



The volunteer Executive of B.C. FORUM.
Front: Diane Wood, President; and Irene Lanzinger, Chair.
Behind them are Dan Bradford, Treasurer; Sam Wiese, Vice-President; Miriam Olney, Secretary; and Gord Savard, Vice-President.

BC Forum works for you

BC FORUM REPRESENTS thousands of retired and active workers from unions affiliated to the B.C. Federation of Labour.

For retirees, B.C. FORUM keeps the strength of the union movement on your side after you've left the work force. For active workers, B.C. Forum helps you plan for retirement – because leaving work should not mean leaving the movement.

By working together in solidarity, we retain the bargaining power to spotlight issues important to seniors, demand the attention of legislators, and negotiate the best benefits for our members.

B.C. FORUM is a registered non-profit society for union members age 50 or better. We are dedicated to representing the well-being of members, their families and their spouses. We are supported and endorsed by *WE Consulting & Benefits Services Ltd.* and the *B.C. Federation of Labour*.

Together, we can continue to enjoy the relationships and benefits of being part of the union movement. Because no matter what age we are, together we're strong.

We fight for real change in solidarity

BC FORUM IS UNIQUE – the only seniors' group that exclusively represents active and retired union members and is directly affiliated to the labour movement. As an affiliate of the B.C. Federation of Labour, BC FORUM is represented on the *Executive Council*, the governing body of the BCFED. We appoint delegates to *Labour Councils* to keep us informed and active on local issues. We meet regularly with designated representatives of BCFED affiliated unions to support each other's work.

At the national level, BC FORUM is active on the executive of the *Congress of Union Retirees of Canada* (CURC), participating in nationwide campaigns, lobbies, rallies and petition drives.

In addition to our unique labour movement involvement, BC FORUM has a Vice-President position and sends five delegates to the *Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of B.C.* (COSCO), is affiliated to the *National Pensioners Federation*, has a member on the Board of Directors of the *Union Protein Project*, and is active in the *B.C. Labour Heritage Society*, *B.C. Health Coalition* and the *Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign*.

In solidarity with you, the labour movement and our allies, we are working to build healthy communities, and improve the lives of families here at home and around the world.

Join us today!

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Union Protein Project



Are you
50 or better?
Join the recognized
voice of senior
trade unionists today!

We negotiate group benefits, including extended health and dental

And that means great benefits, at a fair price, for you and your family

EVERY MEMBER of B.C. FORUM enjoys significant benefits – and the kind of savings you can only achieve through group negotiations.

We offer:

- Free \$2,500 Group Accident Insurance (AD&D) until your 86th birthday – and the option to cover your spouse for only \$5 a year.
- Access to the best value on benefits through BC FORUM's group coverage – including Extended Health and Dental Coverage, Travel Medical Insurance, Life Insurance, Financial Planning, Home Owner and Tenant Insurance.
- Eligible to access the best value on home insurance coverage with Working Ventures Insurance Solutions Ltd. (WV Insurance).
- A free subscription to our quarterly news magazine *The Advocate* to keep you informed on the issues that really matter.
- Free Pre-Retirement Planning Seminars, packed with information to help you fully enjoy your retirement.

These rewards and other benefits are only possible because BC FORUM maintains the strong links between you, other retired workers and the union movement in B.C. Together, we're strong.

We speak out on the issues that matter

SINCE 1995, the B.C. Federation of Retired Union Members has strongly advocated for workers who are retired or nearing retirement. It is the recognized voice for senior unionists in B.C.

In our workplaces, we've all seen that when you want action on an issue, it's hard to get results on your own. That's when we turned to our unions.

It's no different when we're retired or preparing for retirement. We're stronger together. That's why thousands of people like you are joining B.C. FORUM.

Together with the union movement and our allies, we're taking on the issues that affect our families:

- Promoting and protecting retirement security for seniors, retirees and our children and grandchildren, and lifting seniors out of poverty by increasing the CPP, OAS and GIS.
- Fighting for a national Pharmacare program and an end to unfair taxes like regressive MSP premiums.
- Defending public health care services from privatization and promoting quality public health care.
- Blowing the whistle on ageism and elder abuse.
- Fighting for publicly delivered quality home care and home support services so seniors can live with dignity.

Together with our allies, we hold politicians to account, and work to defeat them when they fail to deliver. We organize community forums and rallies. We publish a high quality news magazine and website to keep members informed and involved with current issues and initiatives. We are dedicated to serving the needs of all senior unionists. Join us today!

“BC FORUM is a vital voice in the labour movement, and plays an important role advancing issues that affect our communities. It ensures that the expertise and experience of older and retired workers continue to help shape our province and our movement.”

– Irene Lanzinger, President
B.C. Federation of Labour
Chair, BC FORUM

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- ☐ New application
- ☐ Renewal

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