

MARTIN HIGGS

President of ACER-CART 2022-2023

Martin was a teacher and vice-principal at the elementary level for 34 years. Throughout his teaching career, he served on the Ontario Public School Teachers' Federation as a District President, on several committees chairing the provincial Collective Bargaining Committee and presenting workshops to local negotiators. He was awarded the OPSTF 75th Anniversary Award for his federation work. When the federations were amalgamated into ETFO, Martin served as District Treasurer and provincially as an Ontario Teachers' Federation representative on the Qualifications Evaluation Council of Ontario.

Since retirement Martin has spent nine years working as a consultant to the Ontario Teachers' Federation, assisting them with their professional development registrations and creating their contact database.

In his community, he served on the Board of Directors for two different theatre groups, chaired the Board of Directors of the Peterborough Community Legal Centre, served as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre (the first male to be asked to join the Board), and served on the Age Friendly Communities Committee to advise Peterborough City and County Councils. He has also served as Vice-President of the Board of Directors for Activity Haven, a centre hosting programs for over 1600 seniors in Peterborough.

Martin served on the ACER-CART board of Directors as Communications Chair, Vice-President and President.