

**ACER-CART Executive Meeting
Minutes
October 31, 2024**

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

1. Bill called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM (Ottawa time)

2. Approval of Agenda

Bill request that 3 items be added to the agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as amended

Moved by Gerry, seconded by Sharon

MOTION CARRIED

3. There was no conflict of interest declared

4. Director's Meeting November 5, 2024

The Executive approved the following items be discussed at the meeting:

1. President's Report
2. Business arising from notes of April 10, 2024
3. Committee Reports
4. SWOT Analysis/Strategic Plan
5. AGM 2025/Regional Conferences 2025
6. Saskatchewan New Mode election campaign
7. RTO/ERO correspondence/campaign
8. Federal Election Booklet
 - Roger will send documentation and invitations this weekend

5. SWOT Analysis

- Members were provided with document written by Bill after September 30, 2024 Table Officers meeting to review ACER-CART SWOT Summary developed by Sean Seywright, Executive Director RTAM. The document listed responses to Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats
- Members were provided a document developed by Sean in response to Bill's document from the September 30, 2024 meeting
- The Executive agreed to come up with 4 pillars/outcomes prior to the January 12-13, 2025 meeting in Toronto
- The Executive would then list the action items under each pillar
- Bill will review the ARTA, BCRTA and RTAM Strategic Plans and develop a list of possible pillars/outcomes
- The Executive agreed that it will take time to develop a Strategic Plan and it was more important to work on action items at this time

6. RTO/ERO Correspondence

- John Cappelletti, RTO/ERO Board Chair, has done a radio interview with Evan Bray, a radio host in Saskatchewan
- Gerry cautioned other groups that RTO/ERO will speak to senior groups in the province in hope of “opening the door” for those groups to join Entente
- Helen will speak to 4 Board Members of the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism and I will speak to the Chair of the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism about the RTO/ERO outreach and what it hopes to achieve
- Helen will forward the Cappelletti interview to the Executive members
- No action at this time from RTO/ERO attempting to speak to retired teacher groups in B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan
- Bill has not received a response from any of the 54 District Presidents and Roger said there would be no response from the RTO/ERO Executive to Entente. The decision was to seek more input at the grassroots level
- Roger indicated that the Board did not approve changing the name of RTO/ERO

7. Federal Election Booklet

- It was agreed to start work on this now and hopefully to have it completed by Christmas
- Bill will write a page on Pharmacare, Gerry a page on Financial Security and Sharon a page on Aging In Place
- Lawrence will do up a forward
- Bill will send copies of 2015, 2019 and 2021 ACER-CART Federal Election booklets to the Executive
- Gerry emphasised keeping simple messaging in bullet form with key messages and 2 or 3 questions to candidates
- Lawrence indicated there would be information on financial security coming from ACP in a week’s time
- This is a key communication piece for our members

8. AGM 2026 Location

- Bill and Roger have received notice from RTAM and BCRTA that they are prepared to host the 2026 in person AGM
- Roger has developed a document on the responsibilities of the host organization and will be sending a copy to all organizations
- A final decision on who will host the 2026 AGM will be made at the January 12-13, 2025 Executive meeting in Toronto

9. ECRTO Meeting

- Katherine reported on the meeting held on October 23, 2024
- She indicated that NBSRT and SERFNB are working together in planning the June 9-11, 2025 Regional Conference in Fredericton
- Katherine also reported on the member organization highlights and challenges

10. Western Meeting

- Helen reported on the meeting held on September 18, 2024

- She indicated that the Regional Conference will be held in Saskatchewan on June 9-11, 2025
- There was discussion on inviting more than two members per association and room space will need to be considered
- Executive members are hoping as many as possible members will attend in order to promote ACER-CART and explain who we are and what we do
- Roger stated we should invite the Presidents of the active teachers in the host province to attend the conference
- Marilyn will represent ACER-CART at the Western Conference

11. Canadian Dental Care Plan Letter

- It was decided that Bill will address the second letter on the eligibility of the CDCP to be reassessed annually to the leaders of the 4 political parties and Minister of Health

12. New Mode

- Bill indicated that the new 11.0.0 Version includes initiating a petition

13. Pharmacare Letter

- Bill indicated that the letter was requested by the Communications Committee to be placed on the website to replace the former 3 Presidents' letters on the topic
- Bill said that the letter was shared with the RTO-NSTU leadership and will be sent to all members

14. Adjournment

- **MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 12:15 (Ottawa time)**
Moved by Gerry, seconded by Sharon MOTION CARRIED