



**Association Canadienne des enseignantes et des  
enseignants retraités / Canadian Association of  
Retired Teachers**

# FIRST MEETING    JUNE 15, 1991



**NBSRT Representative:**  
*Helen Anderson*

# **NATIONAL**

- ✓ **An organization of associations (Members).**
- ✓ **In every province and the Yukon Territory.(147,000+ retirees as of September 2018)**
- ✓ **Recognized under the Federal Non for Profit Act.**
- ✓ **Major communication in both official languages.**
- ✓ **Primary function:**
  - ❖ **To represent Members when dealing with the federal government and other national organizations.**
  - ❖ **To receive and respond as appropriate to information, activities, and requests.**

# **PROVINCIAL / TERRITORIAL**

- ✓ **ACER-CART requests cooperation of Member Associations on specific issues**
- ✓ **Member decides whether its mandate or interest allows it to follow-up, participate in action.**
- ✓ **Political actions and other ACER - CART initiatives are more successful with Member support.**

# LIAISONS

- **Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF-FCF)**
- **National Association of Federal Retirees (NAFR)**
- **National Pensioners' Federation**
- **Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC)**
- **Canadian Medical Association (CMA)**
- **Seniors Voice Coalition**
- **Canadian Health Coalition**
- **Coalition for Pension Security**

# **POWERS & AUTHORITY**

- **The AGM is supreme.**
- **Held first weekend of June in Ottawa.**
- **Executive resolutions provided on some issues.**
- **Members submit resolutions in advance**
  - **Resolutions should have rationale provided.**
  - **Resolutions vetted by ACER-CART legislation committee for clarity and consistent wording.**
- **President and Executive Director provide leadership.**

# LEADERSHIP - ROLES

- **Executive Officers:** Defined in By-Laws and Articles
- **Executive Director:** description of duties and responsibilities established, provides continuity.
- **Regional Representatives:** Liaison function
- **Directors:** 2-way communication, continuity, support
- **Committee Chairs:** Appointed by executive.

# **LEADERSHIP - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

- **President (currently N.S)**
- **Vice-President (currently B.C)**
- **Immediate Past President**
- **3 Regional Representatives:**
  - **East, Ontario, West**
- **Executive Director**
- **Meet by conference calls**

# **COMMITTEES: APPOINTMENT & MANDATE**

- **Committees chaired by an Executive Member**
- **Non-executive members invited to reflect regional needs and expertise. Should have at least 3 members**
- **Terms of Reference established and periodically reviewed by the AGM.**

# COMMITTEES

- **Communications**
- **Health Services**
- **Pension and Retirement Income**
- **Political Advocacy**
- **Nominations and Elections**
- **Legislation**

# **PRIORITIES**

- **AGM delegates suggest 3 to 5 priorities for the year.**
- **The executive reviews and ratifies them at their first meeting.**
- **The priorities help focus the actions of the executive for the following year.**
- **These priorities are assigned to the executive committees for study and action.**

# **ACER-CART PRIORITIES 2019-2020**

- **ACER-CART will, in collaboration with like-minded organizations as appropriate,**
  - **monitor the federal government's implementation of a universal, public, comprehensive, accessible and portable Pharmacare program,**
  - **closely monitor the 10-year bilateral health funding agreements with the provinces and territories,**
  - **oppose privatization of health-care services by monitoring the federal government's support of the provisions of the Canada Health Act to ensure that Canadians receive universal accessibility of medical care without extra charges.**

# **ACER-CART PRIORITIES 2019-2020** *Con'td*

- **ACER-CART will monitor and continue to collaborate with like-minded organizations to oppose any federal legislation that would lead to the demise of defined benefit pension plans.**
- **ACER-CART will collaborate with like-minded organizations encourage the development and the implementation a National Seniors Strategy.**
- **ACER-CART will seek to elevate the profile and the value of a national Association in our provincial associations.**
- **ACER-CART will seek to extend our relationships with CTF-FCE**

# COMMUNICATION

- OPTIONS Newsletter: at least three a year
- Periodic reports by Executive Director
- ACER-CART website
- Emails
- Regional Representative: regular contacts
- Directors: provide information re issues

# **FINANCES/SUPPORT**

- **Member Association Dues (\$0.35/association member)**
- **Association Directors and Observers attend AGM at associations' expense.**
- **CTF**
  - **Accounting and hotel support**
  - **AGM printed materials, meeting room and AV equipment**
  - **AGM BBQ and meeting refreshments**
- **Johnson Inc - AGM Banquet**

*THE END*

*Presented to the NBSRT Board of Directors by Margaret Urquhart  
Eastern Canadian Representative (ACER/CART)  
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