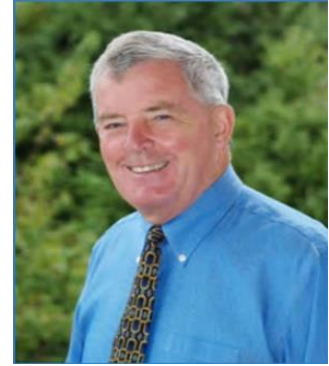


Bill Berryman

Candidate

President

ACER-CART
2024-2026



Teaching Career

Bill began his teaching career in 1970 as a French and Social Studies teacher. During his teaching career, he was heavily involved in activities with the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. He served as President of the Hants West Local for two terms, was a member of the NSTU Provincial Executive for 4 years, served as Vice-President of the NSTU for two years and participated in numerous NSTU provincial committees.

Nova Scotia Teachers Union

In 1996 Bill was hired as an Executive Staff Officer by the NSTU and worked in the areas of provincial and regional negotiations, grievance procedures, occupational health and safety and public affairs. He co-negotiated the first NSTU collective agreement with the Nova Scotia Community College and negotiated the first French contract with the « Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial. Over the past year, Bill has served as the NSTU nominee on two Interest Arbitration panels which were established due to impasses in regional bargaining with two school boards.

Retired Teachers Organization of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union

Bill served as President of the West Hants Branch from 2008 to 2012. He served as the Member-at-Large for the Annapolis Valley on the Executive of the Retired Teachers Organization from 2010 to 2012. He served as Vice-President from 2012 to 2016 and President from 2016 to 2020. He has recently completed his fourth year as Past-President.

ACER-CART

Bill began attending ACER-CART meetings as an observer for the RTO-NSTU in 2014. He was very fortunate to having been selected to serve on the ACER-CART Political Advocacy Committee the next year which produced the pamphlet “A Vision for Canada,” which intended to help support member organizations and their retired teachers to engage the candidates and the political parties during the 2015 Federal Election.

During the 2017-2018 year, he was elected Regional Representative East on the ACER-CART Executive. During that year he served as Chair of the Political Advocacy Committee and in that role researched and wrote articles on a National Pharmacare Program and was the author of the ACER-CART pamphlet “Elder Abuse” – “La maltraitance des Aînés.”

Bill was elected President of ACER-CART for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 terms and continued to serve on the Executive as Past-President from 2020-22.

Bill was elected Vice-President for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 terms. He assumed the role as President on November 1, 2023, upon the resignation of Martin Higgs.

I wish to continue serving on the ACER-CART Executive and I have been nominated by RTO-NSTU to the position of President for the two-year term of 2024-2026.

I look forward to the challenge of providing leadership for the rejuvenated ACER-CART and the many changes in the corporate documents and governance structure. I believe I have the knowledge on provincial and national issues as ACER-CART moves forward as a vibrant and effective voice in advocating for retired teachers and seniors at a national level.