



**76<sup>th</sup> Annual NPF Convention**  
**VIRTUAL**

**VIA ZOOM MEETING**

**October 5, 6, 7, 2021**

*Delegate Name/Affiliate*

National Pensioners  
Federation



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des Retraités

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Presentation of the Honorary Medd Award,  
for outstanding work done by a member of NPF or an affiliate organization.

Nathan Wedgwood Medd Honorary Trophy was donated  
by his family and presented by his great granddaughter, and great grandson.



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**NATIONAL PENSIONERS FEDERATION 76<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION**  
**Virtual - October 5, 6, 7, 2021**

9am - 11:30am PDT/ 12pm - 2:30 EDT/ 1pm - 4:30pm ADT

**“Access and Equity for Seniors”**

**DAY 1 - OCTOBER 5TH**

**12pm EDT - Convention Opening**

Land Greetings

Minute of Silence

Adoption of the Convention Agenda

**Keynote Speaker - Dr. Kiran Rabheru, Chair of the Board, ILC**  
**International Longevity Centre Canada**

**Strengthen & Promote the Rights and Voice of Older Persons**

Adoption of previous minutes of NPF 2019 Convention

Appointment of Convention Committees:

- Resolutions Committee / Registration & Credentials Committee / Election Committee

**2019-2021 NPF Financial Report, Mary Forbes, Treasurer**

**NPF President’s Address – Trish McAuliffe “NPF Going Forward”**

**Stretch Break**

**Guest Speaker, Chris Parsons – Nova Scotia Health Coalition**

**Virtual Care/Privatization**

NPF Health Committee Report

Commencement of 2021 Resolutions (Equity, Health)

**Adjourn day 1 @2:30 EDT**

**DAY 2 - OCTOBER 6TH**

12pm EDT - Convention Resumes

**Guest Speaker - Jeffery Hodgson, Global Stakeholder Affairs, CPP, Canada Pension Plan**

**INVESTMENT & STABILITY OF THE CANADA PENSION PLAN**

Income & Pension Committee Report

Resolutions continued (Pension / Income)

Affiliate Reports (as time allows)

**Stretch Break**

**Guest Speaker-John Lawford, PIAC, Executive Director and General Counsel,  
Public Interest Advocacy Centre**

**SENIORS ADVOCACY MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

Resolutions Continued

Affiliate Reports (as needed)

**Adjourn day 2 @2:30 EDT**

**DAY 3 - OCTOBER 7TH**

12pm EDT – Convention resumes

**Guest Speaker - Jill Atkey, Chairperson, BC Non-Profit Housing Assoc.**

**ACTION ON NATIONAL HOUSING FOR SENIORS**

Housing Committee Report

Resolutions continued (Housing)

Affiliate Reports

**Stretch Break**

**New Business:**

**MEDD Award Presentation**

**Nomination Call for NPF Executive Elections: Term of office 2021-2023**

PRESIDENT/ 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT/ 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT/ 3RD VICE PRESIDENT/TREASURER/

MEMBER ATLARGE/ RECORDING SECRETARY

Swearing in of the NPF Executive Members

**Adjournment of Convention until 2023**

## 2021 Guest Speakers

### Dr. Kiran Rabheru



Dr. Kiran Rabheru is a Full Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Ottawa and Geriatric Psychiatrist at The Ottawa Hospital (TOH). He serves as Medical Director of the Geriatric Psychiatry, Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT), and the Behavioral Support Programs at TOH. He obtained his medical degree (MD) from University of Western Ontario. He is a Certificant and Fellow of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CCFP, FCFP). First, as a Family Physician, he gained real life experience working in several rural and urban settings for 5 years. Subsequently, he went on to complete his specialty training in Psychiatry, subspecializing in Geriatric Psychiatry, in which he is Board Certified in Canada (FRCP) and the United States (DABPN).

Dr. Rabheru is passionate and committed to serving older persons and is recognized nationally and internationally for his work. He is designated as a Founder of the subspecialty of Geriatric Psychiatry by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He is recipient of the Outstanding Achievements in Geriatric Psychiatry in Canada award by the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry ([www.cagp.ca](http://www.cagp.ca)) and has served as its President of the CAGP and a member of its Board for many years. He serves as a Co-Leader of the Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health (<https://ccsmh.ca/>), Chair of the Board of the International Longevity Centre ([www.ilccanada.org](http://www.ilccanada.org)), Board member of the International Psychogeriatric Association ([www.ipa-online.org](http://www.ipa-online.org)), Chair of the Section of Positive Psychiatry of the World Psychiatric Association (<https://www.wpanet.org/>) and a member of the National Leadership Team for the Fountain of Health ([www.fountainofhealth.ca](http://www.fountainofhealth.ca)), which promotes healthy aging, brain resilience and vitality. In November 2020, Dr. Rabheru was honoured to be elected as Chair of the Steering Committee for the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People – GAROP (<https://rightsofolderpeople.org>), a network of over 380 members from over 80 countries worldwide, united in the work to strengthen and promote the rights and the voice of older persons globally. The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People seeks a world in which older persons live free from discrimination and are able to fully enjoy their rights.

### Chris Parsons



Chris Parsons (he/him) is a healthcare activist, researcher and writer from Halifax, Nova Scotia. His recent research has focused on privatization and universality in healthcare, particular in virtual care and health infrastructure. His writing has appeared in The Star, Vice, The Coast, and Labour/La Travail. He is the provincial coordinator of the Nova Scotia Health Coalition, an independent and non-partisan organization committed to protecting, strengthening and expanding public healthcare. He can be reached at [coordinator@nshealthcoalition.ca](mailto:coordinator@nshealthcoalition.ca) and welcomes follow-up questions and discussion.

**Jeffrey Hodgson**  
**Director, Global Stakeholder Affairs, CPP Investments**

Jeffrey Hodgson discusses how CPP Investments helps provide a foundation upon which 20 million Canadians build their financial security in retirement.



Jeffrey Hodgson joined CPPIB in July 2017. He oversees the global Stakeholder Affairs function. Jeffrey has more than 20 years of experience as a financial journalist on three continents. He began his career at Bloomberg News in Toronto and subsequently took on a variety of reporting and editing roles at Reuters. These included postings in London and Hong Kong, where he led coverage of Asia's asset management industry. More recently he was Business Editor for The Canadian Press, overseeing the work of journalists in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver. Jeffrey holds a Bachelor of Journalism degree from Carleton University in Ottawa.

**John Lawford**



John Lawford is Executive Director and General Counsel of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC), a national non-profit organization that provides legal and research services on behalf of consumer interests, and, in particular, vulnerable consumer interests, concerning the provision of important public services. Mr. Lawford has been with PIAC since July 2003 and was named Executive Director in September 2012. Prior to coming to PIAC, Mr. Lawford was a research counsel at a major national law firm, specializing in medical-legal research. Mr. Lawford was also Research Director at a major Ottawa-based litigation firm. Mr. Lawford was Special Projects Director for QUICKLAW Inc., a legal database company and now part of LexisNexis Canada, from 1992 to 1999. He has an undergraduate degree in English and a Law degree from Queen's University.

Mr. Lawford manages PIAC's advocacy and research in the areas of telecommunications, broadcasting, competition, e-commerce, privacy, air transportation and financial services law and policy from a consumer perspective.

**Jill Atkey, CEO OF BC NON- PROFIT HOUSING AUTHORITY**



Jill Atkey is the CEO of BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA). Jill has 20 years of experience in the not-for-profit sector, and most recently led the development of the Canadian Rental Housing Index and oversaw the development of a 10-year Affordable Housing Plan for BC in order to solve the province's housing affordability and homelessness crisis. This plan has informed the current provincial government's \$7-billion investment in affordable housing in

BC. Jill is also a director at Encasa Financial, the Community Housing Transformation Centre, and the Chartered Institute of Housing.

**National Pensioners Federation 2019 Convention**  
***Mississauga, Ontario, September 11 & 12, 2019***  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Note: “MSC” within these minutes indicates that a motion was Moved, Seconded and Carried.

**September 11, 2019**

President Trish McAuliffe called the meeting to order; welcomed the Delegates and Guests; and then asked Sandy Carricato to acknowledge that the meeting is being held on traditional First Nations ancestral lands.

MSC That the agenda for this 75th Convention be adopted as amended.

Trish McAuliffe introduced members of the 2018-2019 NPF Executive and on behalf of the members thanked them for their service during the past year.

The Delegates and visitors sang O’Canada; heard the reading of the NPF’s “Seniors Prayer”; and then observed a minute of silence dedicated to those who had passed on since our last Convention.

MSC That the minutes of Convention 2018 be adopted with the following corrections:  
On Page 15, the heading “Resolutions and Credentials Committee” should read “Credentials Committee” and further that the listing of the members of that committee should not have included Sandy Carricato and April Forbes.

President McAuliffe announced the appointment of committees.

Elections Committee - (Chair)Pat Brady, Lesley Gaudette, Maria Pinto, Alma Johnston-Tynes

Resolutions Committee - (Chair) Lance Livingstone,)David Bunnet, Lyle Hargrove

Registration & Credentials Committee-(Chair) Mary Forbes, Maria Pinto, Annette O’Connor

The Chair of the Registration and Credentials Committee reported on attendance.

Delegates	
B.C.	15
Saskatchewan	2
Ontario	39
Nova Scotia	3
Executive	6

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee took the Chair of the meeting and outlined procedures in respect to the consideration of the resolutions.

Moved and Seconded That the Constitution and Bylaws be amended in the following sections:

Section 1, Point 12 to read: “federation meetings” includes a biennial meeting of members ~~and~~ special meeting of members; Special Federation meeting includes a meeting of any ~~or~~ classes of members and a special meeting of all members entitled to vote at a biennial meeting of members;”

Section 10, first paragraph to read: “Notice of the time and place of the biennial convention and any other meeting of members shall be given to each member entitled to vote at the meeting by the following means:”

Section 12, Point 1 to read: “Proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws and be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the National Pensioners Federation at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the biennial Convention,”

Section 16 to read: “Nomination of Directors at Biennial Members’ Meetings – The nomination and election of Executive Officers shall take place at the biennial convention.

Section 17 Title to read “Cost of Publishing Proposals for Biennial Members Meetings.”

Section 18, Section 4 to read: “The biennial Convention shall be held in September or October.”

Section 5 to read: “At least four (4) month’s notice will be given to all affiliates of the date, time, and location of the biennial Convention.”

Section 18 shall have its three subsections relabeled as 1, 2 and 3.

Section 21 to read: “The quorum of the Biennial Members’ Convention shall be one third the registered delegates. Meetings of the National Pensioners Federation shall be governed by rules of order adopted at the biennial Conventions. Where the National Pensioners Federation rules of order are silent on an issue, Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail.”



Section 22, Point 2 to read: "Affiliate groups shall be entitled to designate five (5) voting delegates to the biennial Convention."

Section 22, Point 3 to read: "Individual affiliated clubs in good standing shall be entitled to have two (2) delegates attend the biennial Convention."

Section 23, Point 1 to read: "Term of Office of Directors – The Executive members shall be elected for a two-year term. For those Executive members whose term expires in 2020 shall have that term extended to the Convention in 2021."

Section 33 shall have the opening paragraphs read: "The Executive shall be delegates to the biennial Convention by virtue of office.

The Executive shall carry on the business of the organization between biennial Conventions."

The motion was Carried without dissenting votes.

Moved and Seconded: That any associate member wishing to have delegate status at NPF Conferences must also be a paid up individual member in good standing and be it further resolved that this requirement be incorporated into the NPF bylaws,.

The motion was Defeated.

The meeting recessed.

President McAuliffe called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Mike Powell, President of the Canadian Federation of Pensioners.

Mr. Powell addressed the meeting on the topic "National Campaign Pension Protection Update – Some Progress, Some Threats".

After a period of questions and answers, President McAuliffe thanked Mr. Powell for his presentation.

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee resumed his role as meeting Chair.

MSC. That when a company declares bankruptcy, employee pensions must be paid in full prior to any other funds being paid from the assets of the company.

The meeting recessed for lunch.

When the meeting resumed, an opportunity was afforded to the NPF Affiliates to give oral reports to the Delegates.

On conclusion of the Affiliate reports, the Resolutions Committee Chair resumed his role as meeting Chair.

MSC. That the National Pensioners Federation urgently request the federal government to withdraw Bill C-27 “An Act to amend the Pension Benefit Standards Act, 1985” immediately.

MSC That the NPF call on the federal government to provide legislation protecting the retirement security of hardworking Canadians by amending the federal bankruptcy laws so that workers’ pensions and health benefits are given priority consideration over banks, investors, or parent companies during proceedings under the Companies Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) and

That the National Pensioners Federation call on the federal government to level the playing field for Canadian workers during CCAA proceedings so that workers’ pension and health benefits have priority consideration over secured creditors.

President McAuliffe resumed the Chair and called on Kathleen Jamieson to introduce and welcome Mr. Tony Gagliese to the Convention. Mr. Gagliese addressed the meeting on the topic “National Pharma Care – Winners and Losers”.

Questions and answers followed.

Kathleen thanked Mr. Gagliese for his presentation.

The meeting recessed.

The meeting was called to order and Barb Mikulec, Chairperson of the NPF Housing Committee, presented her Housing Committee report.

The meeting extended its thanks to Barb for her presentation.

Lance Livingstone took the Chair and consideration of resolutions resumed.

MSC That the National Pensioners Federation reaffirm its position that pensions be 100% protected, and

That the National Pensioners Federation work with its partners to make extending super-priority to unfunded pension liabilities in the case of insolvency and full pension insurance priority election issues, and

That the National Pensioners Federation call on the other Canadian pension regulators to implement pension insurance programmes that cover 100% of any pension loss and

That the National Pensioners Federation acknowledge that absent full pension protection, 100% solvency funding of pensions is the only alternative to protect pensioners.

MSC. That the NPF demand that the Canadian government make aware to all provinces, territories and municipal governments the dire need for affordable rental housing.

MSC. That the NPF request the federal, provincial and territorial health, housing and social affairs ministers work to ensure that national standards are put in place that will ensure senior women's health, safety and well-being and end all seniors' homelessness.

MSC. That the NPF urge the federal/provincial/territorial governments to ensure policies are in place, including programmes funded through the National Housing Strategy to:

1. Provide rent-geared-to-income housing dedicated for seniors as part of affordable housing strategies (i.e., rent being no more than 30% of income), and
2. Provide supportive housing units in communities to ensure effective supports available to tenants with severe mental health and substance use concerns, and
3. Ensure that tenant populations in seniors' oriented rent-geared-to-income housing units have sufficient supports to recognize their own significant health care and disability needs and are composed of individuals who are able to live independently with these supports in a manner which allows all to experience quiet enjoyment of their residence.

President McAuliffe resumed the Chair.

Mary Forbes introduced Mr. Jim Cartwright, Chairperson of the Council of Canadians. Mr. Cartwright's addressed the issue of "Building a Stronger Movement in Canada." Questions and answers followed.

Mary thanked Mr. Cartwright for his presentation.

The meeting was adjourned.

### **September 12, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President McAuliffe.

#### Registration and Credentials Committee Report:

##### Delegates

B.C.	13
Saskatchewan	1
Ontario	35
Nova Scotia	1
Executive	6
Guests	3

The President gave her annual report followed by reports from other members of the Executive.

MSC That the Executive reports be received.

Mary Forbes presented the Treasurer's report in writing and commented on various aspects of the report.

MSC That the Treasurer's report be adopted.

Bernie LaRusic (NPF 2nd Vice President) introduced Ms. Melanie Benard, National Director of Policy and Advocacy, Canadian Health Coalition who spoke on the topic "National Pharma Care Plan Update".

Questions, answers, and comments followed.

On behalf of the Delegates, Bernie thanked Ms. Benard for her participation in our convention.

President McAuliffe introduced Kathleen Jamieson (NPF Executive liaison member on our Health Committee) who highlighted aspects of the Health Committee report.

Questions and discussion followed.

President McAuliffe thanked Kathleen and the committee for its work on various health issues during the preceding year.

The meeting recessed.

Pat Brady (Chair of the Elections Committee) conducted the election for Executive members.

Elected

1st Vice President – Sam Wiese

3rd Vice President – Barb Mikulec

Treasurer – Mary Forbes

Secretary – Annette O'Connor

The Resolutions Committee Chair called the meeting to order to consider emergency resolutions.

MSC That the NPF request the Canadian government to address the prescription drug situation to ensure that the drug supply in Canada is safeguarded and manufacturers do more to limit exports.

MSC. That the NPF encourage the federal government to follow the advice of the Parliamentary Budgetary Office to implement a public national Pharma Care plan.

MSC. That the NPF call upon all levels of government, the Ministries of Education, Ministries of Health, the Ministries of Labour and the Canadian Mental Health Association to advocate for awareness and suicide prevention programmes in all educational facilities and workplaces.

MSC. That the NPF call upon the Ministers of Health and all levels of government to cease the practice of changing the clocks for daylight saving time.

MSC. That the NPF request the federal government to immediately create a Canadian Seniors Strategy that will:

1. Establish national standards of care for seniors wherever they live in Canada and
2. Create a Ministry for Seniors with dedicated resources for planning, coordinating federal programmes and services for seniors, conducting research on gaps and needs, monitoring progress, and ensuring transparent and accountable reporting to Canadian seniors in all of the Ministry's activities.

MSC. That the NPF call upon the federal government to initiate discussions with the dental profession and others to establish a dental program modeled after Medicare.

MSC. That the NPF call upon the Government of Canada to take the necessary steps to establish a universal public dental care program so that all Canadians have access to medically necessary dental care, and

That the NPF work with the Canadian Labour Congress, the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada, and other allies to have them lobby the Government of Canada to establish a public dental plan.

MSC That the NPF follow up on the letter regarding pharmacy drug sales kickbacks that it sent on March 21, 2019 to the Honourable Ginette Pettipas Taylor, Minister of Health, and the response letter to the NPF from the Strategic Policy Branch Health Canada to ensure that the federal government continues to work with the provinces and territories as an active member of the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance to combine the governments' collective buying power to set the price point for many generic drugs as well as to negotiate lower prices on brand names for all public plans, and

That the NPF's message to the federal government should continue to be that, the government should be doing all that they can to prevent pharmacy drug sales kickbacks.

MSC. That the NPF strongly urge that the federal government implement a universal public National Pharma Care Plan.

MSC. That the NPF strongly urge the federal government to ensure that a universal national public Pharma Care program is in place by the next budget year.

MSC That the NPF urge the federal/provincial/territorial governments to encourage more independent research, not cannabis companies who stand to make a profit, and to provide

the medical profession more information so that they can properly prescribe cannabis to their patients if they believe it will be helpful – just as they prescribe other drugs.

MSC That the NPF urge the federal/provincial/territorial governments to treat the addiction and/or the use of drugs/opioids as a medical condition and not as a criminal act, and

That the NPF urge the federal/provincial/territorial governments to ensure that there are sufficient medical treatment resources available to treat addiction.

MSC That the NPF urge the federal government to ensure our foods are clearly marked with the country of origin -- e.g. "Product of Japan, Packaged for a company in Canada".

MSC That the NPF call on the Government of Canada to take the necessary steps to establish a universal dental care program so that all Canadians have access to medically necessary dental care.

MSC That the NPF call upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of International Trade to keep Canadian business in Canada. Canadian oil should be refined in Canada by Canadian companies.

MSC That the NPF call upon all levels of government and the Prime Minister to conduct a multi-partisan process involving citizens and experts to determine the best model of proportional representation, and

That this model be implemented in time to make every vote count in the next federal election.

The meeting adjourned for lunch.

The meeting reconvened and proceeded to consider resolutions.

MSC. That the government monetarily help those seniors that are on a fixed income and are raising grandchildren.

MSC. That the NPF call on the federal/provincial/territorial governments to immediately stop taxing taxes.

MSC. That the NPF urge the government to increase the amount of CPP, OAS, and GIS.

MSC. That the NPF request the federal government to increase the Pension Income amount (line 314 on the CRA form) deduction from \$2000 to \$5000.

President McAuliffe resumed the Chair and invited Kathleen Jamieson, Barb Mikulec, and Annette O'Connor to give a presentation in respect to the Canadian Deprescribing Network.

On behalf of the meeting, President McAuliffe thanked the panel for their presentation.

Mary Forbes introduced (and subsequently thanked) Ms. Barb Dolan, Director – UNIFOR Retired Workers who spoke to the meeting on the topic “Planning With Seniors For Seniors”.

Questions and discussion followed.

The meeting recessed.

President McAuliffe introduced (and later thanked) Dr. Sandy Buchman, President of the Canadian Medical Association, who outlined the CMA's current campaign to see that health care in Canada is “front and center” in the 2019 federal election and to keep health care on the national agenda in the years which followed that election.

Questions and discussion followed.

The meeting returned to consideration of resolutions.

Moved and Seconded That the NPF support the McMaster initiative and call for the renewal of seniors poverty line indicators based on the level of education, health status, geographic region, clothing housing, food security and social inclusion to provide a portrait of poverty closer to reality, and

That the NPF call on and coordinate with older adults and caregivers advocacy organizations to raise this issue at the various levels of government and in poverty studies to develop more relevant, valid and reliable poverty indicators.

MSC That the resolution be tabled.

Pat Brady, 3rd Vice President NPF swore in the new members of the Executive Committee.

President McAuliffe gave her final remarks to the Delegates and then declared that 2019 NPF Convention adjourned.



On behalf of the NPF Executive of 2019 -2021  
thank you for your support in the 2021 Convention.

Trish McAuliffe, President

Mary Forbes, Treasurer

Barb Mikulec, 1st Vice President

Bernie LaRusic, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Kathleen Jamieson, Member at Large

Annette O'Connor, Secretary

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NPF continues to work with our members and like minded organizations to promote positive change for aging Canadians. We do this by lobbying the Federal Government, posting information on our website and Facebook page, and publish newsletters during the year. Our executive has monthly conference calls and are joined quarterly by our provincial affiliates. We recognize the importance of communicating with our members and supporters regarding current issues, which affect them. We encourage our members to please register online so that together we can make this an effective organization.

As aging Canadians, we need a clear, unified, national voice to influence government policy and legislation. When we work together, we can accomplish our goals for a better life for all aging Canadians. We have an annual convention to discuss resolutions submitted by our members and provide information through speakers which provide their expertise to issues such as income security, health care, equitable access to information and other topics of concern to aging Canadians.

NPF President Trish McAuliffe





