

ACER-CART EXECUTIVE MEETING

January 14, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn–Toronto

1. Present: Gerry Tiede, Sharon Penney, Roger Regimbal, Bill Berryman
Via ZOOM: Marilyn Bossert
2. Bill called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM
3. Approval of the agenda
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented
Moved by Gerry Tiede, seconded by Sharon Penney
MOTION CARRIED
4. Approval of September 25, 2023, Executive Minutes
MOTION: That the minutes of September 23, 2023, Executive Meeting be approved
Moved by Gerry Tiede, seconded by Sharon Penney
MOTION CARRIED
5. Approval of December 1, 2023, Executive Minutes
MOTION: That the minutes of December 1, 2023, Executive Meeting be approved
Moved by Gerry Tiede, seconded by Sharon Penney
MOTION CARRIED
6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- There was no conflict of interest declared by Executive Members
7. OPEN DISCUSSION – Marilyn Bossert
 - a) Marilyn reported on the December 6-7, 2023 meeting with ACER-CART West members in Edmonton
 - b) Marilyn indicated that members wanted to carry on with a rejuvenated ACER-CART, there could be Annual General Meeting every 2 years to save money with alternate meetings in the east and west, there should be a conference as part of the AGM to give participants information to disseminate with their members, there should be more sharing with Directors giving their reports and possibly have ACER-CART look at other revenue sources.
 - c) The RTAM Executive Director Sean Seywright would like to do a survey on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) of the organization. At the Directors and Presidents ZOOM meeting on February 1, 2024, we will request all Members to have their Executive Members complete the analysis template.
 - i. Results will be provided to Sean and based on the results he would develop a survey. This will be the next step in developing the ACER-CART Strategic Plan.
 - d) The priorities document needs to be changed. The two issues that we will be dealing with this year is the National Pharmacare Program and Aging in Place. The document will be re-formatted to have Action Items sent to the Standing Committees or the Executive for responses. There was discussion on the need for position papers/information sheets to be provided to members to show that ACER-CART is a functioning national organization and provides members with real time information.

- e) The Executive decided that the Executive numbers would increase by one with two Regional Representatives from the East and two Regional Representatives from the West.
- f) There was discussion on possible changes to the titles of the Executive Members but it was decided to leave things the status quo at this time. The Executive agreed to change “observer” to “alternate” in the corporate documents.
- g) A decision was made to have in-person AGM in 2024 in Ottawa and possibly in 2026 in Edmonton. In the odd years (2025, 2027, etc.) there would be a short ZOOM AGM to handle the regular business and there would be an in-person conference in the East and one in the West at some time during that year when accommodation prices are reasonable. The hope is that some of the money saved in the odd years could be provided to the two areas for their conference (the sum of \$2,000 was suggested).

8. AGM 2024 will be held in Ottawa on June 6-7, 2024.

- . Thursday (June 6) 1:00 PM–2:30 PM Special AGM to ratify changes in the Constitution, Bylaws and Protocols
- . Thursday (June 6) 2:30 PM–4:00 PM Guest Speaker. We are hoping to have Gary Sawatzky as the speaker
- . Friday (June 7) 9:00 AM–4:00 PM regular AGM
- . Friday (June 7) 6:00 PM–Banquet

Seamus O'Regan will be asked to speak at his convenience on either June 6 or June 7, but we would like to have him speak at the Banquet. Johnsons Representatives will be invited to attend the Banquet and given an opportunity to say a few words.

9. BUDGET

- The Executive is not prepared to ask for a dues increase at this time, but this could change in the future.
- Roger will ask Samantha at CTF if it is necessary for him to receive a T-4 for his honorarium.

10. Bill will write up a one-page document explaining the reasons for having a National Pharmacare Program that will be provided to members as part of the New Mode Strategy.

11. ZOOM meeting with Directors, Presidents, Alternates and Executive Directors–February 1, 2024

- a) Information to changes in governance and structure as decided today
- b) Special AGM information and Regular AGM information
- c) Political Advocacy Committee New Mode Strategy
- d) 2025 ZOOM AGM and in-person conference
- e) SWOT analysis template
- f) Priorities this year–National Pharmacare Program and Aging in Place
- g) Reports from the Political Advocacy, Health Services and Communications Committee
- h) Executive Continuing to work on the Strategic Plan

12. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The Executive agreed to have the President write a letter to Trish McAuliffe, President, National Pensioners Organization requesting the two organizations work collaboratively on national issues affecting seniors in Canada. I will provide Trish with our Priorities 2023-2024 document.

MOTION: That ACER-CART approves the National Pensioners Federation request that both organizations work collaboratively on national projects/issues affecting seniors in Canada.

Moved by Gerry Tiede, seconded by Sharon Penney

MOTION CARRIED

13. Bill will send the National Pensioners Federation documentation on the Canadian Medical Association policy on privatization to Sharon to share with the Health Services Committee.
14. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - Dues have not been received from NBSRT and QART
 - Samantha will check on the term and interest rates of the October 23, 2023, and November 14, 2024, GIC's
 - The Executive approved the January 22, 2024, GIC be extended for a one-year term and the January 18, 2024, GIC be extended for a 2-year term
15. Bill to send Sharon RTO Materials on recruitment of new members (poster, Johnson document, accomplishments, etc.)
16. EASTERN REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
 - Sharon reported that there will be a ZOOM call on January 16 with the Atlantic and Quebec Directors, Alternates and Presidents
 - Each organization will give a 2 minute presentation as to what is happening in their region and what are their yearly priorities
17. WESTERN REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
 - Marilyn discussed most of her report under the Open Discussion
 - Gerry explained how BCRTA could help set up a video on ACER-CART issues that would be available to Members and on You Tube
18. Roger will send a memo to Directors, Presidents, Alternates and Executive Directors on the website updates and asking that this information be shared with their members.
19. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Corporate document changes
 - Protocol 2–Election Procedures
 - Nominations (b) and (d) delete “at 11:00 AM on the first day” and replace “one hour after the beginning of the meeting”
 - Protocol 7–Review of Financial Statements
 - 6. delete “Wednesday afternoon”
 - By Laws 6.05
 - Delete “first Friday in June” and replace with “a date as approved by the Executive”
 - By Law 7.01
 - Delete “three regional representatives” and replace with “four regional representatives”
 - Constitution Article 4 Members
 - Delete (j) “The Retired Teachers of Ontario/Enseignantes et Enseignants retraites de l’Ontario” and (m) “Yukon Retired Teachers’ Alumni”
 - Constitution Article 7–AGM and Meetings of the Board

4. delete "Ottawa on the first Thursday in June and the following Friday" and replace with "Canada on a date approved by the Executive"
- Constitution Article 8–Executive Committee
Delete (d) (ii) "Ontario" and (iii) the "Yukon"

Bill and Roger will review the wording in the Constitution Article 7 Annual General Meeting section 5 Special Circumstances for the AGM and provide appropriate language at a future meeting.

MOTIONS Approved by the Executive

1. **MOTION:**
Moved by Gerry Tiede, seconded by Sharon Penney
That ACER-CART convene at Special Annual General Meeting on Thursday
(June 6, 2024) beginning at 1:00 PM
MOTION CARRIED

2. **MOTION:**
Moved by Gerry Tiede, seconded by Sharon Penney
That the ACER-CART Executive Committee be increased to have two Regional
Representatives from the East and two Regional Representatives from the West.
MOTION CARRIED

3. **MOTION:**
Moved by Gerry Tiede, seconded by Sharon Penney
That ACER-CART convene a video-conference information meeting for Directors,
Presidents, Alternates and Executive Directors on February 1, 2024, commencing at
noon Ottawa time.
MOTION CARRIED

4. **Moved by Gerry Tiede, seconded by Sharon Penney**
That in-person Annual General Meetings be held in Canada on even years (2024, 2026,
etc.) and in the odd years (2025, 2027, etc.) there would be an abbreviated Annual
General Meeting to be held via video conference
MOTION CARRIED

5. **Moved by Gerry Tiede, seconded by Sharon Penney**
That in the odd years (2025, 2027, etc.) that an in-person conference be held for
Directors, Presidents, Alternates and Executive Directors in the East and in the West.
The Executive recommends that existing procedures for organizing these
conferences be followed, for example the ECRT0 conference in the east and the
ACER-CART West conference.
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION to recess 4:00 PM

Moved by Gerry Tiede

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1. Present: Gerry Tiede, Sharon Penney, Roger Regimbal, Bill Berryman
Via ZOOM–Marilyn Bossert
2. Bill called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM
3. Communications Committee
 - Marilyn reported the committee continues to look at developing a document similar to Options
 - Committee members constantly review contents on the website
 - Sharon will send documents from the November 3, 2023, and December 5, 2023 Health Services Committee meetings to be posted on the website
4. Health Services Committee
 - Sharon reviewed the 2 priorities of the committee this year—a National Pharmacare Program and Aging in Place
 - Committees will follow up on McMaster University study on dementia and decide what information needs to be provided to members
 - Gerry provided a website “Pharmacy Compass” which shows drugstores across Canada with the cost of drugs (brand name and generic) and dispensing fees. This will show members that they can shop around and get better prices if there is no Costco or Walmart in their locality.
5. Pension and Retirement Income Committee
 - Gerry’s committee continues to seek information on cost-of-living increases in pension plans across Canada
 - Gerry’s committee continues to look at information on Alberta’s decision to possibly exit the CPP and the financial costs
 - Gerry will write a short document to be presented at the February 1, 2024 meeting
6. Political Advocacy Committee
 - Committee members did not have any questions on Lawrence Hrycan’s minutes of the December 15, 2023, meeting
7. Nominations and Elections Committee
 - Roger will send notice of nominations for the elected positions at the June 6-7, 2024 AGM in February
 - There will be an explanation that the second Regional Representative from the East and a second from the West would be conditional on having the approval at the Special AGM on June 6, 2024
8. Disposition of AGM Resolutions
 - No discussion as 2 resolutions have been referred to committees
 - M-2 (2023) BCRTA Resolution is covered under Protocol 8 and will be noted in AGM 2024 Resolutions Report

9. There were no new items and information items.

MOTION to Adjourn - 10:45 AM

Moved by Gerry Tiede