

ACER-CART
Minutes Executive Meeting
September 13, 2024

Present: Gerry Tiede, Marilyn Bossert, Lawrence Hrycan, Katherine Snow, Helen Sukovieff, Sharon Penney, Roger Regimbal, Bill Berryman

1. Bill called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM (Ottawa time)

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda of September 13, 2024 be approved
Moved by Sharon Penney, seconded by Helen Sukovieff
MOTION CARRIED

3. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Approval of June 25, 2024 Minutes

The following errors were noted:

- That the Agenda mover was Lawrence Hrycan and the seconder was Helen Sukovieff
- That the June 6, 2024 Minutes mover was Gerry Tiede and the seconder was Sharon Penney
- In number 14 the last bullet would read “The Health Services Committee will have 2 openings to replace Bill Berryman and Helen Sukovieff”
- In Number 15 the last bullet replace “Senators asking them to approve Bill C-64; “An Act Respecting Pharmacare” and replace with “MLA’s with their concerns regarding the Government of Alberta’s intentions to opt out of the national Pharmacare program as laid out in Bill C-64”

MOTION: That the amended minutes of June 25, 2024 be approved.
Moved by Sharon Penney, seconded by Helen Sukovieff
MOTION CARRIED

5. Correspondance

The Executive received a list of the 11 letters that the President wrote after the AGM

- Roger will be sending a thank you letter to Johnson’s thanking them for the \$7,500 donation

6. President’s Report

- Bill spoke on his written report which highlighted his upset with the RTO/ERO contacting the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors and Long-Term Care about the RTO/ERO Foundation grants
- The Executive agreed to continue working with McMaster University Faculty of Health Services after their application to the Public Health Agency of Canada for a Dementia Community Investment Grant for their work on dementia

- There was some discussion on the several e-mails received last summer and questioned how the scammer was able to access e-mail accounts if they are only posted under Members Only on the website
- The Executive is hoping that the government recognizes the plight of some of our senior members who are unable to access the Canadian Dental Care Plan as noted in their letter of July 12, 2024

**MOTION: That ACER-CART contribute \$50.00 to the RTO-NSTU Legacy Foundation in memory of Ambrose White
Moved by Sharon Penney, seconded by Helen Sukovieff
MOTION CARRIED**

7. Financial

- Roger indicated that the CTF Building suffered a major flood throughout the building during the summer and will be closed for repairs until Christmas
- Roger was unable to work with Samantha Perrin on the year end/year-to-date document as all staff are working from home
- The Executive reviewed the 2024-2025 Budget and the only expenditures over the past 2 months are Roger's honorarium and \$650.00 for Management Liability Insurance

8. Executive Director's Report

- Roger reported it has been a quiet summer and the work is starting now
- Roger will be sending an e-mail to all member organizations about the ACER-CART fees for the upcoming year and also requesting the names of their organizations' Directors
- Roger will be sending a list of the ACER-CART Directors to Corporation Canada
- Murray Wall, Executive Director of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan, has sent an e-mail to Roger requesting the use of New Mode with their members as part of the organization's election materials for the upcoming October 28, 2024 election
- Bill will write a letter to Murray indicating that STS can use New Mode, unless a federal election happens prior to that date and he will need to work with Marilyn in setting up the technology
- Roger will be sending an e-mail to all member organizations to see if any are interested in hosting the in-person 2026 AGM

9. Setting Direction

- Roger will send the revised 2024-2025 Priorities to the Executive, Directors, Alternates and Executive Directors
- The two resolutions from the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan will be reviewed by the Pension and Retirement Income Committee
- The January 12-13, 2025 Executive meeting will be held in Toronto and Roger will provide more information on accommodation, etc. Executive Members can book their flights at any time and Roger will reimburse the cost of the flight.

10. Regional Liaison

- Katherine provided a verbal report on Eastern activities and highlighted the October 23, 2024 ECRTA meeting on ZOOM
- Helen requested some guidance on the expectations of the Western Representative and there will be a meeting on September 18, 2024 with Lawrence, Marilyn, Gerry and Helen to discuss activities for Western members. Helen indicated that possibly Saskatoon would be a location for an in-person meeting of the Western group.

11. Committee Reports

- The Executive received a copy of the Standing Committees for 2024-2025. Chairs are requested to review the mandates at their first committee meeting
- Names were added to the Health Services and Political Advocacy Committee and Roger will send the revised document of Standing Committees 2024-2025 to Executive members
- There were no objections of having Luc Handfield, Executive Director, Societe des Enseignantes et Enseignant Retraites Francophones du Nouveau Brunswick be a member of the Pension and Retirement Income and the Political Advocacy Committee.
- There were no reports from the Chairs of the Standing Committees as the committees have not had their initial meeting.

MOTION: That the Committee Reports be approved

Moved by Sharon Penney, seconded by Helen Sukovieff

MOTION CARRIED

12. SWOT Analysis

- Bill requested suggestions from the Executive on how we can use Sean Seywright's excellent documents in providing guidance to our Strategic Plan
- Executive members believe that ACER-CART initiatives are now being discussed at member organizations meetings and members are taking notice of some of our accomplishments
- A committee of Marilyn, Gerry, Roger and Bill will be meeting on October 1, 2024 and review the "Most Valued Comments to Seed a Strategic Plan and Discussion"
- The Committee will look at certain comments and see what are feasible for this year. This will be an on-going process and it will take time to deal with all the information in the analysis.

13. Roles and Responsibilities AC Standing Committee Chairs

- Bill provided a DRAFT document for Executive members and asked for clarification on some points
- Bill will make changes to the document and send them to the Executive before the document is approved

14. New Business

There were no information items and items under new business

15. Dates for meetings

- September 18, 2024 West Coordinating Committee
- September 19, 2024 Health Services Committee
- September 20, 2024 Communications Committee
- October 1, 2024 SWOT Team
- October 18, 2024 Political Advocacy Committee
- October 23, 2024 ECRTO Meeting
- October 31, 2024 Executive Meeting
- November 5, 2024 Board Meeting
- January 12-13, 2025 Executive Meeting in Toronto
- February 4, 2025 Board Meeting
- March 20, 2025 Executive Meeting
- April 15, 2025 Board Meeting
- June 2, 2025 Executive Meeting
- June 6, 2025 AGM

16. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 1:20 (Ottawa time)

Moved by Sharon Penney, seconded by Helen Sukovieff

MOTION CARRIED