

Brian Kenny

When Brian retired in 1998, he immediately became involved with the local Retired Teachers of Ontario, in Dryden, Northwestern Ontario, becoming the chair of Political Action.

Not long after, he was appointed to the Provincial Political Action Committee and then served 3 years as chair. At the same time, he continued on the local district executive, becoming president.

In 2004, Brian was elected to the RTO/ERO Provincial Executive and in 2007, as its First Vice President, attended his first meeting of ACER-CART. Through a series of emerging events, he continued every year at ACER-CART until 2020, in various capacities, including observer, director, a substitute for an ailing RTO/ERO colleague, a facilitator for an all-day session on restructuring ACER-CART, the Ontario Regional Rep, Vice President, President and Past President.

Throughout his retirement and volunteer involvement in RTO/ERO and ACER-CART, Brian developed a deep sense of appreciation and admiration for the leadership in the various Associations across Canada and admires their work done on behalf of seniors.

In 2020, RTO/ERO advised Brian that he was the first recipient of the RTO/ERO Outstanding Leadership Award, for the many activities in his retirement on behalf of retired teachers and the education community.

Brian treasures many moments in both RTO/ERO and ACER-CART, but one moment is uniquely special to him when he was president of RTO/ERO. After addressing a district meeting, a 92-year-old member approached him and noted, "Your speech was pretty good. When I first saw you, I thought you'd be real boring."