



SOCIÉTÉ DES ENSEIGNANTES ET ENSEIGNANTS RETRAITÉS FRANCOPHONES DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

Member Report 2022

1. Name of Member association:

Société des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick.

2. The major concerns of your association

a. In the Federal domain

We maintain an active partnership with our national association in the pursuit of a National Seniors Strategy especially concerning obtaining support to enable seniors to remain in their own home. This preoccupation is also of high interest to our provincial seniors' advocacy groups, groups to which we are closely associated.

b. In the Provincial Domain

The revision and modernization of the Official Language Act is of major concern. The government has mandated two commissioners to make recommendations but has not yet responded to their report which was deposited in December. The issue is still of preoccupation.

Another topic of concern is a project by the Minister of Education to review the school governance. The Minister of Education and Early Childhood has tabled a green paper on the education system. In concert with other interested groups, we remain vigilant as to how this reform could affect the rights of the francophone minority.

3. The main activities of your association since the last AGM:

3.1 Membership as of April 30, 2022:

Even though recruiting was not easy during the pandemic, we succeeded in maintaining our membership. We now report 1982 members as of April 30th.

3.2 Entre-Nous,

Due to the social restrictions, activities at the local level were not numerous. Consequently, reporting for our publication was not as usual. It was then more of a challenge to keep our members informed, but we managed to distribute our usual three issues of l'Entre Nous, issues which were still of interest.

3.3 Congress and AGM:

Our annual congress had to be postponed in 2020 and 2021. Sanitary restrictions

having been relieved, preparations for this annual event are under way and our congress should return to Caraquet in September 2022. On that occasion, we will decorate two of our members as “Member Emeritus.” They are members who have particularly contributed to the advancement of SERFNB. This year, the honours will be awarded to Mr. Yvon Godin and Mr. Cyrille Sippley.

We will also hold our AGM in person on that occasion. For the past two years, the AGM has been held via electronic communications.

3.4 Recognition award:

At our annual meeting, we will present our recognition award to three of our members who have distinguished themselves by their contribution to the society at the local level.

3.5 Tribute to the jubilarians:

At the annual convention, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our jubilarians, honouring those who began their teaching career 50, 60, 70 or 80 years ago. Due to the pandemic, we could not hold this recognition ceremony for the last two years, but we edited a souvenir album of our jubilarians, and they each received along with the album, a certificate and a dated pin.

This year, we will celebrate our members who started their career in 1942, 1952, 1962 or 1972.

3.6 Satisfaction survey:

We contracted a professional firm to conduct a survey as to the degree of satisfaction of our members towards the orientations and the activities of their association. Results showed That our members are highly pleased with their membership. The firm also surveyed the soon-to-be retirees and found that a majority are interested in joining SERFNB when they retire.

3.7 Website:

We contracted a professional team to review and revamp our website. There is still some work to be done before getting a final version, but we are enthusiasts about this renewed website.

3.8 President’s annual meeting:

The annual executive meeting will be held as usual in November. This meeting is appreciated by the participants and gives place to meaningful exchanges.

3.9 Political Mobilization Committee:

This committee is more important than ever considering the major issues brought forward: Official Languages Law, School governance reform, Strategy for Seniors.

4.0 Wellness Committee:

This committee is very active in the research and diffusion of information on wellness topics. This committee receives a grant from the insurance fiduciaries because, by its actions, it contributes to the good health of retired teachers.

4.1 Executive director:

After five years as executive director of SERFNB, Mr. Léonard Légère will be retiring at the end of the year. We realize that it will not be a small task of finding a replacement of his level. He will be missed but we wish him much success in his future endeavours.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, we can say that, even in time of a pandemic, we had a busy year. We are happy to see that SERFNB is still very dynamic, and we are optimistic for the future.

3 Your association's proposals at the ACER-CART AGM.

We do not have a proposal to submit.