

BRANCH REPORT

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Message from the President

Dear members,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and have had a chance to finally see family again and travel safely, now that the pandemic seems to be under control.

Your branch has been able to adapt to the new realities brought about by the pandemic, and to find new ways to interact with others. Indeed, after many of us have become familiar with digital technologies to keep in touch with family, grandchildren and friends, we seem to be increasingly adopting hybrid methods according to our own levels of comfort. The terms "face-to-face" and "virtual" are now part of our vocabulary and make us realize how much we live in a changing world.

Your branch is adapting to these changes while keeping focussed on our *raison d'être*, which is to maintain the stability of your retirement income and maintain your access to a sound health care.

During this year, which marks our 30th anniversary, we will continue local activities in support of national programs, with a particular emphasis on recruitment and retention of members. In the meantime, I invite you to mark your calendar for the evening of December 3, when your Outaouais Branch will host a banquet to celebrate this important milestone in our life.

More details will follow very soon.



Sincerely,

Donald Déry
President of the Outaouais Branch

Annual General Meeting of the Section

Our Annual General Meeting took place on April 22, 2022 for the first time in person in two years at the Saveurs des continents restaurant. On this occasion, four outgoing directors wished to serve a new two-year term on the Board of Directors, and two new members joined the Board, all being elected by acclamation.

Your representatives on the Board of Directors

Donald Déry, President: Donald is a specialist in the promotion of health, and a civilian retiree from the Department of National Defense and the Quebec health system. He has served on the Branch's Board of Directors for six years and has held the position of President since 2017. He also sits on the Board of FADOQ Outaouais and the TCARO. As President, he has the primary responsibility to ensure that the branch complies with the regulations and policies of the Association; convening and chairing meetings, and acting as spokesperson for the Section at national meetings of members.



Michael McNeil, Vice-président: Michael recently retired from the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, where he was project and change manager for several strategic projects. As Vice-president, he assumes the duties of President in his absence and will be responsible for activities supporting the strategic priorities of the Association, in close collaboration with the other sections of the District of Quebec, and with other districts in the country.

René Caron, Treasurer: René comes from a military background and is retired from the Department of National Defence. He has served as Secretary-treasurer of Soccer Quebec for the past four years. Previously, he was involved as a volunteer at various administrative levels in local and regional soccer. As Treasurer of our Branch since 2020, René has charge and custody of the Branch's funds. He maintains Branch financial accounts and acts as primary signatory for transactions, and he reports on Branch financial matters to the Board and to the members of the Branch at the Annual General Meetings.



Jacques Lecompte, Secretary: Jacques has expertise in project management, feasibility studies and procedure writing. He is retired from the Ministry of Supply and Services. As Secretary of the Board, he is responsible for writing, signing and keeping the minutes of the meetings; keeping the by-laws and archives of the Branch; keeping a record of the directors' mandates, maintaining these documents up to date on a regular basis.



Michelle Page, Head of Communications : Michelle is a nurse specializing in occupational health and is retired from the CLSC de Hull. She has been Webmaster and administrator of the Branch's Facebook page for six years. She also sits on the Board of Amateur Mycologists of the Outaouais. As Communications Manager, she is responsible for collecting, storing, and disseminating information relevant to our members, using a variety of methods and technologies. She also coordinates the many videoconferences offered by the section.

Alan Conway, Director: Alan worked for 30 years in the federal public service, 3 years as a translator and 27 years as a conference interpreter. He is interested in everything related to communication, especially access to information for those who, like him, have a visual impairment.



Michel Gaudreau, CD, Volunteer Retention, Recruitment, and Recognition program: Michel is retired from the Canadian Forces and Service Canada. He has expertise in construction engineering procedures and occupational health and safety. In his role with the retention, recruitment, and recognition of volunteers, he is responsible for adapting strategies for these initiatives for the Board, or others as needed. This is done in collaboration with the provincial officer and the National Office.

Death of Pierre Laflamme



It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of our former colleague, Pierre Laflamme, on June 25 following a long battle with cancer. Pierre had been a positive force within our branch for many years. He spearheaded the process of dissolving the Branch's incorporation, drafted bylaws, and managed Branch finances as Treasurer for many years. Pierre, we will remember you as a person of integrity, devotion and respect. We will miss you.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the Association, we convey to his wife Hélène, his family and friends, our most sincere sympathy.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**30th Anniversary Banquet
Outaouais Branch :**
**Saturday, December 3 at
the Palais des congrès de
Gatineau**

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and Web posts for more
details or contact us at
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document for more
information about
upcoming Branch

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List of Board Members, Employees, and Volunteers of the Outaouais Branch 2022-2023

Board of Directors

President:	Donald Déry
Vice-president:	Michael McNeil
Secretary:	Jacques Lecompte
Treasurer:	René Caron
Director:	Michelle Page
Director:	Alan Conway
Director: :	Michel Gaudreau

Employees

Director:	André Thivierge
Deputy Director :	Elyse Amyot
Program Assistant And Services:	Liane Dussault

Volunteers

Advisor to the Board of Directors :	Andrée-Lise Provost
Hosting site/CRM reports:	Guy Gaumont

