



ECRTO MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2023

The meeting began with a “thank you” to NBSRT and Dale MacRae for facilitating zoom meetings over the last few years. All have greatly appreciated the opportunity to share and work together in challenging times and look forward to continuing them in 2023-24.

Attending ACER-CART’s in person June AGM provides the opportunity for connecting with others and sharing information and ideas from across the country.

Discussion of ACER CART’s **Communications** Committee update included ideas for making the national website (acer-cart.org) more attractive, current, informative and meaningful for members.

Health concerns are receiving increasing attention, attention beyond those Covid exposed. ACER-CART’s **Health and Political Advocacy Committees** continue their work on Long Term Care and Aging in Place including pharmacare and dental care. Written documentation for Member Associations is anticipated prior to the June AGM.

What’s New? was a question asked of each association. All continue to be focused on engaging and serving their members. Points raised included:

1. Planning for May AGM’s, including elections for some
2. Continuing to hold in person functions – members seem to really appreciate being together – in combination with zoom offerings. Zoom makes the association more available to those in more remote areas/unable to travel and enables them to feel connected.
3. Some have started preliminary planning for 2023-24 functions
4. Two organizations have meetings in varied locations around their province. One moves Executive Meetings to different communities. Local Executive and members to engage and interact, thus feel more involved over lunch. Another has regular regional meetings where the local organizes the event and the provincial association participates and provides funding.
5. Each continues to explore ways to increase membership including offering/speaking at pre-retirement events.

NBSRT members will be, among other items, considering the Strategic Plan at the May AGM. (Have you registered yet?) The NBTA is actively planning the retirement luncheon for the retirees of 2020 - 2023 – approximately 600 and guests - and NBSRT will play a role. NBSRT and SERFNB anticipate co-hosting ECRTO’s in person gathering in 2024.

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