

Association canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités Canadian Association of Retired Teachers

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2022 AGM

# 1. INTRODUCTION

It has been another Covid year. Plans for the Executive to meeting in January had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, the use of Zoom has proven very beneficial for ACER-CART. All executive meetings used to be by conference calls. Zoom does provide a more efficient and productive way to meet. Committee meetings carried out on Zoom and have resulted in more member involvement from across the country.

#### 2. MEMBERSHIP

A quick review of our membership statistics reveals that we are up by 805 members this year. It also shows that eight Members have sustained a decrease in membership.

## 3. REPRESENTATIONS

All meetings with like-minded organizations have been put on hold. We have communicated through emails addressing issues of common concern and sharing documents that are important for seniors across Canada.

## 4. FINANCIAL SITUATION

Our finances are on a sound footing. The surplus we are witnessing comes from our being unable to hold an AGM for the last year, and the fact that no national liaison meetings were held. Our financial situation will permit us to expand our activities to a higher level.

This year the AGM will be more expensive. The executive has decided that, due to distancing protocols, all activities would occur at the hotel. This resulted an unforeseen expense averaging around \$7,000, plus other expenses because of the high cost of living that we are experiencing.

#### 5. Correspondence

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.

#### 6. New Mode

We have subscribed to New Mode. This enables us to do our advocacy in a more direct way, while involving the entire membership. It was used for the Federal elections. Although our participation was far less than expected, we are confident that future endeavours will be more productive.

The program is available to Members if they want to use it for their advocacy work. RTAM has used it very efficiently.

# 7. Website and Publications

Marilyn, Tony, and Linda have done a superb job at maintaining and enhancing our website. We have had many positive comments about the professionalism that it reveals.

Executive and Directors, and Members thank you for answering our requests and producing your reports in a timely fashion.

Gerry, through your leadership, vision, and hard work you have brought ACER-CART closer to our Members. For the past two years, you have made my work easy and challenging. Thank you for your friendship.

It has been and it is always a pleasure serving you.

Roger Régimbal Executive Director