

**Marilyn Bossert**

Candidate

**REGIONAL REPRESENTIVE - West**

**ACER-CART**

Thank you to ARTA for my nomination for this position, to Gordon Cumming for his persuasion/support and to ACER-CART for considering my candidacy.

I attended the ACER-CART AGM last year as an observer and was quite intrigued by the organization and its potential for the impact on the lives of retired teachers across Canada. The ACER-CART plan of action for 2018-19 speaks not only on behalf of retired teachers, but for all seniors across Canada. Seniors need a voice, and that concept becomes even more important with advancing years.

I am currently finishing my second year as President of the Alberta Retired Teachers Association (ARTA) and have decided the time is right to move to the position of Past President at our 2019 October AGM.

My first involvement with ARTA was in 2009 when I was invited to write for news&views, our ARTA magazine.

Shortly after I retired, I had joined our local branch, and still serve on that executive. In the role of branch president, I became a member of the ARTA Board of Directors. Over the past ten years, I have served on the following ARTA committees: Executive, Strategic Planning & Advocacy, Communications, Wellness, Health Benefits, and the Benefits Trust Plan.

My entire teaching career was in rural Alberta teaching junior high English Language Arts. Since my retirement, I have tutored, read and/or scribed exams for students with reading/writing difficulties at our local community college and have read for those writing provincial & national apprenticeship exams.

Over the years, I have also worked for Alberta Education as a lead teacher for the new curriculum, and volunteered/organized numerous local and provincial sports tournaments, music festivals, and youth conferences. I continue to volunteer with our local Agriculture Society.

On the personal side, my husband Ken (also a retired teacher) and I continue to reside on our acreage, and eagerly anticipate any time spent with our family that continues to increase in numbers–2 granddaughters and a son-in-law in the first six months of 2019.