** SOCIÉTÉ DES ENSEIGNANTES ET ENSEIGNANTS**

**RETRAITÉS FRANCOPHONES**

**DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK**

**MEMBER RAPPORT**

1. Name of Member Association:

**Société des enseignants retraités francophones du N.-B.**

1. **The major concerns of your association**
   1. **In the Federal domain**We are still looking for a national policy on aging. We consider it urgent for the Canadian government to develop a comprehensive policy of aging, since many Canadian provinces are facing or will face in the coming years, this important issue.
   2. **In the Provincial domain**

The Society, together with many francophones associations has denounced the government’s project to privatize the Extra-mural services and Télé-Soins. The Society announced an official standing opposing the government’s proposition and invited its members to signify their view on a personal basis. The government went ahead with the project but the opposition movement remains alert.The Gallant government will be in the election in autumn 2018. As on the national stage, the aging population of our province is a more important reality as in much of the rest of Canada. Our population is aging and many of our young people are leaving the province. Human resources, especially in rural regions, is a major concern.

1. **The main activities of your association since the last AGM:**

**3.1 Membership as of December 31, 2017**

We now have 1985 active members. Our goal is to reach 2020 members by 2020. Actions have to be taken in order to increase new membership and maintain active members.

**3.2 Entre Nous**:

We are publishing three editions of our magazine each year–Fall, Winter and Spring and Summer. We are sending the magazine to all our members mainly via e-mail or by post for members who prefer that option.

* 1. **Recognition Award**:

As in past years, we will continue to offer our recognition award to three of our members who have distinguished themselves by their contributions.

* 1. **Tribute to the jubilarians:**

At the annual convention, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our jubilarians who began their teaching in 1938, 1948, 1958 and 1968.

* 1. **Leaders’ Symposium**:

As we have been doing for several years, we held our Leadership Symposium 2017 on November 86th. Three major themes were presented: the state of our pension fund, financial services offered to the elders by the government and Politique linguistique et culturelle. Round table discussions were also initiated pertaining to the maintaining of our membership

* 1. **Group Insurance Trustee:**

We are still trying to find a way to get a representation of retirees at the trustee table.

* 1. **Membership fee**:

Since August 1, 2016, the annual membership fee for the SERFNB is $50 a year or $4.17 per month. The majority of members are part of Option A, which is the contribution at source, from the pension revenue

* 1. **Priorities 2018-2019**:

Political lobbying, Wellness, Group Insurance and Regional Leadership Renewal and health care.

* 1. **Congress and AGM 2017**:

The 2017 Congress and AGM took place in Fredericton and was organized by De La Capitale branch. As usual, it was a real success. More than 250 retirees participated. Our AGM and congress will be held this year in Bathurst the 29 and 30 of September.

* 1. **COANB**:

Since the year 2016, Acadian organizations in New Brunswick have come together under the name **Concertation des organismes acadiens du Nouveau-Brunswick**. This new organization is composed of more than 21 members and replaces the Forum des organismes acadiens du Nouveau Brunswick.

* 1. **Congress guide*:***

At the end of each conference and AGM, we invite the organizing committee to formulate recommendations following their experience and the challenges involved in the annual organization of our activities.

* 1. **Liaison Committee:**

SERFNB is participating with the NBSRT in a committee that identifies common needs and challenges for both organizations. The committee meets twice a year.

* 1. **Website:**

The address of the site is [www.serfnb.org](http://www.serfnb.org). We have volunteers who help keep our site as up to date as possible and we thank them.

* 1. **Political Mobilization Committee:**

Our political mobilisation committee has put together different strategies in preparation for the fall provincial election.

* 1. **Executive director:**

SERFNB now has a new general director replacing Roger Doiron who retired after seven years serving the best interests of the Society. Thank you, Roger. The new director is Léonard Légère.

**Conclusion**: In conclusion, we can say that we had a busy year and that it will probably be the same for the year 2017-2018.

1. **Your association’s proposals at the ACER-CART AGM.**

We do not have a proposal to submit.