

**NEW BRUNSWICK SOCIETY OF RETIRED TEACHERS**

**MEMBER REPORT**

1. **Major concerns of your Association**:
   1. **Federal level**

– failure to achieve a national Health Accord, including a national pharmacare program, and a seniors strategy. As the BNA Act relegates responsibility for health to provinces the approach to be taken to achieve improved health and senior care must reflect this reality.

* 1. **Provincial level**

– long waits for surgery, emergency room waiting times, access to nursing homes/assisted living, escalating costs of prescription drugs, repeated government efforts to take seniors savings for nursing home care

1. **Main activities of your Association since last ACER-CART AGM**

* An ad hoc committee major study of and revision to our constitution, including seeking member input/feedback throughout the process
* Establishment of ad hoc committees to review membership recruitment and the viability of establishing a scholarship
* Promotion of our webpage and closed group Facebook page
* Distribution of ACER-CART information to branches and on webpage and encouragement to members to write letters regarding health/senior issues
* Encouraging, along with SERFNB, the Group Insurance Trustees to regularly communicate, in writing, with members

1. **AGM Motions from your Association / Organization to the ACER-CART AGM.**

None

1. **Additional Comments:**

* Appreciate the opportunities ECRTO provided for information and networking
* Appreciated the presence and remarks of James MacAulay, ACER-CART, Vice-President, at our May 9th and 10th Biennial General Meeting, a meeting well attended and well received by all present,
* Working with SERFNB to achieve more equitable representation of retirees as Group Insurance Trustees, and to provide a current benefits booklet, we have been waiting for several years and had promises of one however….