

CONSTITUTION OF CARLETON and NORTH YORK BRANCH
NEW BRUNSWICK SOCIETY OF RETIRED TEACHERS
Adopted May 31, 1996 – Amended May 27, 2016

Article 1 – Name

The organization shall be known as Carleton and North York Branch – New Brunswick Society of Retired teachers (NBSRT).

Article 2 – Objectives

The Carleton and North York Branch will assist the Provincial Organization in carrying out its objectives:

- a) To coordinate the efforts of the local branches that are members of the NBSRT for the benefit of all retired teachers in New Brunswick.
- b) To act on behalf of the local Branch when making presentations to the Provincial Government, to the New Brunswick Teachers' Association and to other agencies with the object of improving the financial, social and recreational opportunities of the retired teachers.

The Carleton and North York Branch will carry out the following at the local level:

- c) To promote, encourage and assist students attending post-secondary school institutions by means of bursaries, awards, etc.
- d) To visit, send cards, flowers and fruit baskets to its shut-in members and to provide school and public libraries with books in memory of former teachers.
- e) To promote social activities for the membership of the local branch.

Article 3 – Affiliation

The Carleton and North York Branch through its membership in NBSRT is affiliated with both the New Brunswick Teachers' Association and the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (CART).

Article 4 – Membership

A person, regardless of residence, who meets one of the following requirements, may become a member of the Carleton and North York Branch NBSRT. Any licensed teacher who withdrew or retired from active service as an employee of:

- An Education Board
- The Department of Education
- The NBTA/NBTF/AEFNB
- A New Brunswick University
- A Community College

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 September meeting.

Article 4A – Honorary Life Membership

- a) Carleton and North York Branch may confer an honorary life membership on a member who meets the following criteria:
 - 1) Has been an active member of the Branch for a number of years;
 - 2) Has made an outstanding contribution to the successful operation of the Branch and the welfare of its membership.
- b) Nomination of a candidate for honorary life membership may be made by any member of Carleton and North York Branch by completing a nomination form.
- c) Nominations will be received by the Branch Executive. The final decision to award an honorary life membership will be at the discretion of the Executive.

Article 5 – Officers and Executive

The officers shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer.

The Executive shall consist of the five (or four) officers named above, the Past President and the chairpersons of Standing Committees.

The Executive, with the exception of the Chairpersons of Standing Committees and Past President, shall be elected at the annual meeting (May) from a slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee and shall hold office from June 1 to May 31 of the following year.

The President shall be eligible to serve for a period of not to exceed two consecutive years. The current President shall not be eligible for election until a lapse of one year.

Article 6 – Committees

The Standing Committees may be Sunshine and Remembrance, Bursary, Nominating, Program, Pension, Communications, Reflections, Ways and Means, Investments and Social. It is recommended that the Executive appoint the Chairperson of each Standing Committee at the September Executive meeting. Selection of Standing Committee members shall be made by each Chairperson in consultation with the Executive.

The Chairperson of each Standing Committee shall submit the names of selected committee members to the President within thirty days after the Chairperson's appointment.

Article 7 – Meetings

Each year there shall be at least two general meetings, one of which shall be the annual meeting to be held prior to the annual provincial meeting of NBSRT.

The Executive shall meet at the call of the President or three members of the Executive.

Article 8A – Finance

All monies received by the Branch shall be placed in a Chartered Bank.

The Branch signing officers shall be the President or a Vice-President and Treasurer. Cheques shall be signed by two of these officers.

All committee monies shall be deposited in a Chartered Bank and require two signatures.

Article 8B – Bursary Scholarship Funding

Up to half of the membership dues retained at the local branch level shall be used to provide funding for the Scholarship Trust Fund.

Article 9 – 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 and circulated in the notice of the annual meeting.

Article 10 – Elections

The Executive members shall be elected at the annual meeting from a slate of persons proposed by the Nominating Committee and shall hold office from June 1 to May 31.

Article 11 – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution or winding-up of said Branch, all of its remaining assets, after payment of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more deserving students or placed in trust to perpetuate student bursaries, awards, etc.

By-Laws

1. a) The President shall be named Director to serve on the Executive of the NBSRT. First or Second Vice-President shall be an alternate.

 b) Delegates to the Annual Provincial Meeting of the NBSRT shall be named by the Executive at the annual meeting of the Branch. Expenses for the delegates shall be paid by the local Branch, except where a delegate is a member of the provincial Executive.
2. The Past President shall be named chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
3. Each Committee Chairperson shall submit a written report to the annual meeting and financial statement where applicable.
4. The First Vice-President is responsible to organize a phone committee to communicate attendance at the fall and spring dinner meetings.
5. A “by-law” may be changed by majority vote at any general meeting.
6. The Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer may receive an honorarium of \$100 a year.
7. An honorary life member would receive a plaque from the Branch and benefits from full membership.