The following is a report of the activities of RTOERO since our last ACER-CART executive meeting.

1. The Board received updated reports on RTOERO’s Vibrant Voices Advocacy for 2022. This includes not only our activities at Queens Park in October, but on Parliament Hill in April. Both of these event will include numerous meetings with MPPs and MPs. In October, COVID allowing, it will include a luncheon.
2. An award for outstanding service to seniors by a non-member was approved and is to be developed.

1. RTOERO is still monitoring discussions that are still ongoing between the Ontario Optometrists Association and the Ontario Government. After the work stoppage on seniors in the summer-fall, services now continue to be provided.

1. A plan was presented on the return to working at our offices at 18 Spadina. Facilities have been installed to be able to run meetings that are in-person and Zoom. The Board and committees will begin hybrid meetings after April 4.
2. As you are aware, RTOERO runs its own Group Insurance Plan. A presentation was made on the advantages and disadvantages of Group versus Individual Insurance Plans. It is much more to our advantage to keep the plan a group plan.
3. Subject to any last-minute Ontario or Toronto public health restrictions, the RTOERO 2022 annual meeting on May 16th will be scheduled as a hybrid meeting for registered corporate members and alternates, with in-person (Eaton Centre Marriott) and virtual options for attendance and participation
4. The Board approved the establishment of a partnership between RTOERO and the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education (CFEE), and CanAge, one of Canada’s national seniors’ advocacy organizations, both effective March 2022.

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