**Association canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités**



**Canadian Association of Retired Teachers**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**2019 AGM**

1. **Introduction**

This year has been an eventful year. With our participation in Vibrant Voices, and the work done to prepare for the upcoming elections we have continued to create and maintain our relationships with outside like-minded organizations. Our name is being recognized as one to approach when advocacy work is needed.

1. **MEMBERSHIP**

This year, Members have reported an increase in their membership of 6,815 members. This represents a 4.85 % increase over last year.

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|  | **Association** | **Members** | **Fee Amount** |
| **1** | Retired Teachers’ Association of Newfoundland and Labrador | 5,630 | $1,970.50 |
| **2** | Retired Teachers Organization of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union | 7,352 | $2,573.20 |
| **3** | New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers | 2,723 | $953.05 |
| **4** | Société des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités francophones du N. B. | 1 980 | $693.00 |
| **5** | P.E.I. Retired Teachers Association | 1,068 | $373.80 |
| **6** | Quebec Association of Retired Teachers | 190 | $66.50 |
| **7** | Quebec Provincial Association of Retired School Educators | 1,221 | $392.35 |
| **8** | Retired Teachers of Ontario | 67,380 | $16 845.00 |
| **9** | Retired Teachers Association of Manitoba | 9,742 | $3,479.70 |
| **10** | Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan | 11,448 | $4,006.80 |
| **11** | Alberta Retired Teachers’ Association | 21,792 | $7,627.20 |
| **12** | BC Retired Teachers Association | 16,358 | $5,721.80 |
| **13** | Yukon Retired Teachers’ Alumni | 147 | $51.45 |
|  | **TOTAL** | **147,321** | **$44,754.35** |

1. **REPRESENTATIONS**

During the year Executive members and I have represented ACER-CART at the following coalitions and meetings.

1. Canadian Teachers Federation
2. National Association of Federal Retirees
3. The Coalition for Retirement Security (CRS)
4. Vibrant Voices

It is interesting to note that although most of these coalitions and representations originated and were focused around the elections, there seems to be a desire to continue the dialogue on a more permanent basis. Coalitions that have sprouted from the past election campaign, and opposition to Bill C-27 seem to have taken on a life of their own. We will thus be in a better position to effectively advocate for our priorities for the 2019 elections.

1. **EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

The executive has participated in four conference call meetings. These were held on September 10, 2018, January 11, 2019, March 14, 2019 and June 3 2019, it has held two face-to-face meetings, post-2018 AGM and pre-2019 AGM. Over 100 documents were generated for these conference calls.

1. **FINANCIAL SITUATION**

Our finances are on a sound footing. This year we saw an increase in member contributions. Thanks to Johnsons and to CTF, we are able to maintain the fees at the same level. Our total investments are now at $45,150.

1. **Correspondence**

More than 55 letters were generated or received during the year. The President and I have received numerous emails, most of which requested a reply or further work. (I have received over 1,800 emails.)

1. **Publications**

As was reported in the communications report, we have produced two issues of OPTIONS, and have published Seniors’ Issues for the 2019 Federal Election brochure. Discussions are still ongoing as to the updating of the website.

1. **Coalition for Retirement Security (CRS) Bill C-27**

I have attended the meetings of the Coalition for pension security. Although, because of the upcoming elections Bill C-27 will die on the roster the intent is still very present and the fact remains that we need to be vigilant to protect our defined benefit plans.

1. **Conclusion**

Bill, thank you for your leadership. Executive and Directors, thank you for answering our requests and producing your reports in a timely fashion. I also want to recognize the work done by Samantha, and Susan from CTF. They have been a tremendous help. I could not have accomplished the work needed to set up the AGM without their help.

Thank you.



Roger Régimbal

Executive Director