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Canadian Association of Retired Teachers

**POLITICAL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

**REPORT TO THE ACER-CART 2017 AGM**

**Terms of Reference**:

The Political Advocacy Committee shall:

1. develop and recommend to the Executive actions to accomplish goals and objectives established by the Board;
2. monitor political issues and advise the Executive or the Board on emerging issues relevant to ACER-CART;
3. plan and organize political action, if so directed by the executive;
4. be chaired by an Executive member;
5. include in its membership a representative from each ACER-CART Region.

**Committee Members**:

Wayne Hughes, Chair – Regional Representative – West

**Report**

At the conclusion of the 2016 AGM, no resolutions were referred to the Political Advocacy Committee. Similarly, there were no referrals from the executive during the year. This does not mean ACER/CART has been inactive in the political arena. To some degree, political advocacy has become an integral part of many of ACER/CART activities. The following examples illustrate how political advocacy has become part of the culture:

* The Health Care and Insurance Committee coordinated a letter writing campaign related to the Health Care Accord
* The Executive Director attended meetings on Bill C-27 and kept the executive informed of the many implications of the bill
* The Past President shared her extensive network with Senior’s Voice to encourage participation in the International Day of the Older Person
* The President has written a number of letters to the Prime Minister and his government

These are but a few examples of ACER/CART actions on the political front.

Looking to the future, continued monitoring of Bill C-27 will be important to our Members across Canada. In addition, our continued effort to “network” with like-minded organizations to increase our influence on issues of importance to seniors, in general, and retired teachers, in particular.

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Hughes