



National Association of Federal Retirees Association nationale des retraités fédéraux

OTTAWA

2022 Slate

OTTAWA BRANCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022 AGM

Every Branch member in good standing is eligible to nominate or stand as a candidate for the Ottawa Charter Branch Board of Directors. The following notice was distributed to our members with the spring 2022 Edition of *Sage* and with our end of March 2022 electronic newsletter:

We are asking for nominations for the Board of Directors. Submit nominations by surface mail or email (to Unit B-2, 2285 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa, ON, K1G 4Z5 or info@nafrottawa.com) before 5:00 p.m. EST, April 19, 2022. See: <https://nafrottawa.com/board-of-directors> or call the Branch for application form (613-737-2199).

The Ottawa Branch is committed to building a culturally diverse board and strongly encourages applications from women, former civil servants from all staffing levels, visible minorities, Aboriginal Peoples, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals and individuals with disabilities. Spousal members are also welcome to apply.

The Chair of Nominations Committee is pleased to present a full Slate of Nominees for those positions becoming vacant at the 2022 AGM. These are for the Branch Board and for a variety of terms as noted for each Nominee. The Nominees are:



BENNETT, Paul (for a two-year term ending in 2024)

Paul Bennett retired in 2014 after a 30-year career with the federal government in various executive, management, and professional capacities in the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Global Affairs (with assignments in Bangkok, Addis Ababa, and Minneapolis), Infrastructure, and Networks of Centres of Excellence. Toward his retirement he served as Director and Deputy Director of the Multiculturalism, Community Historical Recognition, and Settlement programs at Immigration, Citizenship and Refugees Canada.

He was also first Executive Director of Canadian Parents for French (BC/Yukon). He brings a wide skill set in policy, program, communications, and foreign service. Paul was awarded both a President's and Deputy Minister's award while at CIDA.

Paul has an Honours BA in history and politics as well as a Master's in public administration, both from Queen's University, and an MA in community and regional planning from the University of British Columbia, where his thesis was on the various challenges of and opportunities in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

Paul's recent volunteer experience includes mentorship coordination with Tibetan Resettlement Project Ottawa, communications with Action Sandy Hill, and board chair of One World Film Festival. He has also served as an international polling station officer in Cambodia and Ukraine and a Canadian Executive Services Organization volunteer advisor to various organizations in Ethiopia. While at Global Affairs he served as the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers representative on the Occupational Health and Service Committee.

Paul enjoys snowshoeing, cycling, travel, and film. He recently published *On the Border: Twenty Life Stories from Four Continents*, a diverse collection of vignettes celebrating the diversity of life's experiences.

Paul is nominated to serve a two-year term starting after the 2022 AGM.



BOILEAU, Darlene (for a two-year term ending in 2024)

Darlene retired in 2018 as Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer, Infrastructure Canada, after a public service career spanning 30 years. A fluently bilingual senior executive, Darlene has had varied federal experiences.

In her last position at Infrastructure Canada, she oversaw the introduction and implementation of large infrastructure program priorities for the government and was instrumental in the creation of a stand-alone infrastructure department with its own Minister. In her previous organizations, she led legislative and regulatory amendments and chaired international fora's.

At the Treasury Board Secretariat, she had the privilege to work with social portfolio departments on high quality value-for-money programs that were successfully presented to the President and Treasury Board Ministers.

Darlene has had the good fortune to work in the corporate, policy and operational domains in large and small departments such as Health Canada, Environment, Immigration, Public Safety and FINTRAC.

She holds a Master's degree in Science, a Bachelor of Social Sciences and a CPA certificate.

With her husband, who is also entering retirement, Darlene enjoys travelling, yoga, discovering new places, gardening and walking her two fur babies.

Darlene was appointed to the Ottawa Board of Directors in January 2019. She was elected for a one-year term at the 2019 AGM and appointed by the Board to serve until the 2021 AGM, due to the pandemic. She was then elected for a one-year term at the 2021 AGM.



BOUDREAU, Myriam (for a two-year term ending in 2024)

Mme. Boudreault started her career with NRCan, Myriam worked with stakeholders and federal officials to develop fiscal measures for the oil and gas industry, participated in the development and implementation of negotiation strategy for joint feasibility studies between Newfoundland and Canada for the development of an electricity transmission line, and represented Canada on the bi-lateral Canada-US Columbia River Treaty Permanent Engineering Board Engineering Committee.

At Indian and Northern Affairs, Mme. Boudreault planned and developed negotiation strategies, and participated in tripartite negotiations in relation to the financial elements of self-government as part of comprehensive claims of a number of First Nations groups.

At the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC), as the senior executive responsible for Policy and Coordination and the Review and Appeal Unit, Myriam advanced a number of key corporate files, including legislative changes.

For close to 15 years with TBS, Mme. Boudreault worked on a number of centrally led files such as the Strategic Reviews, or the Deficit Reduction Action Plans. She was the TBS lead for a number of high-profile files such as the non-security elements of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games, and the five-year renewal of PCH's led Roadmap for Canada's Linguistic Duality Initiative. Her portfolio included complex organizations such as Veterans Affairs and Canadian Heritage. Myriam most recently retired as the Executive Director responsible for HR data for the core federal government, employee surveys and the People Management MAF within OCHRO.

Myriam is an avid biker and loves travelling. She was elected to serve a one-year term at the 2021 AGM.



BUTEAU, Hélène (for a two-year term ending in 2024)

Hélène Buteau retired from the federal public service in December 2011 with more than thirty years of government work experience (including 2 years in public health in Québec City). She worked mainly in the department currently known as Employment and Social Development Canada.

Hélène started her career in Affirmative Action and Employment Equity. In the Employment Branch, she also worked in Operational Monitoring and Assessment; Worker Programs and Services; Planning, Monitoring and Analysis; Employment Benefits and Support Measures (Labour Market Partnerships) Grants and Contributions;

In-Person Strategies and Policies for Service Delivery. Other branches she worked in are: Public Affairs (Communications), Internal Audit, Evaluation and Data Development.

Over the years, Hélène has provided valuable advice, guidance and support to national headquarters groups, regions and local offices in program and service delivery. She has also developed strategic planning frameworks and work plans, operational support tools, carried out needs identification and assessments and developed related Intranet and Internet content.

Hélène has a BA in Sociology from Laval University where she also pursued Master's level studies in Sociology. She is fluently bilingual. Since 1989, she has been a member of Toastmasters International where she has held numerous leadership positions and developed her communication skills. She was also Director on her condominium's Board of Directors from 2013-2021.

Hélène's hobbies include painting in watercolour, art appreciation and travel. As a mother of two children and four grandchildren, she enjoys passing on her love of art to them.

Since 2018, Hélène has been an active volunteer with the Ottawa Branch in the areas of recruitment, member services and advocacy. Since 2019, she has been the official recorder for Branch Board meetings. Hélène was a co-recipient of the Branch's Stephen Troy Volunteer of the Year award for 2020.

She is nominated to serve a two-year term starting after the 2022 AGM.



BUTLER, Dan (for a two-year term ending in 2024)

While a superannuate since 2011, Dan has now retired on a full-time basis for the first time and believes it's an ideal opportunity to step forward and contribute to the important work of the National Association of Federal Retirees.

Dan enjoyed a wonderfully challenging 40-year career in labour relations, first as a senior union advocate for professionals in the Public Service and then, since 2001, as a third-party neutral. As part of his mandate as General Secretary of the National Joint Council (NJC), he supervised the co-development of service-wide terms and conditions of employment including the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) and facilitated consultations between the parties on the pension plan. These responsibilities brought Dan into continuing contact with representatives of the (then) FSNA for whom he formed a strong admiration.

After his term at NJC, Dan was appointed by the Governor-in-Council as a full-time member of the Public Service Labour Relations Board and, later, as a part-time member of its most recent successor board where he continued to pursue his passion for adjudication, mediation and other dispute resolution options.

Dan hopes that his extensive advocacy and leadership experience at the most senior levels of the Public Service, particularly on PSHCP and pension issues, may prove useful in pursuing the interests of the Association's members. He also has a strong interest in governance issues and would welcome the opportunity to work with others strengthening the Association's relations with its members.

Dan is nominated to serve a two-year term starting after the 2022 AGM.



LAVOIE, Denis (for a two-year term ending in 2024)

Denis Lavoie is a public administrator with over 40 years of experience in military operations, aerospace engineering, program management and volunteering.

Denis began his military career as an aircraft technician followed by a transition to aerospace engineering officer. A lifelong learner, his main contributions included involvements in integrating new aircraft fleets and technologies in Canadian defence capabilities, business planning, strategic planning and performance management. He trained and served in most Canadian provinces and participated in peace support activities in Ethiopia, Darfur and served under NATO in Germany. His second career included consulting services in performance measurement of military operations and performance optimization of large procurement contracts.

Denis has also been very active with volunteer organizations and has served on various boards of administrators since 1996 as Vice-President for the Association du Québec à Compostelle, Tel-Aide Outaouais, Toastmasters, Winterlude, le Centre d'éducation de base de l'Outaouais, the Hull hospital and the Montfort hospital. He also participated as a short term election observer during the second round of Ukraine presidential elections in April 2019.

Denis holds an MBA from the University of Ottawa with specialization in governance and has also completed Program Management Institute (PMI) certification in 1999.

Denis is now retired and enjoys volunteering, the outdoors around the amazing Outaouais region, traveling and long distance walks.

He was elected to serve a one-year term at the 2021 AGM.



LORTIE, Gaétan (for a two-year term ending in 2024)

Gaétan began his military career in 1974 as a member of the Royal 22nd Regiment and later became a postmaster, then a transport officer and a finance officer. He was released in 2011 on medical grounds after 37 years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces. During his military career, he took part in many operations both in Canada and abroad, participated in the first Canada/Norway exercise and exchange in 1978 and served under NATO in Germany. In 1997 he organized the first NATO financial meeting in Canada (bringing 17 countries together) while being in charge of operations, logistics and security.

Following his medical release, he was transferred to the public service as a priority employee within the Department of National Defence as a financial officer. Working in various financial roles (planner, auditor), he is currently employed with the Department of Defence as a senior financial analyst with the review department. He participated in the Toronto 2017 Invictus Games with the Canadian team in sitting volleyball and swimming, and was a Champion for Persons with Disabilities guest speaker at the Department of National Defence event for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Gaétan is incredibly active as a volunteer in various organizations and as a member of several boards of directors. He served as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Defence Funds within the Royal 22nd Regiment and as a board member of several figure skating clubs, both in Canada and in Germany. He is also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and VETS Canada, and a Knight of Columbus.

Gaétan and his wife Francine, who has taken early retirement, enjoy travelling, physical activity and spending quality time with their 6 children and 7 grandchildren.

Gaétan is nominated to serve a two-year term starting after the 2022 AGM.