



MARTIN HIGGS

Candidate President ACER-CART

Martin is currently ACER-CART Vice-President, a member of the Board of Directors and a Past-President of the Retired Teachers of Ontario. Before being elected to the Board of Directors, he served on and later chaired the RTOERO Communications Committee. As a member of the Provincial Executive, he served for four years on the RTOERO Health Services Committee and is currently on the Board of Directors of the RTOERO Foundation. He has served his local RTOERO District in several capacities, including District President and is currently the District newsletter editor.

Martin was a teacher and vice-principal at the elementary level for 34 years. During his teaching career, he was heavily involved in the Ontario Public School Teachers' Federation, being a District President for five years and at the provincial level serving on a number of committees, including chairing the provincial Collective Bargaining Committee for three years and presenting workshops to local negotiators. He was awarded the OPSTF 75th Anniversary Award for his federation work. When the federations were amalgamated into ETFO, Martin served as District Treasurer and provincially as an Ontario Teachers' Federation representative on the Qualifications Evaluation Council of Ontario.

Since retirement Martin worked as a consultant to the Ontario Teachers' Federation for nine years assisting them with their professional development registrations and creating their contact database. In his community, he served on the Board of Directors for two different theatre groups, chaired the Board of Directors of the Peterborough Community Legal Centre for six years, and served as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre, the first male to be asked to join the Board. Currently Martin is a member of the Age Friendly Communities Committee set up to advise Peterborough City and County Councils. He was invited to return to the Board of the Legal Centre where he is serving as their treasurer. He is also currently the Chair of Board Development Committee of the Board of Directors for Activity Haven, a centre hosting programs for over 1600 seniors in Peterborough.

Martin believes that volunteer service should be productive, rewarding and fun and that challenges should be met with a sense of perspective and a sense of humour. He will continue to bring that approach if re-elected as President of ACER-CART.