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| **Canadian Association of Retired Teachers** | **Minutes of the 2016**  **Annual General Meeting**  C:\Users\VAUGHAN\Documents\CART\Communications\ACER-CART_Logo_no lines.PNG  **Held at the Canadian Teachers’ Federation**  **Ottawa, Ontario**  **June 3-4, 2016** |

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APPENDIX

AGM Participants A

NOTE: These minutes reflect the business of the meeting only. They do not reflect what was said, except in special circumstances, or where required to support motions.

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| **Friday, June 3** |  |
| **Introductions and**  **Greetings** | The President, JoAnn Lauber called the meeting to order and welcomed delegates and observers to the 25rd ACER-CART Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Canadian Teachers’ Federation office building, Ottawa.  Roundtable introductions were made.  A moment of silence was observed in memory of Geoge Georget and Marvin Krawec who passed away during this past year.  The President expressed her appreciation to CTF and Johnson’s Inc. for their continued support of ACER-CART. She then welcomed CTF President, Heather Smith. |
| **Greetings from the Canadian Teachers’ Federation (CTF)** | Heather Smith brought greetings on behalf of CTF. |
| **Adoption of Agenda**  (Tab 2) | P-1  Thomas Gaskell – Jacques Albert  **THAT the agenda be adopted as presented/amended.**  **CARRIED** |
| **Adoption of the 2015 AGM Minutes**  (Tab 3) | P-2  Martin Higgs – Gerry Tiede  **THAT the minutes of the 2015 ACER-CART AGM held June 4 and 5 be approved as presented.**  **CARRIED** |
| **Business Arising from the minutes of the 2015 AGM**  (Tab 4) | A copy of the motion tracker from the 2015 AGM resolutions was distributed to participants. |
| **Correspondence**  (Tab 5) | Copy of a summary table of all correspondences since the 2015 AGM was distributed to participants. The correspondance binder was circulated for participants to review. |

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| **Call for Nominations**  **Timed Item – 9:30 a.m.**  (Tab 10) | | Nominations were received for each position as follows:  President Brian Kenny  Vice-President Norbert Boudreau  James MacAulay  Regional Representative – East Edward Zegray  Regional Representative – Ontario TBD  Regional Representative – West Wayne Hughes  Delegates had until 11 a.m. Saturday morning to submit names. |
| **Budget**  (Tab 6) | | Budget report, financial statements and budget estimates were presented and discussed in detail. |
| **Reports  From Executive**  (Tab 7) | | All reports were made available to the Executive and Directors prior to the meeting via the ACER-CART Members’ only special website page. Most of the reports were available in both languages. Copies of all reports were distributed.  **President’s Report**  JoAnn Lauber presented her report. She thanked Samantha Perrin and Lynne Richard from CTF for their hard work, Roger Régimbal for his hard work and dedication, the Directors for their help and support. She also thanked CTF and Johnson’s Inc. for their continued support..  **Executive Director’s Report**  Roger Régimbal presented his report and thanked the Directors for having sent their reports in time and in both languages.  **Strategic Plan**  Brian Kenney presented the Strategic plan which had been developped during the year and had been discussed during the pre-AGM session. |
| **Timed Session – 11 a.m.  Canadian Health Coalition (CHC)** | | Adrienne Silnicki, National Coordinator, gave a presentation to the ACER-CART delegates and observers. |
| **Reports From Chairs of Committees**  (Tab 8) | | **Communications**  Norbert Boudreau presented the report. |
|  | | **Health Services and Insurance**  Brian Kenny presented his report.  **Political Advocacy**  JoAnn Lauber presented the report on behalf of George Georget.  **Pension and Retirement Income**  James MacAulay presented the report.  **Legislation**  Thomas Gaskell presented his report.  **Nominations and Elections**  Thomas Gaskell presented his report. |
| **Reports  From Members**  (Tab 9) | | Member Representatives presented their reports.  Copies of all reports were distributed and most of them were translated. |
| **Saturday, June 4** | |  |
| **Timed Session – 9:15 a.m.**  **Johnson’s Inc.** | | Richard Harrison made a presentation to the ACER-CART delegates and observers. |
| **Timed Item – 11 a.m. Elections**  (Tab 9) | | On Saturday morning, no further nominations were received. James MacAulay was elected as Vice-President and and the following were elected by acclamation to the 2016-2017 Executive Committee.  President Brian Kenny  Regional Representative – East Edward Zegray  Regional Representative – Ontario Norbert Boudreau  Regional Representative – West Wayne Hughes |
| **Resolutions**  **From Executive**  (Tab 10) | | E-1  Brian Kenny – Norbert Boudreau  **THAT the strategic plan be adopted as amended.**  **CARRIED** |
|  | | E-2  Thomas Gaskell – James MacAulay  **THAT all Policies referring to Member Associations be amended to state Member. (*A-02, C-01, C-02, C-08,  C-12*).**  **CARRIED** |
|  | | E-3  Thomas Gaskell – Wayne Hughes  **THAT Policy A-01: Pensions section 2e be amended by the addition of the words and same sex spouses after “common law spouses”.**  **CARRIED** |
|  | | E-4  Thomas Gaskell – Brian Kenny  **THAT Policy C-01: Duties of a Regional Representative that the stem be amended by the deletion of the words Director elected to the role of.**  **CARRIED** |
|  | | E-5  Thomas Gaskell – Norbert Boudreau  **THAT Policy C-08-4: Trademak Protection section 4 be amended by the deletion of the word Board in the last sectence of C-08-4 and replaced by the word Executive.**  **CARRIED** |
| **Resolutions**  **From Executive** (cont’d)  (Tab 10) | | E-6  Thomas Gaskell – James MacAulay  **THAT the amended Policies:  A01 Pension  A02 Representation on Provincial Pension Boards   and Committes**  **C01 Duties of the Regional Representative**  **C02 Representative on the Board of Directors**  **C08 Trademak Protection**  **C12 Political Advocacy**  **be reaffirmed as amended**  **CARRIED** |
|  | | E-7  Thomas Gaskell – Wayne Hughes  **THAT Policies:**  **A03 Tax Credit Reduction**  **B01 Health Care in Canada**  **B02 Long Term Health Care**  **B03 National Pharmacare and Pharmaceutical   Formulary**  **C03 Representation on the Board of Directors**  **C04 Support and Assistance to Active Teachers’ Organizations**  **C05 Support for Humanitarian Organizations**  **C06 Reserve Fund**  **C06 Reserve Fund Investment**  **C07 Travel Expenses and Meals**  **C09 Dissolution of ACER-CART**  **C10 Performance Appraisal of Executive Director**  **C11 Non Contribution of Membership Fee be reaffirmed**  **CARRIED** |
|  | | E-8  JoAnn Lauber – Gerry Tiede  **THAT ACER-CART recommends to Members that they endorse the Declaration of Agreement concerning National Health Care Strategy for Seniors.**  **CARRIED** |
| **Resolutions**  **From Executive** (cont’d)  (Tab 10) | | E-9  Norbert Boudreau – Brian Kenny  **THAT the year-end financial statements be reviewed by an internal committee.**  **CARRIED** |
|  | | E-10  Brian Kenny – Norbert Boudreau  **THAT ACER-CART recommend to its Members that they make their membership aware of the Cogniciti Project.**  **CARRIED** |
| **Resolutions**  **From Members**  (Tab 10)  **Resolutions**  **From Members** (cont’d)  (Tab 10) | | M-1  Gerry Tiede – Fred Heron  **THAT ACER-CART lobby the federal government to establish a Ministry for seniors.**  **CARRIED**  M-2  Gerry Tiede – Rosalie Bornn  **THAT ACER-CART lobby the federal government to establish a National Seniors Healthcare Strategy.**  **CARRIED**  M-3  Gerry Tiede – Rosalie Bornn  **THAT ACER-CART lobby the federal government to implement a national pharmaceutical formulary.**  **CARRIED**  M-4  Ed Zegray – James MacAulay  **THAT ACER-CART communicate with the Prime Minister of Health, and the opposition leaders and health critics to:**   1. **Reiterate our strong belief in the *Canada Health Act* and its Principles, and that Medicare in Canada be renegociatedand strengthen with the renegotiation of the Accord.** 2. **denounce the fact that certain jurisdictions are violating the Principles of the *Act* by introducing user fees and by encouraging privatization of services, among others;** 3. **implore Parliament to act and to demand that all jurisdictions respect the Principles and correct any anomalies under threat of sanctions.**   **CARRIED**  M-5  Fred Herron – Gordon Cummings  **THAT ACER-CART lobby the Government of Canada to consult with the Provincial and Territorial Governments in order to implement a National Drug Plan, operating under the *Canada Health* Act, to cover the cost of Approved Prescription Drugs for all Canadians.**  **CARRIED**  M-6  Gordon Cumming – Tom Gaskell  **THAT ACER-CART donate up to $1,000 to support the Seniors’ Voice website.**  **CARRIED**  M-7  Gordon Cumming – Fred heron  **THAT ACER-CART study and report on alternate ways of financing ACER-CART.**  **CARRIED** |
| **Procedural Resolutions**  (Tab 10)  **Procedural Resolutions**  (cont’d)  (Tab 10)  **Procedural Resolutions**  (cont’d)  (Tab 10) | | P-3  Gerry Joyce McCardle – Gerry Tiede  **THAT the financial report 2014-2015 be received.**  **CARRIED**  P-4  Joyce McCardle – Martin Higgs  **THAT the Executive reports be received.**  **CARRIED**  P-5  Gerry Tiede – Tom Kendell  **THAT the actions of the ACER-CART Executive since AGM 2015 be approved.**  **CARRIED**  P-6  Rosalie Bornn – Tom Kendell  **THAT Committee reports be received.**  **CARRIED**  P-7  Gerry Tiede – Gordon Cumming  **THAT Members’ reports be received.**  **CARRIED**  P-8  Fred Herron – Gerry Tiede  **THAT the Budget 2016-2017 be adopted as presented.**  **CARRIED**  P-9  Rosalie Bornn – Jacques Albert  **THAT the voting ballots be destroyed.**  **CARRIED**  P-10  Joyce McCardle – Martin Higgs  **THAT the ACER-CART 2016 AGM thank:**   1. **CTF-FCE for their hospitality and continuing help during the help;** 2. **Heather Smith, CTF President for addressing our assembly;** 3. **Cassandra Hallett DaSilva, CTF Secretary General for addressing our assembly;** 4. **Johnson’s Inc. for their continued support;** 5. **Richard Harrison, Johnson’s Inc. for his presentation;** 6. **Samantha Perrin, CTF Financial Officer for taking care of ACER-CART finances;** 7. **Lynne Richard, CTF Administrative Assistant for her continued help with ACER-CART business;** 8. **Adrienne Silnicki, Canadian Health Coalition for her presentation;** 9. **Ken Bennett, Johnson’s Inc. for his speech at the Friday evening banquet.**   **CARRIED** |
| **Priorities for ACER-CART for 2016-2017** | * Maintain co-operation and collaboration with other groups on issues of similar concern. * Continue to work on being a voice of seniors at the national level. * Continue to advocate for health goals identified in the strategic plan and from Member resolutions. | |
| **Certificates of Recognition** | The following received a certificate of recognition:   * Fred Herron, STS * Jim Kavanaugh, RTO-NSTU * Gerry Tiede, BCRTA * Mildred Urquhart, NBSRT * Thomas Kendall, RTANL * Dr. Thomas Gaskell, ACER-CART Past President * Martin Higgs, RTO/ERO * Marven Krawec, RTAM | |
| **Adjournment** | The business meeting was adjourned by the President upon completion of business at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. | |
| **Next Meeting** | The next ACER-CART Annual General Meeting will be held  June 2-3, 2017. | |

**List of Participants**

**APPENDIX A**

**Canadian Teachers’ Federation Offices, Ottawa**

**June 3-4, 2016**

**Present**

President JoAnn Lauber

Vice-President Brian Kenny

Past-President Thomas Gaskell

Regional Representative – Ontario Norbert Boudreau

Regional Representative – East James MacAulay

Regional Representative – West Wayne Hughes

Advisor to the Executive Vaughn Wadelius

Executive Director Roger Régimbal

British Columbia Retired Teachers’ Association Gerry Tiede

Alberta Retired Teachers Association Gordon Cumming

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Fred Herron

Retired Teachers Association of Manitoba Rosalie Bornn

Retired Teachers of Ontario Martin Higgs

Quebec Provincial Association of Retired School Educators Ed Zegray

Société des enseignantes et enseignants retraités  
 francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick Jacques Albert

New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers Mildred J. Urquhart

Retired Teachers Organization of the NSTU Jim Kavanaugh

Prince Edward Island Retired Teachers’ Association Joyce McCardle

Retired Teachers Association of Newfoundland & Labrador Thomas Kendell

**Observers**

ARTA Daniel Mulloy

BCRTA Bob Taverner

NBRST Margaret J. Urquhart

PEIRTA Joyce McCardle

QPARSE Jan Langelier

RTANL Doreen Noseworthy

RTO/ERO Martha Foster

RTO-NSTU Bill Berryman

STS Marie LeBlanc-Warick

**Regrets**

Quebec Association of Retired Teachers Catherine Barrowcliffe

Yukon Retired Teachers Alumni Ken Nash

**Staff**

Administrative Assistant – CTF Lynne Richard

Financial Officer – CTF Samantha Perrin

**Special Guests**

Canadian Teachers’ Federation Cassandra Hallett DaSilva

Heather Smith

Johnson’s Inc. Ken Bennett

Richard Harrison