



ACER-CART ACTIVITIES - NATIONAL UPDATE

February 2023

Behind the scenes and out of the spotlight ACER-Cart's Executive and Committees (all volunteers) have been meeting by zoom and actively working on your behalf.

EXECUTIVE: Executive meetings, in addition to reviewing correspondence, receiving committee, regional and financial reports, have included preliminary planning for the June AGM, and monitoring progress on 2022's AGM resolutions and priorities. Work to update the Strategic Plan began with a Zoom Directors Meeting and will be presented at the AGM. A second zoom Director's Meeting is anticipated prior to the AGM.

2022- 2023 is the first year Directors, thanks to zoom, have gathered outside of the AGM and this was received as a positive initiative.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH committee meetings, including a joint meeting with the Political Advocacy Committee on Aging at Home and Long Term Care, are monitoring developments on pharmacare, a dental plan, Standards for Long Term Care, MAID legislation changes and will review the federal budget relative to health matters. The committee will also, when appropriate, post information items recommended links on the ACER-CART webpage acer-cart.org

POLITICAL ADVOCACY's work has focused on preparing/reviewing materials and strategies for use by Members to engage on Long Term Care and Aging at Home including questions and points for discussion with decision makers. Plans are in process for a presentation to the Board of Directors prior to the AGM. NBSRT President Bob Fitzpatrick is a committee member.

COMMUNICATIONS continues to monitor traffic to the webpage and is looking at ways to enhance the page, increase visits and promote it. They wonder if alerting Member Associations when information is added would help even though it is updated weekly. Any ideas would be welcomed. And, do be reminded they want to promote our country through pictures so...if you have some do submit them - Canadian Photo Gallery on the home page of the website.

PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT INCOME is monitoring an Act to Amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and plan to look at cost of living issues through contact with provincial associations and linking, if appropriate with the CTF (Canadian Teachers' Federation)

ITEMS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST FROM MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS (items abstracted from reports to the January 2023 A/C Executive Meeting)

ROTO/ERO (Ontario) has formalized a partnership with the Canadian Deprescribing Network and participating in the development of a Coalition Against Ageism.

RTAM (Manitoba) is working on a project to connect younger retirees with older retirees through monthly telephone calls to mitigate social isolation. Aging in Place is a priority.

STS (Saskatchewan) screened an excellent video, Golden: The End of Ageism, and recommends it.

ARTA (Alberta) has its own pharmacy, licensed to supply prescriptions in Edmonton and surrounding areas. and has had 2 zoom sessions - enhancing retirement resources and pension.

BCRTA (British Columbia) has pension protection as a major focus and recently used ACER - CART's New Mode software to lobby for National Pharmacare. (New Mode allows for form or personalized letters to be sent to MP's and/or MLA's at the touch of a button. (Manitoba used it in the spring to successfully advocate for a representative on the pension board.)

NB

1. ECERTO news was posted separately
2. Interested in what other Member Associations publish for their members? You can access them from ACER-CART's webpage. Under the Communications button on the home page menu bar choose Member Publications. You can also visit their websites from the bottom of the home page.