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Serving on the local branch of the NBSRT (New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers) as Director, Committee Chair and President kept me in touch with former colleagues. It provided the opportunity to meet and work with others to promote and advocate for the well-being of fellow retirees and become familiar with province wide issues and concerns.

Being provincial NBSRT Vice – President then President and Past – President allowed me to continue to serve. Above all, meeting and working with local leadership underlined the importance of local retired teacher groups in achieving provincial goals. They, truly, are the heart and soul of the provincial association. In the same way, Member Associations of ACER-CART are essential to identifying, communicating and working collaboratively on shared local and national priorities.

Past service as East Coast Representative has demonstrated that repeatedly!! While active as a classroom teacher, guidance counsellor, school administrator and district supervisor many opportunities for professional growth and involvement were taken advantage of – service on New Brunswick Teacher’s Association and Department of Education committees, representative to the Canadian Guidance and Counselling Association (now Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association) and Executive in the Atlantic Region, Shell Canada Merit Fellowship in Career Education, York University summer program through the University of London, UK/NB teacher exchange. Growing professionally was a vital and ongoing part of my active career.

As East Coast Representative I have continued to learn. The leaders of each organization are truly dedicated to their members and to ACER-CART and that has been especially evident over the last several months as they have adapted to the restrictions imposed by Covid 19. They have been more than willing to share information and ideas. I would look forward to continuing to work with them and the ACER-CART Executive should I be given the opportunity.