



# **SOCIÉTÉ DES ENSEIGNANTES ET ENSEIGNANTS RETRAITÉS FRANCOPHONES DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK**

## **Member Report AGM 2025**

As the end of the 2024-25 approaches, the Société des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick (SERFNB) has much to be proud of! Despite the challenges of recruiting new members, our organization has shown initiative and creativity, and is definitely looking to the future.

The SERFNB has approximately 1,905 members. Once again, this year, SERFNB membership is declining; in fact, the number of new members is unfortunately not enough to offset the number of members who have passed away. This situation seems to be sadly widespread across Canada, when we hear our counterparts talk about their challenges. Recruitment therefore remains a constant concern, and we take advantage of every opportunity to make ourselves known, visible, and attractive. We continue to work closely with the Association des enseignantes et des enseignants francophones du N.-B. (AEFNB), which provides us with various forums to showcase the vitality and the significant influence of the SERFNB. We are confident that the coming years will be a testament to our ongoing efforts!

Unlike last year, the SERFNB's finances are in much better shape! The Society is beginning to feel the positive effects of the increase in annual membership fees, which was voted on at the 2023 annual general meeting and took effect on January 1, 2024. Elected officials and members can congratulate themselves and rejoice that they made the right decisions to turn the finances around and restore a stable and sustainable financial situation for the organization. The end of the month is less stressful!

An annual provincial conference was held in September 2024, followed by the 2024 AGM; these meetings were a great success! In addition, the SERFNB has decided to make a few changes to its calendar of recurring annual activities. In the fall of 2025, the usual provincial conference will be replaced by five regional gatherings of the province's 13 circles. Under the new format, the provincial conference will alternate with regional gatherings every two years. It should also be noted that the SERFNB will celebrate its 40th anniversary at the 2026 provincial conference, and preparations for special celebrations are already underway.

With Françoise Beaulieu as president and a dynamic and open provincial board of directors, the SERFNB is ardently pursuing its mission of ensuring the social and financial well-being of its

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