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NNAC 2025-26 AGM

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Call to Order & Welcome

Agenda Approval

Board Reports

Board Highlights of the Past Year

2025-26 Board Review

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Primary Achievements

- Organized the first NNAC Summit in the Niagara Region on May 31
- Supported the first NNAC Regional Lunch and Learn in the eastern area of Ontario (held on September 9)
- Conducted 3 Club Directors meetings and issued 4 editions of The Link
- Revised the club membership renewal process

Year end Remarks & Gratitude

Thank you to all club leaders for your time, talent, and leadership!

2025-26 Board Members:

Suzanne Brett Welsh (President; Interim Registrar-Treasurer from February 2026)

- Deanna Hebert (Past President)
- Deb Mayes (Registrar-Treasurer – resigned February 2026)
- Margaret Townsend (Secretary – volunteered March 2026)
- Nivine Guindy (Communications Director)
- Karen Mayner (Western Region Director)
- Megan Wood (Member at Large – volunteered March 2026)
- Maureen Royle (Eastern Regional Director – volunteered March 2026)

It's been a pleasure to represent the 2025-26 Board!

Year end Remarks & Gratitude

Many thanks to NNAC Directors stepping away from the Board for the coming year:

- Deanna Hebert
- Nivine Guindy
- Margaret Townsend
- Megan Wood

Special mention to Deb Mayes who had to resign mid-year.

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NNAC AGM Business Meeting

Quorum - met

2025 Minutes

Bylaw Revisions –

Clubs vote on certain changes

2025-26 Financial Report

2026-27 Board Election by Slate; nominations from the floor

Close of 2025-26 AGM

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NNAC AGM Business Meeting

Quorum

2025 Minutes – Review and Vote

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NNAC AGM Business Meeting

Quorum

2025 Minutes – Vote

NNAC Bylaw Revisions - Review

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NNAC AGM Business Meeting

NNAC Bylaw Revisions

1. Membership Changes

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NNAC AGM Business Meeting

NNAC Bylaw Revisions

1.1 **Class A Membership Requirements**

2021:

- Required governance structure and membership roster.

2026:

- Requires a governance structure, including a board of directors and bylaws.
- Membership roster requirement removed.

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NNAC Bylaw Revisions:

1.2 **Authorized Representative Process**

2021:

- Detailed process requiring each club to designate an Authorized Representative.
- Authorized Representative held voting authority.
- Included procedures for appointment, replacement and delegation.

2026:

- Authorized Representative provisions have been removed.
- Refers instead to the club's representative for voting purposes.

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NNAC Bylaw Revisions:

1.3 **Membership Dues**

2026:

- Explicit statement that dues are:
    - Based on a July 1 to June 30 cycle.
    - Not prorated.

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NNAC AGM Business Meeting

Quorum

2025 Minutes – Vote

NNAC Bylaw Revisions –

1. Vote on Membership Changes
   (poll launched)

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NNAC AGM Business Meeting

NNAC Bylaw Revisions

2. Voting and Meeting Changes

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NNAC Bylaw Revisions:

2.1 **Proxy Voting Eliminated**

2021:

- Included extensive proxy voting provisions.
- Allowed members unable to attend to appoint a proxy holder.
- Proxy verification procedures existed.

2026:

- Entire proxy section has been removed.
- All references to proxy voting and proxy quorum calculations are deleted.

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NNAC Bylaw Revisions:

2.2 **Quorum**

2021:

- Quorum included proxy votes.

2026:

- Quorum is based on members entitled to vote and present.
- No reference to proxies.

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NNAC Bylaw Revisions:

2.3 **Virtual Meetings**

2026:

- More clearly reflects current practice by expressly allowing:
    - o Online Board meetings.
    - o Virtual AGM attendance.
    - o Voting through electronic means.
    - o One voting representative per club in virtual meetings.

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NNAC AGM Business Meeting

Quorum

2025 Minutes – Vote

NNAC Bylaw Revisions –

2. Vote on Voting and Membership Changes

Poll launched.

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NNAC AGM Business Meeting

Quorum

2025 Minutes – Vote

NNAC Bylaw Revisions – Review & Vote

2025-26 Financial Report Review

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2025-26 Financial Report

Statement of Revenue and Expenses
For the Year Ended August 31, 2026

September 1, 2025 Opening Balance				**$ 11,832.90**	
Revenue		**Debit**	**Credit**		**2024-2025**
	Membership Registrations, Prior Year		$ 230.00		$ 515.00
	Membership Registrations, Current Year		$ 5,183.00		$4,059.89
	Summit Registration		$ 3,843.17		
	Misc Income		$ 101.64		$ 40.50
	Pins		$ 120.00		$ 20.00
Total Revenue			**$ 9,477.81**		$4,635.39 Revenue
Expenses					
	Advertising				$3,675.29
	Insurance	$ 623.16			$ 622.08
	Bank Fees	$ 68.40			$ 72.36
	PayPal Fees	$ 38.13			$ 17.05
	Postage	$ 29.50			$ 49.12
	Office Supplies	$ 24.85			
	Speaker	$ 254.25			$ 254.25
	Summit	$ 6,523.11			$ -
	Regional Club Visits	$ 526.52			$ -
	Website	$ 925.35			$ 282.50
	Teleconf/Zoom	$ 242.84			$ 242.84
	MailChimp	$ 246.26			$ 248.29
Total Expenses		**$ 9,502.37**			$5,463.78 Expenses
Balance as at August 31, 2026				**$ 11,808.34**	**-$ 828.39 Net for 2024-25**
Net Income for 2025-26			**-$ 24.56**		

Does not include the $1000 held in a GIC for the credit card.

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2025-26 Financial Report

Balance Sheet as at August 31, 2026

		FY2026	FY2025
Current Assets			
Bank Balance		$11,808.34	$11,852.90
GIC		$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Total Assets		**$12,808.34**	**$12,852.90**
Current Liabilities			
GIC		$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Equity			
Retained Earnings	BOY	$10,261.96	$10,261.96
Net Income		-$ 24.56	-$ 828.39
Retainined Earnings	EOY	$12,808.34	$12,852.90
GIC		$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
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Financial Report Vote – poll launched

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Proposed slate of Directors

The slate will be assigned positions after the AGM.

The following positions will comprise the new Board:

President

Registrar-Treasurer

Secretary

Western Region Director

Eastern Region Director

Communications

Director at Large

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Proposed slate of Directors

Suzanne Brett Welsh (London Newcomers Alumnae Club ON)

Karen Mayner (Oceanside Newcomers Club BC)

Maureen Royle (Burlington Newcomers Club ON)

Loreena VanBokhorst (Guelph Newcomers Club ON)

If you are interested (or know someone who is), please reach out post-AGM. Many hands make for lighter work, and more club participation means more input and a variety of opinions, which make NNAC stronger and more representative of member clubs.

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Proposed slate of Directors

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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Proposed slate of Directors

Incoming Directors Slate Vote

Poll launched.

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Close of the 2025-26 AGM.

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Open Discussion

- CRA Reporting Update
- Questions about D&O insurance
- Newsletter privacy
- Other Questions from the Registration

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Open Discussion

- What can NNAC do for your club this year?
- Q&A, from the floor questions and club directed discussion

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Breakout Sessions (if there is interest)

Club Reservations

How do we Grow our Clubs

To Do or Be Entertained

Open discussion topics

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Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Please complete the post-AGM survey

Next Club Directors Zoom Meeting January 10/27 @ 3 pm Eastern

Thank you for attending today's meeting!

See you all again soon!