**EAST COAST REPORT – ACER-CART, MARCH 2019**

All member associations who reported actively supported the e- petition. Methods ranged from posting the information on webpages to Facebook messages to memos to Branch/Regional Presidents to mass emails to individual networks.

Although winter can be a time to “lie low” or escape south it is evident the associations have been busy.

* Workshops/ information sessions for members on such topics as brand name versus generic drugs and bio-similar drugs, smart shopping, local history, legal information
* Presidents’ Meetings, Executive Meetings, Liaison meetings
* Maintaining member awareness of information from ACER-CART (eg Pharmacare, seniors health, pension income) and federal election issues
* Presentations at pre-retirement seminars
* Meetings with government ministers (PEIRTA, RTANL)
* Increased cyber - communication – emails, online newsletters, facebook pages
* Continued focus on member engagement
* Planning for AGM’s

Newfoundland and Labrador’s outreach to potential members may be of particular interest. They connect with members in under-represented areas of the province with a sizeable retired teacher presence, encourage them to organize as a group, then form a regional, and eventually evolve into a new Division. Very soon the 130 or more members in Clarenville will be given approval to become RTANL's newest division. They are also looking to increase visibility by holding Executive Meetings in more remote areas to allow more exposure and integration of our executive members with our members in distant parts of the province.

Nova Scotia reports a high level of branch activity, including a number of applications for the Branch Initiative Grants, and continuing positive relationships/interactions with the NSTU. A continued focus on senior isolation included strategy discussion at the February Presidents’ Meeting. Upcoming are the granting of Legacy Foundation funds and second annual Wellness Symposium.

New Brunswick (NBSRT) is revisiting facets of the Constitution as a result of member suggestions subsequent to the recent (May 2018) election of officers. Under consideration is the possibility of an online vote in 2020 for those unable to vote in person.

Respectfully submitted

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