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President's Report to the NRAC/ARNC Board of Directors

Monday March 11, 2023

I hope everyone has had a very rewarding winter and you are sharing my enthusiasm as we approach the Annual General Meeting.

We have with us today, Peter Baker and Barry Frewer who will be introduced later.

Our board meeting is going to be considering a number of issues that will have a substantial positive impact on our ability to be representative of and to serve naval reservists.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is rapidly approaching with only a month to go to April 15th. The meeting will be hosted by HMCS Carleton and will be available to all members across the Country through Microsoft Teams – the CAF alternative to Zoom. We have invited Commodore Montgomery, the commander of the Naval reserve to be our guest speaker to mark our inaugural AGM as NRAC/ARNC. The meeting will be followed by a reception. Marta and Daniel are working with Carleton on arrangements. Members who live near Ottawa or those who wish to make the trip are welcome to attend in person. More details will follow on our website.

Ray Zuliani expects to host a group of members at HMCS Griffon to also participate through MS Teams. I hope other members or directors are able to make similar arrangements at other NRDs.

Nancy Bunting

As many of you may be aware, Nancy Bunting has been seriously ill and unable to effectively communicate and therefore has not been able to carry out her responsibilities as the Secretary and as a Director. While not in direct contact with Nancy, it is the view of the Executive committee that her position be

declared vacant and that once she is able to effectively carry out the role of director, she should be nominated to rejoin the board.

There will be a resolution regarding this at the meeting.

Recommended new Directors

The Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Governance and Nominations Committee has proposed five new members for election to the board. With your approval the slate will be recommended to the membership at the AGM.

Todd Kelly, Ret'd Chief of Formation, CPO1 UNB, Fredericton

Alan Offer, Ret'd, Capt. Currently at VAC, - Quebec

Christian Levasseur, CPO, Musicien, Trois Rivieres, Québec

Carmen La Pointe, Ret'd LCDR Carleton, Ontario

Dave Gagliardi, Ret'd Cmdre, Victoria, BC

The above will be joined on the slate by the following current members of the Board whose terms have expired and who volunteered to stand for election this year:

Bob Blakely

Bill Clearihue

Ross Connell

Roger Elmes

Iain Munro

As we received no external nominations as of Midnight on the 29th of February, we will ask you for approval of this slate for presentation to the Annual meeting.

In addition to the Director slate, we have identified some members who are keen to become involved in or committee structure and will bring addition expertise to our planning and decision making.

Our special thanks to those who have chosen to step down from the board for their service to NRAC/ARNC - Rob Tonus, Mark Nicolle, and Graham Scott.

Recommended Officers for 2024-2025

The GNC recommends to the board the following Officers of the corporation be appointed subject to the election of the slate. The Officer appointments are not subject to membership approval at the AGM.

Marta Mulkins, President and Chair of the Board.

Daniel Hache, 1st vice President and 1st Vice Chair of the Board.

Todd Kelly, 2nd Vice President and 2nd Vice Chair of the Board.

Ross Connell, Treasurer

I am particularly pleased that Marta has, subject to your approval, agreed to serve as President/Chair. Since joining the Board she has shown vision and leadership that has played a major role in advancing our corporation.

Financial Statements

Ross Connell will present the Audited financial statements for your approval and recommendation to the AGM.

Ross will also present the draft budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This budget is based on a number of assumptions resulting from our start-up status which makes it difficult to set dependable estimates in a number of cases. Consequently, as various recommendations come forward, they will require board approval if they are not fully covered in the budget. As the Association gains more experience and as some of the forthcoming recommendations from committees are brought forward, we will be better able to make more accurate forecasts in future budgets.

Transition Committee

Ray Zuliani will present the final report of the Transition Committee which will include the recommendation for a new badge for NRAC/ARNC and a number of other recommendations, many of which are underway, that will have a significant impact on our new organization. I am particularly pleased by the effort made by the members of the Committee during the year and for Ray's leadership.

Archives Committee

The Executive committee will be recommending that the Archives Committee be restructured to create two separate committees with very different mandates.

One committee will be the **UNTD Archives Committee** which will largely flow from the existing committee as virtually all its archival efforts and materials have been UNTD-related and at NRAC's recommissioning we committed to a concerted effort to preserve the UNTD legacy.

The UNTD Archives Committee will gather and collate material relating to the UNTD and will maintain a database of all participants, public elements of which database are published on the Association web site as the UNTD Nominal List. The Committee will:

- Actively solicit material.
- Gather material in one place or, where not practical, document its location.
- Work with the Naval Reserve Museum in Quebec as the likely perpetual repository for both physical and digital material and with other relevant organizations.

This committee has a limited and focused task to meet the obligations given to the UNTD.

The new standing committee will be the NRAC/ARNC History and Archives Committee. The **NRAC History and Archives Committee** will identify and gather material relating to the establishment and evolution of the Canadian Naval Reserve in support and in collaboration with the Naval Reserve Museum in Quebec and the various Naval Museums in Canada.

I hope the logic of the committee reorganization will serve us well as the roles are substantial different with the **NRAC History and Archives Committee** addressing the challenge of building the history of the Reserve in Canada while the **UNTD Archives Committee will be focused on cementing the UNTD legacy.**

Role of the Corporation

You will be asked to consider requesting the Membership to approve an amendment of our Articles of Incorporation to read as follows;

To celebrate the naval and civilian contributions of Canadian Naval Reservists of all ranks with an emphasis on citizenship, leadership, honesty, commitment, service and personal discipline, by providing opportunities for members to support each other and the Navy, and for convivial social interaction.

The current Role/Purpose in the Articles reads:

The Association celebrates the naval and civilian contributions of Canadian Naval Reservists and identifies, preserves, and promotes the history and values of the UNTD program and its successors with an emphasis on citizenship, leadership, honesty, commitment, service and personal discipline, by providing opportunities for members to support the Navy and for convivial social interaction.

Board Policy Manual

Flowing from the request to review and update various Committee Terms of reference there have been a number of changes and as a result you will be asked to approve Committee Terms of reference (Sections A13 to A19 of Policy Manual.) This is what might be referred to as a routine update. This will continue to be an active area as TORs are constantly subject to change as circumstances dictate.

Supports and Benefits Committee

Further to our consideration of the value in establishing a formal connection with the VAC and consideration of other areas where the Association can assist members, the Executive Committee recommends the establishment of a Supports and Benefits Committee. The initial members of the committee will be Marta Mulkins, Cheryl Bush, Ross Connell and John Anderson.

Finally, I had a good conversation with Bruce Beliveau, the current President of NAC. It has been agreed that once the AGM is complete that the two organizations will sit down together to consider possible areas of cooperation as we pursue our different mandates.

As you can see this meeting contains considerable important content as we prepare for our second year and for the AGM on April 15^t

I look forward to seeing you all on March 11th.

Graham