

Floyd Sweet ACER-CART President 2001-2003 Biography



Floyd Sweet began his teaching career in the Vermilion community in September of 1957, after finishing high school in Dewberry. He completed a Junior E program in Education at the U of Alberta, allowed him to teach at the elementary school level on a temporary “letter of authority”. Floyd over achieved from the start of his teaching career. Within two weeks of his first assignment to teach Grade 8, he was transferred to Grade 10 where he had to learn to type along with his commercial typing students.

His creativity came to the fore as a teacher and school administrator. He developed programs to meet individual student needs long before it became a curriculum requirement, and applied this same creativeness to any position of leadership he assumed. He completed his Bachelor of Education and then a Masters of Education by night school and summer school.

As a teacher Floyd worked hard for the Alberta Teachers Association as a branch president and on Specialist Councils. His strengths lay in his capacity for hard work, attention to detail, and the ability to communicate with everyone. These attributes continue to this day. He also served on the Vermilion Town Council from 1971 to 1980. Floyd retired in 1996 as a guidance counsellor for over 300 students in Grades 8-12.

Floyd Sweet was a delegate at the 1999 and 2000 ACER-CART annual general meetings. From 2001 to 2003 he served as the ACER-CART President . He enjoyed the hard work and good friendships that developed from his contact with colleagues from all over the country.

He was an ARTA vice-president, president and past president. He was instrumental in bringing about significant changes to the ARTA governance structure, by-laws and policies, which enhanced the representative nature of ARTA. As a result, ARTA became more representative in its member positions, more responsible to its branches, and more responsive to input from its members. These changes have served ARTA well.

In 2008 Floyd received an Honorary Membership in ARTA for his work with that association.

Professionally Floyd remains active in the supervision of student teachers from the U of Alberta, U of Lethbridge, Red Deer College and, more recently, from the U of New Brunswick, assisting beginning teachers to become the best that they can be.