

Association canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités Canadian Association of Retired Teachers

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2023 AGM

1. INTRODUCTION

This year felt more business as usual. With the restrictions concerning COVID behind us, the executive was able to have a face-to-face meeting in Toronto at the RTOERO offices. We were royally treated. At that meeting we had time to discuss the existing strategic plan and the existing priorities. The results will be discussed during this year's AGM.

2. MEMBERSHIP

A quick review of our membership statistics reveals that we are up by 3,988 members this year. It also shows that five Members have sustained a decrease in membership.

Unfortunately, Yukon has ceased to exist. It creates a hole in our national representation of Members. Many retired teachers in Yukon and the North-West Territories are also members of your organization, many are not represented. The executive is studying different ways so that the north retired teacher can be represented in ACER-CART.

3. FINANCIAL SITUATION

Our finances are on a sound footing. Our financial situation will permit us to expand our activities to a higher level.

4. Correspondence

Letters were generated or received during the year. The President and I have received numerous emails, (I have received over one thousand since the last AGM) most of which requested a reply or further work.

5. Biannual zoom meetings.

We have met last November to discuss issues with the directors and presidents. The meeting was primarily focused on the renewal of our strategic plan. This meeting was very useful for the executive to continue its work as the input of all Members provides the executive a chance to realign their work if it does not meet the expectation of members. We should continue this practice in the future.

6. Annual General Meeting 2023

Setting up for this meeting was somewhat more difficult this year. Hotels have considerably increased their costs. Services like the use of microphones must be reviewed. Nevertheless, it is important to have this face-to-face meeting as it is the only way to be able to create links between us.

7. Sharing information.

We have seen an increase of a demand for information between many organizations. These demands were forwarded to you, as often I do not have the information on hand. Thank you for responding to these requests in a timely fashion.

8. New Mode

We have re subscribed to New Mode. Although we have not made use of the program this year, some Members have requested to use it for their advocacy work.

9. Website and Publications

Marilyn, Tony, and Linda have done a superb job at maintaining and enhancing our website. We have had many positive comments about the professionalism that it reveals.

Executive, Directors, and Members thank you for answering our requests and producing your reports in a timely fashion.

Martin, thank you for your leadership, hard work and your friendship.

It has been and it is always a pleasure serving you.

Roger Régimbal Executive Director