**ACER-CART Executive Meeting**

**November 1, 2023**

1, Present: Martin Higgs, Martha Foster, Gerry Tiede, Sharon Penney, Marilyn Bossert, Bill Berryman, Roger Regimbal

2. Martin called the meeting to order at 11:05 (Eastern Time) indicating that RTO/ERO was withdrawing its membership in ACER-CART effective December 31, 2023.

* Bill Berryman and Executive members acknowledged receiving the letter from Martha Foster, Chair of the RTO/ERO Board of Directors dated October 19, 2023,
* Bill also acknowledged receiving a letter from Martin Higgs dated November 1, 2023, resigning his position as ACER-CART President on November 1, 2023,
* Bill stated that the ACER-CART Executive accepts Martin’s letter of resignation with regrets.

3. At 11:20 Martin and Martha left the meeting

4. MOTION:

Effective November 1, 2023, and for the remainder of 2023-2024 year the ACER-CART Executive will consist of:

President - Bill Berryman (RTO-NSTU)

Eastern Representative - Sharon Penney (RTANL)

Western Representative - Marilyn Bossert (ARTA)

Past-President - Gerry Tiede (BCRTA)

Roger Regimbal will continue in his role as Executive Director

Moved by: Gerry Tiede, Seconded by Marilyn Bossert MOTION CARRIED

5. Bill assumed the position as Chair

6. MOTION:

To approve the agenda as presented

Moved by Gerry Tiede, Seconded by Marilyn Bossert MOTION CARRIED

7. Review of the situation–Roger Regimbal document of November 1, 2023

A. Politically–ACER-CART’s membership will drop from 163,864 members to 84,204 members with RTO/ERO withdrawal. With fewer members ACER-CART might not have the “political clout” when dealing with federal government departments. Roger cautioned that could be a backlash from Members as RTO/ERO will now attempt to “poach” new members in our 11 organizations. There was discussion that we should be providing a “heads up” to our provincial teachers’ unions/organizations to this threat.

B. Financially–Roger indicated that the organization has $132,833 in total assets and with membership dues around $28,000 as well as the Johnsons grant of $7,500 there should be no need to increase dues at this time. Roger indicated there could be considerable cost savings if using the CTF Building for meetings on June 6-7, 2024. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

C. Executive Director–There was no discussion on possible conflict of interest with Roger continuing to serve on RTO/ERO committees

D. In-Person Executive Meeting–There were questions raised about the cost and use of the RTO/ERO hotel in downtown Toronto. Gerry will investigate costs at the Toronto Pearson Airport Hotels and report back to Roger. Decisions on where to stay will need to be made ASAP for members deciding on which airport (Pearson vs. Billy Bishop) to use.

E. Corporate Documents–Changes will need to be approved to the Constitution and By-Laws and Protocols due to changes in governance and Members. Marilyn indicated the website was updated to reflect changes in the Constitution from last years’ AGM.

8. Executive

- Discussions on governance models, roles and responsibilities of elected members and AGM elections will be discussed at the January meeting.

9. Financial

- Cost-cutting measures, membership dues and budget 2024-2025 will be discussed at the January meeting.

10. ACER-CART Committees

- The ACER-CART Communications, Pension and Retirement Income and Health Services Committee will be meeting before Christmas

- Committee members will receive copies of the Bill’s November 2, 2023, letter

- Claudia Mang (Pension and Retirement Income) and Gayle Manley (Health Services) will not participate in their designated committees due to the RTO/ERO withdrawal

- Bill will contact Laurence Hrycan (ARTA) indicating the Executive has approved his position as chair of the Political Advocacy Committee. The Political Advocacy Committee will consist of Laurence, Bob Fitzpatrick (NBSRT), Grace Wilson (BCRTA), Katherine Snow (QPARSE), Don Gabel (STS) and members of the RTO Executive. Laurence will call the first meeting and share the November 2, 2023, letter.

11. ACER-CART Budget

- Only expenses this month are Roger’s honorarium and insurance

Roger has sent the request for membership dues and indicated Members can pay via direct deposit

* + Roger indicated the costs for meeting room rentals, AV equipment and lunch on site for last years’ AGM at the Delta Hotel and what savings could be achieved by using the CTF Building.
  + Members questioned the use of cabs to the CTF Building and if there was a hotel closer to the Building
  + Decisions will need to be made prior to the January meeting as Roger will need to contact the Delta and CTF

12. Communications

MOTION:

To approve the letter dated November 2, 2023, from Bill Berryman and sent to ACER-CART Directors and Members.

Moved by Gerry Tiede, Seconded by Marilyn Bossert MOTION CARRIED

13. The January meetings will be on January 14 (all day) and January 15 (morning only).

- Executive members are requested to provide Roger with the nights that they will need

Accommodation

- Executive members will fly in on January 13 and possibly leave the afternoon of January 15.

14. The Executive was not prepared to continue participation in the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education (CFEE) at this time.

15. The Executive has placed the revised Strategic Plan on hold until after the 2024 AGM.

16. The Executive referred the request from McMaster University on the proposed partnership with the Dementia Strategic Fund to the Health Services Committee for action.

17. The next meeting of the Executive will be on ZOOM on December 1, 2023, at noon (Ottawa time)

18. The meeting concluded at 1:15

MOTION:

To adjourn the meeting

Moved by Gerry Tiede, MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Berryman

Addendum–Topics for discussion on January 14-15, 2024 meeting:

1. AGM – hotel location, meeting location, elections, speakers
2. Membership dues
3. Budget 2024-2025
4. Governance model–Additional members added to Executive?

New titles for Eastern and Western Reps

1. Changes in Bylaws, Constitution and Protocols
2. Other revenue sources