



# **SOCIÉTÉ DES ENSEIGNANTES ET ENSEIGNANTS RETRAITÉS FRANCOPHONES DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK**

## **Member Report AGM 2024**

In 2023-2024, the membership at the Société des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick (SERFNB) was around 1950 members. Despite a somewhat hectic year, requiring flexibility and creativity, our organization is definitely looking to the future.

Indeed, this year the Society had to deal with a number of member deaths and too few new registrations. Consequently, in addition to holding our usual activities and continuing to offer quality services to our members, a great deal of energy has been devoted to re-establishing a stable and sustainable financial situation for the organization, as well as to recruiting new members; indeed, in both these spheres of activity, we are already enjoying a degree of success at the end of the year, and the results of our efforts are beginning to bear fruit. We also work very closely with the Association des enseignantes et des enseignants francophones du N.-B. (AEFNB), who provide us with various forums to promote the vitality of the SERFNB and its significant influence. We're convinced that the coming years will be a testament to our continued efforts!

In September 2023, a tropical storm forced the cancellation of our annual meetings (convention and AGM) just days before this important event for our organization. The AGM had to be moved to October 2023 and, despite numerous attempts with service providers (food, accommodation, halls, etc.), the difficult decision was made to postpone the congress to autumn 2024, with all the consequences that this entailed.

At the 2023 AGM, elections to the SERFNB Board of Directors generated some renewal on the Board. Board members are totally committed to SERFNB's mission, and don't count the energy and time they devote to their duties.

Françoise Beaulieu has been elected President of the SERFNB for a renewable two-year term. Her enthusiasm and determination to rejuvenate the SERFNB are contagious! Already, under her leadership, a complete review of SERFNB activities has taken shape, and suggestions are

already on the table to better meet the needs of our members of all ages. Technology has also played an increasingly important role in the administration and day-to-day running of SERFNB; videoconferencing, webinars, automatic bank transfers, group e-mailings, and many other new technological applications have been deployed and are propelling our Society into the modern age.

The work continues. With Françoise and the Board of Directors firmly at the helm of our Society, the SERFNB is sailing towards a most promising future!