# CONSTITUTION CENTRAL BRANCH NEW BRUNSWICK SOCIETY OF RETIRED TEACHERS

# **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of the organization is **CENTRAL BRANCH RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION** New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers (NBSRT). It represents retired teachers in Central Branch or elsewhere in the province who are members in good standing of NBSRT.

## **ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVE**

Central Branch supports the NBSRT mission to protect advance and advocate for the well-being of retired teachers.

# **ARTICLE 3: AFFILIATION**

This association is affiliated through the parent body NBSRT with the New Brunswick Teachers' Association (NBTA), New Brunswick Teachers' Federation (NBTF), la Société des enseignantes et enseignants retraités francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick (SERFNB), Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (ACER/CART), Eastern Canadian Retired Teacher Organization (ECRTO), and School Days Museum Inc.

# **ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be available to:

- a) Any licenced teacher who withdrew or retired from active service in New Brunswick.
- b) Associate membership may be granted by the Central Branch Executive. Associate members include spouses of a deceased member, retired teachers who

taught outside of New Brunswick, or any other applicant deemed acceptable by the Central Branch Executive.

c) There shall be an annual membership fee, the amount of which is to be determined by the NBSRT, payable by deduction from their monthly pension cheques, or by payment at the beginning of each fiscal year (June 1-May 31).

#### ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE

The Officers shall be:

President – The President shall serve a two-year term.

Vice President – The Vice President (VP) is elected for a one-year term.

- In year 2, the VP has the option of staying in the VP position for a second one-year term, or may choose to accept the position of President Elect for that year.
- If the VP declines to stay on as VP for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year, then the position of VP is open for election and the position of President Elect is open for election.

Secretary/Co-Secretary- The secretary/co-secretary shall serve a two-year term.

Treasurer – The treasurer shall serve a two-year term.

Past president – The past president shall serve for a two-year term coinciding with the current president.

The Executive shall be:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers named above, five Directors, and the Chairs of the Standing Committees and Liaison Representatives.

One Provincial Director and four Branch Directors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office for two years. The Provincial Director will represent Central Branch at meetings convened by NBSRT. The Branch Directors will represent the various geographical regions of Central Branch.

Liaison representatives may be named by the Executive, and will subsequently become members of the Executive.

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint an acting executive member in the event a position becomes vacant prior to an AGM.

#### ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES and LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES

The standing committees shall be: Memorial Scholarship Fund, Nominating, Program, Communications and Reflections, Membership, Sunshine and Remembrance.

Standing Liaison Representatives shall be Wellness and School Days Museum.

- Selection of committee members shall be made by each chairperson in consultation with the Executive.
- Additional committees may be appointed by the Executive as deemed necessary.
- Additional Liaison Representatives may be appointed by the Executive as deemed necessary.

#### **ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS**

Each year there shall be one general meeting, which shall be the Annual General Meeting, to be held following the annual NBSRT provincial meeting.

The Executive shall meet at the call of the President; or should the President be unable to do so, at the call of the Vice-President/President Elect.

# **ARTICLE 8: QUORUM**

A quorum shall be formed by at least 30% of the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 9: FINANCE**

The fiscal year shall be June 1 to May 31.

Signing officers shall be President, Treasurer, and one other Executive Officer. All cheques shall be signed by two of these officers.

#### **ARTICLE 10: CONSTITUTION**

The Constitution may be amended at an annual meeting by a majority of members present.

Amendments or changes to the Constitution shall be included in the notice of the annual meeting.

# ARTICLE 11: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- a. The Nominating Committee shall consist of Past President and two other members, which shall be approved by the Executive Committee.
- b. The nominating committee shall provide a slate of candidates to the Executive Committee prior to the AGM.
- c. The Nomination Committee shall present to the AGM a list of nominees for the various positions of the CB Executive Committee.
- d. There may also be nominations from the floor at the AGM. When voting is necessary, it shall be by secret ballot. A minimum of two scrutineers other than nominees shall be appointed by the President.
- e. Executive members shall hold office from June 1 to May 31.

ADOPTED/AMMENED

**NBSRT - CENTRAL BRANCH AGM** 

28 MAY 2025

BY LAWS - AT AGM 2026 - MEMBERSHIP NOTICE - TO AMMEND 2025 -2026