



BCAS 10-7 ASSOCIATION SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 10, 2026

Attendance – 30 members 1 Guest

Minutes

12:52 **Call to Order** – BCAS 10-7 Association Society Annual General Meeting

Remembrance of our recently Fallen Members

Steve Williams

Derrick Tobacco

Eric Bone

Anne Gedye (Bill)

Robin Duncan

Janet McCreedy (Brian)

Paul Gotto

A moment of Silence for our Fallen Members. May they rest in peace.

Guest Speakers

Ian Tait CUPE 873

Ian extended greetings from the Executive Board of CUPE 873 and expressed their condolences for the loss of our President Steve Williams

Outlined recent improvements realized including wages, staffing levels, internal communications and public education. Emphasised better access to mental health supports while acknowledging more work to be done. Noted wage parity or better with 75% of other EMS providers nationally. Workforce now consists of 75% full time and 25% part time/on call

Noted shifts in demographics in the workforce with an overall younger population, bringing different perspectives and culture. Younger workers are beginning their careers with greater awareness of mental health challenges and resiliency training, less likely to engage in volunteerism.

The union continues to fight for better working conditions and prioritize maintaining strong relationships within the government.

The BCAS 10-7 Association Society gratefully accepted a cheque for \$1000.00 from The Ambulance Paramedics of BC in sponsorship of our AGM luncheon. Their continued support of our retired members is deeply appreciated.

Brian Twaites BCEHS Public Information Officer

Brian extends greetings from Leanne Heppel and her gratitude for the contributions of our members both before and after retirement. She sends her condolences on the loss of Steve.

Brian shared a power point presentation highlighting the current operational capacity of BCEHS

182 Stations, all but 13 with full time staff

660 ambulances, 29 low acuity response units, 300+ single response units

Dedicated air resources including 6 helicopters, 9 fixed wing aircraft and 7 airbases

Most current call volume stats show 2059 911 calls/day

New programs to support employees in returning to workplace following illness/injury

Staffing improvements to support communities experiencing hospital closures including 22 new F/T ambulances in rural and remote areas. ACP resources added to Dawson Creek and Nelson Temporary PCP/ACP resources added in Port Alberni. PRU's stationed in Vancouver post stations 266 and 248.

New classification of PCP and ACP Flight Paramedics for lower acuity patient transfers.
Dedicated air base in Prince Rupert.

Recognition – encourages any retired members who have not received the 25-year service medal to contact him for application.

Retirement planning package completed and available on their internal network. Includes pre-retirement planning, post retirement resources including links to 10-7 Assn. Thanks 10-7 Assn for their involvement with the project.

BCEHS Foundation <https://bcehsf.ca/>

Charitable foundation created to help fund initiatives and resources that benefit BCEHS employees and the patients and communities they serve. Currently fundraising to equip all PCP units in the province with cardiac monitors.

Community of Care Glenn Wainman

Glenn reminded BCEHS and CUPE representatives that the Community of Care concept of retirees providing mentorship and support to new and/or younger employees is still supported by many retirees. While budget restrictions have stalled the project, we are still here and willing to help.

Review of 2025 AGM minutes Darlene Redman

Minutes from last years AGM reviewed and accepted

Executive Reports

Treasurer

Dawn Parrott

Our BCAS 10-7 Associations financials remain in good shape. A full financial report and proposed budget is attached.

Dawn put forward a motion to invest \$2000 to \$5000 in the Canada Strong Fund

Seconded by Glenn Wainman passed

Dan Cameron put forward a motion to approve budget and accept report

Seconded by Brian McCreedy passed

Health & Wellness Garth Dinsmore's written report presented by Darlene Redman

Garth's report highlighted the work he did on the "Journey to Retirement" project with BCEHS. The project is now mostly complete and available to current BCEHS employees on their intranet. The videos of our retired members sharing their retirement experiences will be added soon.

Garth reminded members that if you have a WSBC claim that is closed but you are experiencing new, recurring or worsening symptoms that you might be entitled to a reopening of your claim.

The full Health and Wellness report is attached.

Glenn Wainman put forward a motion to accept Garth's report

Seconded By Brian McCreedy passed

Membership

Clarke Piprell

Clarke reports that we currently have 368 members registered, a slight increase from last year. That includes 247 active voting members, 99 members in arrears (that number fluctuates as dues are received), with the remaining members considered non-active, "on sabbatical".

Members are encouraged to seek out other retirees in their areas to join in or start up a social event to keep our fellowship strong.

We are exploring new ways of signing up new members, providing support and learning about our retirees needs. There are numerous membership management products specifically designed for small nonprofit organizations, such as ourselves, that we are looking into.

A reminder that if you are unsure about your dues status or suspect that you may have an outstanding balance, please contact our Treasurer Dawn Parrott for assistance.

The full Membership Coordinators report is attached.

Bob Sutherland put forward a motion to accept the Membership report

Seconded by Joanne Burrows passed

Historian

Terry Dobson

Nothing to report

Web Master

Brian McCreedy

Brian has significantly updated the 10-7 Association website over the past few months and encourages members to explore the new look. A reminder that material from our members is needed to keep the site fresh and interesting. Please send your stories, photos and ideas.

The email system, which has presented some challenges, is currently being updated.

Members help is requested to review and update the "In Memoriam" section of the website. We are looking for your input to fill in gaps where there is missing information about our fallen members.

Jackie Whalley put forward a motion to accept the Webmasters report

Seconded by Ernie Mothus passed

Secretary

Darlene Redman

Darlene shared some thoughts on where the 10-7 Association began, why it's important, and what we can do to keep it strong for years to come.

We welcome members to help to keep the Association vibrant and supportive by running for positions on the Executive Board or becoming involved in whatever capacity works for you. We need your energy, your kindness, your ideas and your voices. We could also really use a hand keeping up with technology that changes so quickly.

We're grateful to everyone who has helped keep our group strong over the years – Every one of your efforts matters more than you may realize.

The complete Secretaries report is attached.

Glenn Wainman put forward a motion to accept the report

Seconded by Dawn Parrott passed

Election of Officers**President**

The remaining year of the Presidents term will remain vacant out of respect for Steve

Vice President

Bob Alexander nominated by Dawn Parrott

Seconded by Dan Cameron elected

Thank You Bob!

Health and Wellness

Glenn Wainman nominated by Garth Dinsmore

Seconded by Tom Manz elected

Thank you Glenn!

Historian

Troy Clifford nominated by Darlene Redman

Seconded by Trent St John elected

Thank you Troy!

Webmaster

Brian McCreedy agreed to Stand elected

Thank you Brian!

Secretary

Darlene Redman agreed to Stand elected

Appointment of Auditors

Darryl and Denise Gunn have agreed to stand as auditors

Investment of 10-7 Association Funds Dawn Parrott

As noted in the Treasurers report, Dawn recommends that we put a modest amount of our Associations savings in The Canada Strong Fund for a low risk longer term investment.

Membership management software Clarke Piprell

Clarke has researched various membership management software programs that may be helpful. See the Membership Coordinators report for further details.

Discussion Open to the Floor

Applications for honours and awards for retired members can be submitted through BCEHS Janet Moffat. Brian Twaites can assist with the process.

Tom Manz reiterated Garth Dismore's recommendation to seek re-opening of WSBC claims that are presenting with new or worsening symptoms.

Motion presented to the floor by Bob Alexander

"To have the 10-7 Association Executive consider the development of a bursary in the name of our recently departed President Steve Williams.

The Executive should take into consideration:

- 1/ The wishes of Deborah Cherry
- 2/ The value of the bursary, and
- 3/ The targeted recipient"

Seconded by Ernie Mothus passed unanimously

14:15 Motion to adjourn 10-7 Association Society AGM Darlene Redman

Seconded by Dan Cameron passed

FALLEN PARAMEDICS MEMORIAL FUND SOCIETY AGM

JUNE 10, 2026, CHILLIWACK, BC

26 members, 1 guest present

Executive Report and Budget

Vice President Jo Burrows

The society budget remains stable with \$0 in revenue and \$186 in expenses (banking services and memorial wreath)

Little activity with the FPMFS this year. Hopefully we can get more participation for the memorial service at the monument in Victoria in May 2027.

Old Business

Lest we Forget

Tony Sunderland

Kim Weitzel

Theresa Hunt

Shawn Currier

Carolyn Schlamp

Michael Scott Gray

Wendy Thompson

Ivan Polivka

Andy Goedicke

Joanne Fuller

New Business

Discussion

Dan Cameron spoke about the upcoming 25th anniversary of 9/11 and encouraged participation in the 9/11 Memorial Ride on September 11th, 2026

14:35 Motion to adjourn FPMFS AGM

Darlene Redman

Seconded Bob Sutherland

Passed