

2026 January 8th Region 3 President's Report to Regular Meeting

Attended the November 20th Regional Executives Meeting (previously called the Presidents Meeting). And this is the Region 3 report that was presented

2025 November 20th Regional Executives Meeting – Region #3 Report – May 2025—October 2025

May 2025 Region #3 held a regular meeting and held required elections for Region #3 executive positions. There were 14 resolutions presented for discussion and approval. There was not enough time to review all of the resolutions so a second part of the meeting will be held in June 2025.

June 2025 the second part of the May resolutions meeting was held to finish reviewing the Region #3 resolution submissions for the fall convention. A total of fourteen (14) resolutions were submitted to the Provincial Office for the fall convention.

There was a second meeting held in June 2025. This was a special meeting providing a Seniors' Fraud prevention presentation.

Our first meeting after 2025 Convention was held on October 28th and held at the St. Andrew's Centre in Halifax. The meeting started at 12 noon and coffee/tea and cup cakes were provided. The early start of the meeting was to take advantage of the "free" bus service for Seniors on Tuesdays between 10 am and 3 pm. There were only 14 members in attendance as there was a meeting notification issue between Region 3 members and the electronic mailing notice provided by NSGREA Office as the e-mail processing program was hacked.

Also, Region 3 has scheduled its annual Christmas/Holiday luncheon for December 9th and it will be held at the NSGEU Building and will be a catered lunch.

As President of Region #3 I am glad that we now have a NSGREA license for ZOOM and the fact that the NSGEU Building has a great room for meetings and facilitating those meetings through the ZOOM software. Region #3 continues to struggle in securing sign-language interpreters for our meetings. At this point, it might be advantageous for the Provincial Office to investigate if our ZOOM license includes the voice-to-text option so that if interpreters are not available, maybe the voice-to-text on the screen would be an is option to use when we cannot secure sign-language interpreters.

The issue of having some of Region #3 regular meetings held on the Halifax side of the bridge has been raised. Also, having the meetings on a Tuesday to allow those members who use the transit service to "ride for free" on that day. The 2025 March meeting was held at the St. Andrew's Centre off Bayers Road in Halifax on a Thursday and there was a good turnout, even though it was not Tuesday. There is a cost to Region #3 when holding meetings in Halifax as rental fees are incurred. As well, if we are to allow time for members to use the "ride for free" transit option and hold a regular two to two-and-half hour meeting; then the meeting has to start by 12 noon as the "ride for free" option starts at 10 am and ends at 3 pm. This would also lead to the provision of at least tea/coffee for attendees.

Region #3 members continue to have many questions and issues regarding no cost-of-living increases, even though the Region #3 membership are very pleased with the recent news that there will be an increase in January 2026.

As stated earlier in this report, there is the continuing issue of securing sign-language interpreters for our meetings. In fact Robert did not attend our October 2025 meeting as there were no interpreters available for the meeting. Robert did send an e-mail expressing his concerns regarding this issue that was read at the October meeting.

The first Regional Executives Meeting (previously the Regional Presidents meeting) [now allows for two representatives from a region to attend these meetings – the president plus another person from that region’s executive] for NSGREA was held at the NSGEU Building on November 20th 2025. Both myself and Judy Ritchie attended on behalf of Region 3. The meeting reviewed the position changes for the NSGREA Provincial Executive. Noted the resignation of PG Comeau as the President. Also noted the retirement of Dora Davis from the Office Administrative Assistant position. There were two region presidents who attended via ZOOM and all gave their reports. The Provincial Executive gave their reports. Fred Morley gave information about the Atlantic Canada Health Cre Coalition Society and the discounts available to NSGREA members; presented information about Belairdirect, Co-operators Group. Also updates about Seniors’ Advisory Council (SAC); mass email status; 2026 membership renewable process; job description for Office Administrative Assistant position; duties of treasurer temporarily filled by Don Goss; discussions on the sustainability of the regional structure; and website update.

Respectfully presented by Region 3 President Kathleen Bugbee