

## **William A. Jones ACER-CART President 1994-1996 Biography**



Bill Jones grew up in the Toronto area and graduated from East York Collegiate Institute in 1945. He attended the University of Toronto, receiving a B. A. in 1948. Graduating from the Ontario College of Education in 1949, he also completed an M. Ed. from there in 1961.

Bill's teaching experience included the Chatham Vocational School (1949-51), Chatham Collegiate Institute (1950-54) East York's Oak Park Junior High School (1954-59) and Westwood Junior High School as Vice-Principal (1959-63).

His teacher organization activities included being a Field Secretary with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (1963-64). He chaired the Health Services Committee of the Superannuated Teachers of Ontario. In 1963 he began work with the Ontario Teachers Federation as Assistant Secretary (1963-69), Deputy Secretary-Treasurer (1969-74), and Secretary-Treasurer (1974-85) which he held until retirement called.

In 1990-95 he gave service as part-time Executive Director of the Superannuated Teachers of Ontario (RTO/ERO). It was then that he concluded that it was important for retired teacher organizations to share with one another, and he became involved in the discussions and meetings which gave birth to ACER-CART in 1991. In 1994-96 he served as President of ACER-CART.

Over the years Bill served as Chair of the Board of Governors of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and was a member of the Ontario Planning and Implementation Commission. He was a President of the University of Toronto Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, and received its Educator of the Year Award. He is a past member of the Education Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. He also received a Special Recognition Award from the Canadian Teachers' Federation, the Queen's Silver and Gold Jubilee Medals, and is an Honourary Life Member of the Canadian Education Association.