the CBC Pensioners National Association (PNA) to improve its communications.

The Communication's Coordinator will work with a small Advisory Board in close cooperation with the PNA National Executive, the National Board, the National Office staff and the Regional Executives, to develop and implement an editorial policy and a communications strategy aimed at creating consistent and relevant communications to its members and marketing the benefits of PNA membership to non-members.

The successful candidate will be engaged for an initial period of six months, with the possibility of renewal after performance appraisal. Qualified candidates who are members of the PNA will be given preference. The successful candidate must be fluently bilingual in both French and English.

Ideally the Communications Coordinator will:

- Be a proven self-starter with demonstrated leadership ability and the capacity to work effectively both independently and as part of a team.
- Have demonstrated relevant editorial and production and communication skills.
- Help to generate, gather, and edit content for the PNA's national newsletter CONTACT, to be circulated electronically and as hard copy.
- Help to generate, gather, and edit content for the PNA's national website, www.cbcpensioners.ca.
- Generate news releases for internal and external distribution as hard copy and electronically.

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- When required take and/or gather digital photos and prepare them for publication in hard copy and electronically.
- Research and write stories and/or backgrounders on issues and events of significance to the PNA.
- Adhere to normal standards of accuracy, fairness, and balance.

The Communications Coordinator, working with the Communications Advisory Board and other stakeholders, will play a major role in helping to create an overall communications strategy and related policies. As part of the ongoing role, the Coordinator will also assess:

- How the PNA communicates today and with whom.
- What the PNA does well and where it needs to improve.
- From a communications perspective, what the PNA needs to do better in order to deliver on its priorities.
- How the PNA can communicate better internally and *develop* learn from each other on best practices, etc.
- To what degree the PNA should participate more fully in social media and how.

Other key tasks will include the gathering of information on issues and events of significance to the PNA; commission and edit material written by others and coordinate the exchange of material between the regions and chapters.

To submit your name as a candidate for the paid position of Communications Coordinator, please send a brief email letter outlining your interest and your work experience no later than November 30, 2021 to: Dianne St-Germain at dst.germain@on.aibn.com, with a copy to John Mang, Interim Chair of the Communications Advisory Board, at pnacabchair@shaw.ca. Please also copy your local Regional PNA President:

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John Mang, British Columbia & NWT	- mangsong@shaw.ca



Volunteering Enriches Life

Susan Graham, CBC PNA, Regina, SK

This year, I was approached to see if I would be interested in letting my name stand for the CBC PNA representative on the Board of Directors of the Employee Assistance Plan (EAP). I felt immediately it was what I had been looking to find, a chance to be supportive and helpful.

I started work at CBC in 1986. I worked in Sales, Finance and Human Resources. I started volunteering for EAP in 1990 and continued until my retirement. In 1999, I was nominated for the Gordon Taylor Award under the “Volunteer of the Year” category.

Volunteering has been part of my life from an early age. I am active in my community of Regina for several causes. This year I was honoured to receive the “Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers”. I believe strongly that CBC has one of the best EAP programs going. The program's strength lies in the protection of confidentiality and privacy. I found the EAP training that I received invaluable and am pleased to be able to share that knowledge with our retirees. Retirees don’t always know the value or the availability of the program as they adapt to changes in their lives. I am excited to be a part of keeping them informed of the value of Employee Assistance Plan during retirement.

Contact EAP representative Susan Graham at skgraham@sasktel.net or 306-570-3551.

CBC Pension Plan: Surplus Sharing MOA Dispute

Dan Oldfield, PNA CCSB Representative



A couple of questions have come up recently regarding the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on surplus-sharing and the overall status of the CBC pension plan.

First a bit of background on the MOA. The agreement was reached in 2009 and sets out a process for sharing future surpluses in the pension plan among the CBC, retirees and employees. In simple terms, a surplus occurs when the value of the assets of the plan exceeds the liabilities of the plan. Under the MOA, surplus-sharing happens when the value of the assets exceeds 105% of the liabilities. A calculation of the plan’s status takes place at the end of each calendar year.

The CBC pension has roughly \$8 billion in assets. Based on calculations at the end of June 2021 the value of those assets against liabilities stood at nearly 110%. If that value is sustained until the end of this year, it should trigger surplus-sharing. However, like all pension plans the CBC plan is subject to fluctuations in the stock and bond markets as well as interest rates, so no precise forecasts can be made at this time.

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Complicating matters somewhat is the unfortunate fact that the CBC has taken the view that the MOA no longer exists. It is a puzzling position given the plain language of the agreement and which the PNA is obviously obliged to challenge. The matter is set to go before an arbitrator in late February. In the meantime, the parties (the PNA and the Unions on one side and the CBC on the other) have agreed to attempt to mediate their differences. It's expected the mediation process will begin sometime in November. There is no set deadline for the mediation process other than it will have to be completed with or without agreements before the arbitration process begins.

On a related issue, some members have asked about the status of the pension in the event CBC's funding is cut.

The CBC Pension Plan is sponsored by the CBC and is funded by both the employer and employee contributions. It pays out more than ten thousand pensions monthly. It is managed independently and overseen by a Board of Trustees consisting of representatives from the PNA, employees and the Corporation. Money in the pension plan belongs to the plan. It is not CBC money. This also applies to any surpluses. Funds cannot be taken out by the CBC to offset budget shortfalls. The plan is regulated under federal law and monies in the plan are for the sole purpose of paying pension benefits and meeting the operating costs of the plan.

The CBC pension plan is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. It is in good financial condition and is considered one of the best run defined benefit plans in Canada.

CBC Pension Fund

The CBC Pension Board of Trustees meets quarterly to discuss and make decisions about the pension fund. Following each meeting, the Board publishes a meeting Communiqué, which includes pension plan highlights, a financial overview, investment performance and strategy, and governance matters.

The **September 2021 Communiqué** is available on the CBC pension plan website.

<http://cbc-radio-canada-pension.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/September2021Meeting.pdf>

You can also read the Highlights of the Pension Plan and the Annual Reports from 2016-2020.

<http://cbc-radio-canada-pension.ca/publications/annual-reports/>

To obtain a hard copy of these reports or for more information, please contact the CBC Pension Fund by e-mail at pension@cbcpension.ca

or send a letter to:

CBC Pension Board of Trustees
919 – 99 Bank Street
Ottawa, ON, K1P 6B9

The Special Assistance Fund (SAF)

Excerpted from cbc pensioners.ca

The SAF has been a reality for several years. The CBC and its unions had accessed the Employee and Retiree Funds on Deposit for other purposes. Therefore, the CCSB members felt it was time to review the experience and update the rules, if necessary. This review was completed at their meeting in December of 2009. The following major policy decisions were taken:

- The maximum spending in any year is limited to the interest earned by the Employee and Retiree Funds on Deposit – i.e. the capital will remain protected;
- Each year a budget will be drawn up by the CCSB to establish the balance between SAF and other applications of the funds;

When these funds are used to support internal initiatives (such as an employee wellness survey) it is expected that the CBC will match the contribution.

With respect to the SAF itself, the following policy decisions were made:

- It may no longer be accessed to “top up” benefits from other sources such as our Supplementary Health Care Program administered by Canada Life or any provincial health care plans;

However, at a meeting in June 2015, the following maxima were increased effective June 1, 2015, as specific exceptions to the “topping up” rule:

- For hearing aids – up to \$2,200.00 per ear every five years;
- For mobility devices – up to \$7,700.00 for wheelchairs and up to \$5,500.00 for scooters;
- For fertility treatments – up to \$7,000.00
- Experimental medical and/or addiction treatments will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- Dental services are only covered if they are part of an overall medical procedure – for example, an accident involving facial reconstruction;
- Home care and chronic care are not covered by the SAF;
- Applications for assistance must be made within fifteen months of the actual expenditure;
- The lifetime maximum is \$12,500.00.

Requests for assistance by retirees are submitted to the fund committee by our Association representative who sits on the CCSB. As an Association we have accepted the responsibility to process and submit claims from ALL pensioners – both members and non-members. So, if any of you is facing unusual health or medical costs that are not covered by any other source, you may be eligible for assistance from the SAF. For details and forms, call the National Office at 613-724-3003 or toll-free at 1-877-361-9242. The Request Form is also available online at

<https://www.cbc pensioners.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/SAF-Request-Form-2021.pdf>

In Memoriam: We Remember

Since the last newsletter we have received the following information about the deaths of former CBC colleagues and current PNA members.

Laura Andrews (August 2021) CBC Toronto Television

Peter Badcock (August 26, 2021) CBC Toronto TV News Cameraman

Frank Beaudin (October 2, 2021) CBC Transmitter Maintenance Technician in Inuvik, Saskatoon and Regina

Richard (Rick) Bray (October 3, 2021) CBC Toronto Reporter and Radio Producer for *Sunday Morning*

Norm Brodie (September 21, 2021) CBC Toronto TV Sports Technical Producer

Dan Brown (September 3, 2021) CBC Toronto Variety Producer and Director

Murray Dobbin (September 8, 2021) Journalist, CBC Ideas contributor, Teacher and Author, Regular Guest on CBC Radio's *Morningside*

Bobby Edwards (September 15, 2021) CBC Toronto Composer, Arranger, Guitarist, Performer

Al Kowal (September 22, 2021) CBC Winnipeg Unit Manager, Computer Systems Consultant to the Finance and Planning department, CBC Toronto

Lisa Laco (August 20, 2021) CBC Corner Brook, St. John's, Thunder Bay, Producer and Host

Ron Lambert (September 20, 2021) CBC Saskatoon TV Sales

Bob Linney (September 14, 2021) CBC TV Maintenance Technician, Manager of Regional Engineering

Roger Mossop (August 11, 2021) CBC Vancouver/Toronto Radio Journalist

George Nemeth (October 11, 2021) CBC Regina TV Maintenance Technician

Moya Romanow (August 9, 2021) CBC Toronto TV Sales & Radio Technical Scheduling

Christ Salzen (July 29, 2021) CBC Winnipeg Radio and TV Reporter and Editor

Judy Sinclair (Mary Judith Hughes, née Sinclair) (October 5, 2021) Actress, CBC Radio, Toronto

Jerry Sokol (September 9, 2021) CBC Toronto Technical Producer

Peter Trueman (July 23, 2021) CBC Toronto Chief News Editor, CBC Paris Correspondent, Global TV News Anchor

Nancy Turner (August 2, 2021) CBC Ottawa CBOT Script Assistant and Lighting Designer

Barry Wilkinson (August 28, 2021) CBC Calgary Radio Technician

Mike Wolowich (August 23, 2021) CBC Ontario *Reach for the Top* Producer and Director

Coffee in the Park

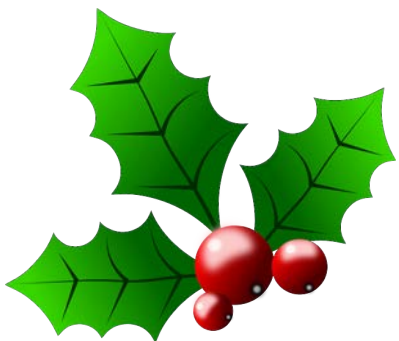


Chapters Update

Regina: The annual general meeting will be held on November 24. Volunteers are needed to be President, Vice-Presidents of Regina and Saskatoon, and Secretary-Treasurer. You can contact President Hartland Jessome at hartlandj@sasktel.net or 306-520-2859 (cell).

Edmonton, Northern Alberta, and NWT: Regional President Bob Forrow invites members to a Zoom Coffee Gathering on the second Tuesday of each month. Mark your calendar for November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 11 and May10. You can contact Bob at rsforrow@telus.net or 780-437-5074 (home) or 780-983-2838.

Calgary: The Southern Alberta Chapter will plan a get-together for lunch when members are comfortable with the status of COVID-19 cases in the area. You can contact President Joanne McAdam at clairmont.mcadam@gmail.com or 403-869-8910 (cell) or 403-275-0957 (home).



Season's Greetings

Joyeuses Fêtes



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Fall glory at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building*

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Saskatchewan, and
NWT Region of the
CBC PNA*

*Nous vous souhaitons
bonne santé en 2022*

*Best wishes for good
health in 2022*



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