**ACER-CART EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**MARCH 25, 2024**

1. Present: Gerry Tiede, Marilyn Bossert, Roger Regimbal, Sharon Penney, Bill Berryman
2. Bill Called the meeting to order at noon Ottawa time.
3. Approval of the agenda

 MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented

 Moved by Marilyn Bossert, seconded by Sharon Penney

 MOTION CARRIED

1. There was no conflict of interest declared.
2. Approval of January 14-15, 2024 Minutes

 MOTION: That the minutes of the January 14-15, 2024 Executive meeting be approved.

 Moved by Marilyn Bossert, seconded by Sharon Penney

 MOTION CARRIED

1. Approval of February 1, 2024 Minutes

 MOTION: That the minutes of the ACER-CART Directors Meeting on February 1, 2024 be approved.

 Moved by Marilyn Bossert, seconded by Sharon Penney

 MOTION CARRIED

1. Highlights Directors Meeting February 1, 2024
* Executive were pleased to see the highlights posted on the website and agreed to have them posted on the public space
* There was discussion on points raised in the meeting and the following decisions were made:
* There will not be a designated representative from Quebec on the Executive
* The Executive members’ term office will be for two years
* There will not be staggered terms of office for Executive members
* Discussion on members joining provincial Branches of the National

Pensioners Federation, CARP and National Federation of Federal Retirees will be discussed at the March 27, 2024 Directors meeting. Directors will be asked what provincial groups would be the best fit and see if there is an alignment of like-minded organizations.

1. Roger gave a verbal report on correspondence received/sent.
2. President’s Report
* Bill reported on his attendance at the ECRTO, PAC, Communications and Directors meetings
* The ACER-CART Priorities document approved at last June’s AGM has been revised due to discussions at the January 14-15, 2024 Executive meeting
* The revised Priorities document will be provided to delegates at the June 6-7, 2024 AGM
1. SWOT Analysis
* British Columbia and Saskatchewan have completed their documents and they will be sent to Executive members
* There will be a reminder at the next Directors meeting on April 10, 2024 to have Members complete the document no later than May 15, 2024
* The Executive will review the documents at the June 6, 2024 Executive meeting
1. Financial Statements
* Roger reviewed the Balance Sheet with assets of $146,709, the Statement of Operations, Investments and Membership Dues
1. Executive Director’s Report
* Roger indicated that Johnson’s wants to keep ACER-CART in place as an active organization and will be providing $20,000 in funding that normally would be the RTO/ERO contribution
* The CEO of Johnson’s would like to speak at the AGM but was not available on the Friday evening
* Roger filed the Annual Return Report with Corporation Canada and updated the membership of the Executive
1. Special AGM 1:00 PM June 6, 2024 at the CTF Building
* The Executive approved the agenda
1. AGM 2024 – CTF Building and Delta Ottawa
* The Executive reviewed the DRAFT agenda and noted changes
* Gary Sawatzky (ARTA staff officer) will be speaking on “The Top 10 Trends Affecting Benefits in Canada” from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM (Marilyn Bossert will introduce Gary)
* The AGM will begin at 3:00 PM on June 6, 2024
* Roger wants to make sure registration forms are in early
* The Banquet will commence at 6:30 PM at the Delta Ottawa
* Seamus O’Regan (Federal Minister of Seniors) will speak early at the banquet as he has to leave by 7:30 PM (Sharon Penney will introduce Seamus)
* The Constitution, By-Laws, Belief Statements and Protocols will be in the AGM package
* Other guests at the banquet will be the Johnson’s representative, someone from CTF and possibly someone from the National Federation of Federal Retirees and the National Pensioners Federation
* The President of CTF or delegate will speak to the delegates during the AGM
1. East Representative Report
* Sharon reported on her meeting of January 16, 2024
* Members appreciated the continuation of ACER-CART and were adamant that the goals and mission of ACER-CART remain the same
* There was strong support for collaboration with other like-minded organizations and having ACER-CART promote itself as the National Voice of retired teachers
1. West Representative Report
* Marilyn gave a verbal report on issues affecting the 4 western organizations
1. ACER-CART Priorities 2024-2025
* The Executive approved the document to proceed to the AGM
1. Legislation Committee
* Bill and Roger reported on the changes to the By-Laws, Constitution and Protocols due to the motions approved at the January 14-15, 2024 Executive Meeting
* There are no changes in the Belief Statements
* There is the need to add language about election procedures when there are 2 Regional Officer positions to be elected and what happens if there are more than 2 applicants
* There was also some discussion on possible candidates to fill the Executive positions during the election at the June 2024 AGM
1. MOTION: That the ACER-CART Executive approve the revised Protocols from the Legislation Committee Report of March 25, 2024

 Moved by Marilyn Bossert, Seconded by Sharon Penney

 MOTION CARRIED

1. Communications Committee
* Marilyn reported on the March 15, 2024 meeting
* Highlights were the ACER-CART updates, Website updates, Action Items, the possibility of an “Information Page” and website analytics
* The Committee was very pleased with the number of members accessing the website for the pharmacare campaign
* The Committee is considering sending out shorter blurbs to provide information to members
1. Health Services Committee
* Sharon reported on the February 26, 2024 committee meeting and highlighted the discussion on Aging in Place and how the committee can provide information to the Political Advocacy Committee
* Two issues that were important were homecare and transportation in rural areas
1. Political Advocacy Committee
* The Executive reviewed the copy of the minutes of the January 26, 2024 meeting and there were no questions
* At the next meeting there will be discussion on the Federal Dental Plan and our collaborating with provincial like-minded organizations
1. Nominations and Elections Committee
* Gerry will be contacting members who are interested in applying for Executive positions at the June 6-7, 2024 AGM
* Applications for 2 East Regional Officers, 2 West Regional Officers, Vice-President and President need to be received by April 30, 2024
1. There was no discussion on Disposition of the AGM Resolutions, New Items or Information Items.
2. The next Directors Meeting will be on April 10, 2024 commencing at 11:00 AM Ottawa time
3. MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 PM Ottawa time

 Moved by Marilyn Bossert, seconded by Sharon Penney

 MOTION CARRIED