**Health Committee Report**

**March 2023**

There has been one meeting since January Report. It began with an update from the January Executive Meeting.

Committee members were very pleased to learn a zoom Director’s meeting, prior to the AGM, will be planned to support advocacy. It was agreed the committee would continue to provide support to the **Advocacy Committee** as needed and this was communicated by email immediately after the meeting. In discussion it was noted some Members and their individual members are more comfortable and experienced with advocacy than others thus support and assistance is important to success.

In reviewing the **Communications** information we noted that the Health Committee has, along with others, posted information and notices to the website when appropriate. Our question was ”Is it possible the information is not accessed or considered ?”. One thought was that time at an AGM to visit the website might be appropriate, another that links/information need to be readily and easily accessible. The Strategic Plan may help with increasing individual familiarity with ACER-CART.

The meeting was joined by ERO/RTO staff Jim Grieve, Sylvia Link and Stephen Wong who made their presentation on RTO/ERO’s **group insurance** plan being offered to other Members. There was considerable discussion with questions and answers. (The offer to share information RTO/ERO has about the other plans was appreciated and followed up after the meeting. Subsequently we were advised plans are changing and once information is confirmed it will be shared.) RTO/ERO was thanked and appreciation expressed for coming to the committee as they departed.

Members were reminded the information presented was, at this time, “for our ears only” and discussion ensued. The committee **recommends:**

*That the ACER-CART Executive extend thanks to RTO/ERO for coming to them with the proposal and that, should RTO/ERO so wish, they approach Member Associations on an individual basis thereby allowing each to make its own decision on how to proceed.*

The next meeting will be April 14, meanwhile developments relative to Health, including the federal budget, will be monitored.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Urquhart, Chair, East Coast Representative