



**THE QUEBEC PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL  
EDUCATORS  
ASSOCIATION PROVINCIALE DU PERSONNEL D'ENSEIGNEMENT  
RETRAITÉ DU QUÉBEC**

**MEMBER REPORT  
2024**

QPARSE - What a dynamic organization of retired educators. This year, 2024 has been a full year of incredible activities, beautiful camaraderie, and political action.

Our AGM was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, and we were extremely excited to bestow the Distinguished Service Award to someone very familiar to ACER/CART - Jan Langelier.

Our activities this year have been many, and we have had them both in person and on zoom. They were very well attended. Our programme directors are very hard working and dedicated. They successfully planned a year of events that had interest to a huge variety of interests. This dynamic team has already scheduled and booked the activities and lectures for next year!

We continue to try to stay in touch with our members across the province and we are fortunate to have a director who is diligent in keeping up this correspondence, particularly with our super seniors – those members who are over 90 and in several cases over 100 years old.

We have been working politically supporting the active teachers in their contract negotiations. Many of us walked the picket line to show our support. We wrote letters of encouragement to each of the presidents of the locals across the province. We have tried to keep our members informed and active on the National Pharmacare and Support for Seniors aging at home files. Every meeting has a report highlighting the ACER/CART political action committee. We continue to remind ourselves that it is up to us to take charge of our destinies.

We are involved with and very supportive of the Eastern Conference of Retired Teachers ECRTO. This amazing group, an integral part of ACER/CART, always has update space at our meetings. We love being part of this team.

We are pleased to be involved with the ACER/CART Political Action Committee and as a result there is an increased interest among some of our directors toward political advocacy. There is a small committee within our organization that will begin meeting a bit more often.

Our newsletter, what can I say? We are immensely proud of our tri annual publication. We hope that others enjoy reading it as we enjoy reading the news and articles from the other member organizations.

We have a small team that is looking at recruitment, always a concern. Several members of the executive presented a session on retirement at the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers (QPAT) convention this past fall. Although small in attendance, it was very intense in both focus and questions. Our booth in the exhibition hall had tremendous interest.

Finally, thank you to the ACER/CART board and executive for all that you do to keep us involved and apprised of what is going on across Canada. We're looking forward to next year!

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