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Candidate
Regional Representative – West
ACER-CART



My first encounter with ACER-CART was as an observer at the 2018 AGM in Ottawa. At that time, I became intrigued by the potential impact ACER-CART could have on the lives of the retired educational community, affiliate members, and all seniors across Canada. As I learn more, that intrigue remains strong.

I was elected as the Regional Representative for the Western Provinces at the 2019 AGM and re-elected in 2020 and 2021.

Along with this position came my appointment to the Communications Committee. As we moved forward with the redesign of the ACER-CART website, it became apparent that to be the *national voice of the educational community and all its affiliated members*, advocacy and communication must proceed together.

The Covid-19 pandemic of the past two years has magnified the challenges facing seniors. ACER-CART must speak on behalf of Canadian seniors to all levels of government. This is a difficult journey; however, our cause is strengthened by the support of our Member organizations and each one of us as individuals. In the days of our careers, we worked on behalf of our students. The time has come for us to work on behalf of our former colleagues and all other seniors who may not have a voice.

In my home province, I am completing my term as Past President of ARTA (Alberta Retired Teachers Association). Over the past 10+ years, I have served on the ARTA Board of Directors and have worked at some point in time with all ARTA committees. More recently, I am involved with our magazine *news&views* in the role of Associate Editor and have been a member of a team that presents at Teachers' Conventions.

Thank you to ARTA for the nomination for this position and to ACER-CART for considering my candidacy.

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