



NSGREA

NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNMENT RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member:

I hope you are all staying safe and well during this trying time dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic. Our world and daily routines have certainly changed. For our members, social isolation can have a negative impact on our overall health. We must stay strong and heed the advice of the government/health professionals with respect to social distancing, hygiene and wearing masks when necessary.

The Provincial Executive have decided to cancel the 2020 Convention. This decision was made after consideration of the current restrictions on gatherings and a good chance that a gathering as large as ours would not be allowed under the provincial rules surrounding Covid 19.

The three Provincial Executive positions whose terms would have expired with the 2020 convention have agreed to stay on until the next convention with the Provincial Executive's approval. The positions are: President, Secretary and Membership Secretary.

Some of the regional executive positions terms may be due as well. I ask that you consider staying on in these positions until you are able to have regular meetings.

We closed our office to the public in March 2020. Staff and executive members attended the office on a weekly basis to ensure emails, snail mail including bills and telephone messages are checked and attended to as necessary. We reopened the office on June 29, 2020. I know that the regions have had to cancel meetings as well. This is necessary in order to comply with the provincial regulations.

For those who have had their 35th Anniversary activities approved, you can wait until the restrictions are lifted if necessary. You may want to consider celebrating the 35th anniversary in 2021.

The regular meetings of the Seniors' Advisory Council, and the Pension Trustee Board are held by teleconferencing.

Included with this communication is a letter from Employee Benefits Plus. You will note that there will be a 3.75% decrease in the dental premiums beginning August 1, 2020.

If you have any concerns please feel free to contact the office. We will make every effort to get back to you as soon as possible.

Please check our website for Covid 19 updates and other information that may be of interest.

Please stay safe and be well.



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Pres. NSGREA