

**ACER-CART DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

1. In attendance:

Alyson Hillier	Murray Wall
Pat Hillier	Deb Gerow
Joe Lafitte	Tim Anderson
Craig Hicks	Caroline Malm
Bob Fitzpatrick	Grace Wilson
Rod Campbell	David Denyer
Lucy McLaughlin	Katherine Snow
Luc Handfield	Sharon Penney
Francoise Beaulieu	Lawrence Hrycan
Lise Morin	Helen Sukovieff
Phyllis Horne	Gerry Tiede
Gabe Mercier	Marilyn Bossert
Bev Magel	Roger Regimbal
Sue Amundrud	Bill Berryman

Regrets: Jan Langelier, Jayesh Manier, Devona Putland

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

3. Bill read an acknowledgement of the passing of Ambrose White

4. All members introduced themselves stating the organization to which they belong and the position held in the organization

5. President's Report

- Bill reported on the Executive Meeting on September 13, 2024 referring to his correspondence of October 10, 2024 and the Special Executive meeting of October 31, 2024
- He also reported on the Table Officers meeting of September 30, 2024 to work on the SWOT Analysis
- He stated that he had participated in the 4 Committee meetings and the ECRTTO meeting on October 23, 2024
- He explained the reasons for the October 30, 2024 Presidents message and highlighted the need to keep pressure on the provincial and federal politicians to work on a second phase of Pharmacare
- He indicated that there was another letter on the Canadian Dental Care Plan that Roger was formatting and translating. There was some discussion that in certain areas retired members were approved in the plan, contrary to the language in the CDCP. Bill asked members to report to him if any members have been penalized.

6. Notes from the April 10, 2024 Directors meeting

- There were no questions on the document and Bill asked members to go to the website under Communications to review synopsis of all ACER-CART meetings

7. RTO/ERO letter – history lesson

- AGM 2021 Protocol 8 written by Jim Grieve and motion moved by Martha

Foster

- Executive meeting at RTO/ERO Building January 24, 2023
 - Presentation referred to Health Services Committee
 - Bylaw 5.02 implications
- Letter from Martha Foster April 25, 2023 indicating RTO/ERO withdrawing funding to ACER-CART following year
- Martin Higgs memo to organizations
- AGM 2023 re-affirmation of Protocol 8
- Letter from Martha Foster October 19, 2023 indication RTO/ERO withdrawing membership and funding January 1, 2024
- Renaissance magazine Article by Jim Grieve
- Meeting of Political Advocacy Committee endorsing open letter to RTO/ERO District Presidents
- Article fall issue of Canadian Teacher and my response
- Evan Bray radio show in Saskatchewan October 25, 2024 and follow up with Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism
- Telephone call with Varla Adams November 1, 2024

8. RTO/ERO Letter

- Gabe indicated that his members were very upset about the efforts of RTO/ERO in recruiting his members
- David and Caroline said BCRTA was also very upset about the tactics used by RTO/ERO to gain new members
- Tim reported on other methods and why RTO/ERO are seeking new members
- All organizations were pleased with the letter, but also acknowledged that the RTO/ERO will not stop

9. Communications Committee

- Marilyn reported on the September 20, 2024 meeting
- She presented the website and provided information under communications
- She indicated there will probably be more one-page documents with a special banner on ACER-CART issues similar to the ones last year on pharmacare and the dental plan
- The one-page document will be available to Member organizations to share in their publications at their discretion

10. Health Services Committee

- Sharon reported on the September 19, 2024 meeting
- She read the 5 concepts on Aging in Place and what the committee's next steps are going to be with the concepts
- She also discussed the committee's response to the actions on pharmacare and dental plan

11. Political Advocacy Committee

- Lawrence reported on the October 18, 2024 meeting
- He said all committee chairs are working on the ACER-CART Election booklet as the election could be called at any time
- He also spoke on ACER-CART actions on pharmacare and dental plan

12. Pension and Retirement Income Committee

- Gerry reported on the October 9, 2024 meeting
- He provided slides on the loss of purchasing power since 2003 for pension plans providing indexing at 80% and 60%
[Roger will be sending the slides to members]
- He spoke on the two resolutions submitted by STS after the AGM
- David asked questions on taxation for single members versus couple and wondered if the committee could look into this issue
- Gerry said the committee looked into David's issue 5 years ago and there were some repercussions for couples in B.C.

13. SWOT Analysis

- Bill reported the Table Officers met on September 30, 2024 and reviewed Sean Seywright's Summary presented at the recent AGM
- He said each statement with a 5 or more rating were discussed
- Bill prepared a document on ACER-CART SWOT Analysis and presented this with another document from Sean at the October 31, 2024 Executive meeting
- The Executive will now develop 4 pillars prior to the January Executive meeting. At this meeting we will determine the actions needed under each pillar to determine the main points of interest or importance

14. New Mode

- Bill reported he was going to follow up with Murray Wall on how STS worked with the program in the October 28, 2024 Saskatchewan election
- Marilyn indicated that we received an update on the software today and she is developing some questions on an upcoming meeting on New Mode
- Bill indicated that a new feature of New Mode is initiating a petition

15. AGM 2025

- Helen reported on her meeting with the Western Group on September 18, 2024
- The 2025 Western Conference will be held in Saskatoon on June 9-11, 2025. More information to come once details are finalized
- Katherine reported on her ECRTA meeting of October 23, 2024
- The 2025 Eastern Conference will be held in Fredericton on June 9-11, 2025. More information to come once details are finalized
- Bill reported there will be a ZOOM AGM meeting on June 6, 2025

16. 2026 AGM Location

- Bill requested that any organization willing to host the in-person 2026 AGM to send their proposal to Roger
- He indicated that 2 organizations have already provided proposals to host the event
- The Executive will be making a decision on the location at the January 12-13, 2025 meeting

17. Upcoming Dates

- Directors' meeting: February 4, 2025 and April 15, 2025