

**Association canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités**

**Canadian Association of Retired Teachers**

**Minutes  
Executive Meeting**  
Jan 23/24, 2023

RTOERO Office  
18 Spadina Road, Toronto

**In attendance**: Martin Higgs, President

Bill Berryman, Vice-President  
Martha Foster, Ontario Rep  
Marilyn Bossert, Western Rep  
Marg Urquhart, Eastern Rep  
Gerry Tiede, Past President  
Roger Régimbal, Executive Director

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting began at 8:59
2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Bill/Marg – That the agenda be approved. Carried.

1. **Approval of the Minutes:**

Motion: Bill/Marg – That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of August 31, informing them that there was due process to withdraw from AC, and that process.

1. **Correspondence:**

An email was received from YRTA. They advised ACER-CART that they are disbanding. We will respond that there is a by-law process.

The Executive Director has had some contact regarding a possible Northern Region becoming part of ACER-CART and will pursue.

1. **President’s Report:**

Sue Lantz presentation will not be posted on the website. Technical difficulties prevented the original version, and the scaled-down version was delayed.

Contacted a staff member of the Federal Senior’s Minister at a Peterborough event regarding a possible address by the Minister at our AGM banquet. The staff member is to get back to us for further information. Will follow up if she doesn’t in a reasonable length of time.

1. **Financial:**

The financial report from December 31, 2022, and the updated membership report were received.

1. **Executive Director’s Report:**

Roger reported that he has started to work on the AGM dossier and commentated on the membership, and financial reports.

1. **Regional Representative Reports:**

The content of all Representative reports can be found in the meeting’s literature.

**Representative East:**

Marg indicated that the 2024 ECRTO meeting will be hosted in New Brunswick.  
RTANL indicated that they are working on a cessation plan.

**Representative Ontario**:

So far no news on ILA forming a CCAA

**Representative West:**

Planning a February regional zoom

1. **Committee Reports:**

The content of all Committee reports can be found in the meeting’s literature.

1. **Disposition of AGM Resolutions**

Attention was drawn to M-6 Power of Attorney Legislation and Power of Attorney issues.

The president will reflect on how best to address this resolution.

1. **Strategic Planning Session:**

Extensive discussion focussed on the purpose/role of ACER-CART. Given our resources in money and staff, we cannot be all things to all people. Where and how can we, best focus our advocacy efforts?

**Some suggestions for this purpose**:

* Be national voice for retired educators
* Supply support/information for Members for Health, Political Advocacy
* Provide networking between Members
* Work with like-minded organizations advocating for common issues
* Member organizations are better equipped to deal with largely provincial issues/jurisdictions
* The ACER-CART executive could work exclusively at a federal level.
* Involve Directors/Members in gaining their input into development of Strategic Plan.
* Send memo requesting input prior to the AGM

**Possible questions include**:

1. What does ACER-CART do?
2. What could ACER-CART do for you?
3. What do you think the purpose of ACER-CART should be?
4. What could ACER-CART to for individual members?
5. How can you promote the work of ACER-CART?

The President and the Executive Director to draft the memo with a few simple questions and send out to receive responses by mid-April.

1. **RTOERO Presentation:**

RTOERO Senior staff presented a proposal for benefits for Members. They were requested to make the proposal to the Health Services Committee which will report with recommendations to the next executive meeting.

1. **Review of Mileage and Meals:**

**It was moved and seconded that the Meal allowances be raised as follows:**

**Breakfast from $20 to $25  
 Lunch: from $27 to $35  
 Dinner: from $40 to $50**

**Carried**

**Adjournment:**