

# **ACER-CART Executive Meeting**

May 30, 2025

1. Present: Gerry Tiede, Lawrence Hrycan, Katherine Snow, Helen Sukovieff, Sharon Penney,  
Roger Regimbal, Marilyn Bossert, Bill Berryman
2. Bill called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM (Ottawa time)
3. Approval of Agenda
  - Two items were added under New Business – New Mode and Vancouver 2026 AGM

MOTION: That the Agenda of May 30, 2025 Executive meeting be adopted as amended.  
Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Sharon MOTION CARRIED
4. There were no conflicts of interest declared.
5. Approval of March 20, 2025 Executive Minutes

MOTION: That the minutes of the March 20, 2025 Executive meeting be approved.  
Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Sharon MOTION CARRIED
6. Approval of ACER-CART Directors Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025.

MOTION: That the minutes of the April 15, 2025 ACER-CART Directors Meeting be approved.  
Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Sharon MOTION CARRIED
7. President's Report
  - Bill reported on the March 25, 2025 webinar he helped organize for the Canadian Medication Appropriateness and Deprescribing Network with over 140 people from Atlantic Canada participating.
  - He reported on the April 29, 2025 RTO-NSTU meeting with NSTU officials on the lack of indexing in the N.S. Teachers Pension Plan for those retiring after 2006. The RTO requested all retirees receive the same benefit (CPI minus 1%) and the NSTU indicated that they were prepared to take the request to the next meeting of the joint sponsors (NSTU and provincial government). Bill indicated that Steve Brooks, the present NSTU Executive Director, was retiring in June 2025 and did not expect any answers until this fall.
  - Bill spoke on his letter to the Nova Scotia Health Minister and Premier requesting the government sign the bilateral Pharmacare agreement as the Seniors Advisory Council could not achieve a consensus on sending the request to the Minister.
  - He also explained his letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney was due to the conversations at the Health Services Committee meeting of May 23, 2025.

#### 8. Executive Director's Report

- Roger reported on his efforts in receiving all the AGM reports, translating certain documents and getting the information to Directors, Alternates, Presidents and Executive Directors.
- Roger will send a list of who is registered for the June 6<sup>th</sup> AGM and Executive members will review to find out who was missing from their region.

### **AGM 2025**

1. Agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.
2. There is no 2024 Action Resolutions report as no resolutions were passed at the 2024 AGM.
3. AGM Minutes of Thursday June 6, 2024 1:00 – 3:00 PM and Thursday June 6, 2024 3:00 – 4:30 PM and Friday, June 7, 2024 9:00 – 4:30 PM were reviewed. Bill will send typos to Roger who will then make the appropriate changes.
4. Strategic Plan
  - The plan was recommended by the Executive at the March 20, 2025 meeting to be sent to the June 6, 2025 AGM for final approval. The report was reviewed by the Directors, Alternates, Presidents and Executive Directors at their April 15, 2025 meeting.
5. Financial Report
  - Roger reviewed the balance sheet ending May 22, 2025, the Statement of Operations, Membership Dues, Investments, Membership Numbers and Membership Numbers/Changes from 2012-2024.  
**MOTION:** That the 2024-2025 Financial Report be received.  
Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Sharon      MOTION CARRIED
  - Budget 2025-2026  
Roger presented the DRAFT Budget for 2025-2026 and noted cost of 2026 in-person AGM, cost of Executive meeting in Toronto, the possibility that we might not receive \$7,500 from Johnson and a drop in interest rates. Roger projected a deficit of \$17,000 and the need to draw \$10,000 from an unlocked surplus.  
**MOTION:** That the ACER-CART Executive recommend the DRAFT 2025-2026 Budget be approved at the June 6, 2025 AMG.  
Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Sharon      MOTION CARRIED
6. President's Report
  - Bill spoke briefly on his report and the continuing problem with members not being able to access the Canadian Dental Care Plan.
7. Executive Director's Report

- Roger reported on the financial situation and the need for next year's Executive to review the situation and possibly make some hard decisions.

#### 8. Membership Resolutions from RTANL

- The issue with the second resolution is the cost of New Mode and ZOOM and if there are other options that are available in Canada.

#### 9. Member Organization Reports

- I will ask organizations to be brief in their presentation as members have had an opportunity to read the documents before the meeting.
- There will be a 15-minute questions and answer period after the reports are finished.
- Members also have the option to place a question in "CHAT" and these questions will be monitored.

#### 10. Communications Committee

- Marilyn shared her frustrations with website issues that needed the attention of the company responsible for the website.
- She requested all Committee Chairs, the President and Roger to look at the one-page synopsis of meetings over the past year to see what is missing or has incorrect dates.
- She also spoke on the number of ARTA staff involved in the election campaign and the long hours of writing, editing, proof reading and translating.

#### 11. Health Services Committee

- Sharon reported that the committee had a meeting after the report was completed.
- She also spoke on the issue with the Pharmacare agreement and the Canadian Dental Care Plan.
- The committee approved 2 resolutions at their May 23, 2025 meeting and they will be debated at the end of her report at the AGM.

#### 12. Legislation Committee

- Bill reported on Protocol 12: Roles and Responsibilities of ACER-CART Standing Committee Chairs and although not in need of a motion it is provided for information purposes.

#### 13. Political Advocacy Committee

- Lawrence provided highlights of his report and the need for the President to continue to write letters to Ministers of Health, Minister of Seniors, the Prime Minister, etc.

#### 14. Pension and Retirement Income Committee

- Gerry reported on the committee's work over the past year and the one-page document "Provincial Teachers Pension CPI adjustments 2022-2025".

## 15. Procedural Resolutions

- Bill reported on presenting the resolutions at the appropriate intervals during the AGM.

## 16. Priorities 2025-2026

- The Executive approved deleting “c. Complete the strategic plan” and replace it with “Continue to advocate for a standalone Federal Minister of Seniors”.
- The Executive approved the suggested work changes from Bob Fitzpatrick.
- The document will be presented to the June 6, 2025 AGM but final approval will take place at the June 23, 2025 Executive meeting.

MOTION: That the ACER-CART Priorities 2025-2026 be provided to the June 6, 2025 AGM delegates.

## 17. ECERTO Report

- Katherine wrote a report on the year’s activities and it will be placed with the AGM documents.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. New Mode

- There was an excellent discussion on the technology and its use during the recent federal election.
- Marilyn indicated that the numbers were disappointing and questioned if New Mode was worth the time and energy to get everything up and running.
- Marilyn indicated that the numbers were higher when used in provincial elections.
- There was a question about paying over \$2,000 for this technology and receiving little in return.
- The Executive agreed to place the issue on the first Directors, Alternates, Presidents and Executive Directors meeting in November to gage their thoughts on the continued use.
- The Executive would then make a decision on continuing or not continuing with New Mode at the January Executive meeting as the program is presently paid for up to February 2026.

### 2. Vancouver 2026 AGM

- Gerry indicated the Planning Committee is receiving requests for any ACER-CART member to attend.
- The Executive thought it was another means of getting our message out there and endorsed the idea with these members having to register, act as observers and pay their own expenses.

### 3. Executive meeting June 23, 2025

- ACER-CART 2025-2026 Priorities to be finalized
- Reports from the June 9-11, 2025 Regional Conferences
- Review of AGM business

- ACER-CART Committees for 2025-2026 (Chairs, membership numbers).  
Members wishing to serve on Committees need to make application to Roger before September meeting
- Dates for Executive and Directors meeting in 2025-2026.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 12:55 PM (Ottawa time).  
Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Sharon      MOTION CARRIED