

Eastern Conference Report to the ACER/CART Executive Meeting of January 12-13, 2025, in
Toronto at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel

The Eastern Conference has not met since the last executive meeting of ACER/CART, but this does not mean we are not active. We are looking forward to our next meeting which will be on Wednesday February 26, 2025. Thank you again to Alison for hosting us on Zoom.

The SERFNB and NBRTA teams are hard at work preparing for our Eastern Conference which will be June 9-10, 2025, in the Raddison Kings Wood Hotel in Fredericton, New Brunswick. We are looking forward to hearing all their news and preparation plans at our next meeting.

Each association is looking inward at some of the tough situations they are facing with the idea that together as an eastern team we can come up with strategies that we will benefit all our organizations.

QPARSE is discussing the idea of inviting English CEGEPS and Universities into our organization. The discussion is ongoing however timing is everything. Our English higher education system in Quebec is under a full-on siege by our provincial government. The idea of presenting this opportunity now seems remote as the very existence of these institutions is under threat.

We are fortunate that Bill is part of our eastern conference meetings and everyone at the meetings looks forward to hearing his updates. Each member brings back this information and it is travelling through the organizations very effectively.

Also, Sharon, our other east coast representative is a gold mine of information on the activities of the Health Committee. Just as Bill's information gets disseminated, so do Sharon's updates.

As the chair of this committee, I am looking forward to bringing to our February meeting updates from this executive meeting. I am sure that Bill and Sharon will have much information to add. The rock and roll of the federal political world is here and we want to be ready to help our members be as effective as they can be. In addition, the dental update is very important as is the senior action across Canada. We are delighted that ACER/CART is moving forward as an organization but leaving the door open should there be a change of heart in Ontario. It is what it is as they say.

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