

Articles - Changes 2012 AGM

Article 4 – Member Organizations

The members of ACER-CART shall be those provincial and territorial members of retired teachers recognized by the Board, namely, the:

- a) Alberta Retired Teachers Association (ARTA);
- b) Association des retraitées et retraités de l'enseignement du Québec (AREQ);
- c) British Columbia Retired Teachers' Association (BCRTA);
- d) New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers (NBSRT);
- e) Prince Edward Island Retired Teachers Association (PEIRTA);
- f) Quebec Association of Retired Teachers (QART);
- g) Quebec Provincial Association of Retired School Educators (QPARSE);
- h) Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (RTANL);
- i) Retired Teachers' Association of Manitoba (RTAM);
- j) Retired Teachers Organization of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (RTO-NSTU);
- k) The Retired Teachers of Ontario/Enseignantes et enseignants retraités de l'Ontario (RTO/ERO);
- l) Société des enseignantes et enseignants retraités francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick (SERFNB);
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Article 8 - Executive Committee

- 8.01 The Executive Committee shall be composed as follows:
- a) President;
 - b) Immediate Past President (or replacement);
 - c) Regional Representatives:
 - i. Atlantic (Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia),
 - ii. Ontario,
 - iii. Quebec, and
 - iv. West (Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon)
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Article 10 - Standing Committee Terms of Reference

10.5 PENSION AND RETIREMENT INCOME COMMITTEE

The Pension and Retirement Income Committee shall:

- a) respond to requests regarding matters pertaining to pension concerns;
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Article 11 - Election Procedures

11.01 ELECTION GUIDELINES

- a) Officers shall be elected annually, by secret ballot, at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- b) at the time of balloting for a particular office, there is a sole nominee for that office, that person shall be declared elected.
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- d) The following persons are eligible for election as Officers:
 - i. the representatives named or elected by the members as Directors or observers; and
 - ii. the Officers present or who have indicated in writing, their intention to stand for a particular office.

11.03 ELECTION PROCEDURES

- a) The order in which elections are held is as follows:
 - i. office of President;
 - ii. offices of Regional Representatives; and
 - iii. office of Vice-President.
- b) The Chair of the Nominating and Elections Committee will allow each candidate three (3) minutes to address the assembly.
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- d) If a majority vote is not reached, the name of the candidate with the least number of votes and of all candidates with less than three (3) votes will be removed from the ballot before proceeding to the next round of voting.
 - e) A candidate, unsuccessful in his/her election to the office of President, may elect to let his/her name stand for the office of Regional Representative.
 - f) Members of the Nominating and Elections Committee shall collect and count ballots and then report to the presiding officer of the AGM.
 - g) Each candidate shall be allowed to name a scrutineer to observe the counting of ballots.
 - h) Ballots cast at the AGM will be destroyed at the conclusion of elections unless there is a motion to the contrary.
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Article 12 - Finances

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 - c. an Accounts Manager appointed by the Board.
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