

# CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS ACER-CART

## Origins:

Until the early 1980's, little was known by retired teacher associations about similar groups in other provinces across the country. In 1984, an attempt was made by the BC Retired Teachers Association to collect names and phone numbers for other provincial retired teachers organizations to find out about the services offered by each group. With continuing efforts by the BCRTA and support from the Canadian Teachers Federation (CTF), a planning meeting for a national retired teacher organization was held in Ottawa in 1989.

As a result of the initial planning meeting, the inaugural meeting of the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers was held in June 1991.

The following was established at the 1991 meeting:

**Name** – Association Canadienne des Enseignantes et des Enseignants Retraités - The Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (ACER-CART)

**Membership** – Provincial associations of retired teachers – not individual retired teachers

**Board of Directors** – One representative from each provincial association

**Executive** – President, Vice-president, Secretary

**Dues** – 25 Cents per provincial member for each member organization (\$50 min-\$300 max)

**Objectives:**

1. To facilitate and promote liaison and mutual assistance between and among member organizations.
2. To promote the interests of its member organizations
3. To develop strategies for joint action on matters of common concern to member organizations.
4. To cooperate with other seniors' organizations on matters of common concern.
5. To promote excellence in education in Canada

**Meeting Frequency** – Yearly

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## Present Day:

The present-day ACER-CART looks very much as it did at the inaugural meeting in Ottawa in 1991 with few modifications.

- The **Board of Directors** may now consist of either the president of a member organization or a designate of the organization. Also, non-voting observers may attend ACER-CART meetings with the Director. In the case of **NBSRT**, the President (voting member) and the First Vice President (non-voting member) attend. Provincial Executive Directors may also attend as non-voting members.

- The **Executive** has been expanded to include an Eastern Representative, a Western Representative, and an Ontario Representative. An Executive Director has been added, and the Secretary position has been dropped. Many provincial member organizations from Ontario westward have a paid staff consisting of at least an Executive Director, however, only SERFNB in the east has a part-time paid Executive Director.
  - The current **dues** amount is 35 cents per provincial member – a .10 increase in 30 years.
  - The **objectives** remain the same as those stated in 1991 with slight wording changes.
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## Eastern Canadian Retired Teacher Organization

**ECRTO** is an *informal organization* of Eastern Canadian Retired Teacher Organizations. Since the initial gathering, suggested by SERFNB and organized by PEIRTA in PEI in 2010, the group has met in person every two years except for 2020. Subsequent gatherings have been in New Brunswick (2012), Nova Scotia (2014), Newfoundland and Labrador (2016) and PEI (2018). The 2020 gathering planned for Montreal was cancelled due to COVID. The next scheduled meeting is in 2022 and will continue to be held every two years. Attendees are normally the Executive of the host association, and a delegate and observer from each of the other associations. The Eastern Representative of ACER-CART is also invited to attend. Executive Directors also attend on occasion.

While each organization is represented at the AGM of ACER-CART, the opportunities for discussion and the exchange of ideas and information related to Eastern Canada are restricted due to a busy ACER-CART agenda. Informal, in-person gatherings of the Eastern Canadian Retired Teachers Organizations were initiated to allow for a more in-depth exchange of ideas and information that was not possible at the ACER-CART AGM. While an Eastern Canadian Representative sits on the ACER-CART Executive and is responsible for the two-way sharing of information, initiatives and priorities, group dialogue among the eastern organizations was not always possible as information was gathered on an individual basis via telephone calls and or emails and shared through written summaries. The formation of ECRTO was intended to provide a group get-together dedicated to Eastern Canadian issues of mutual concern.

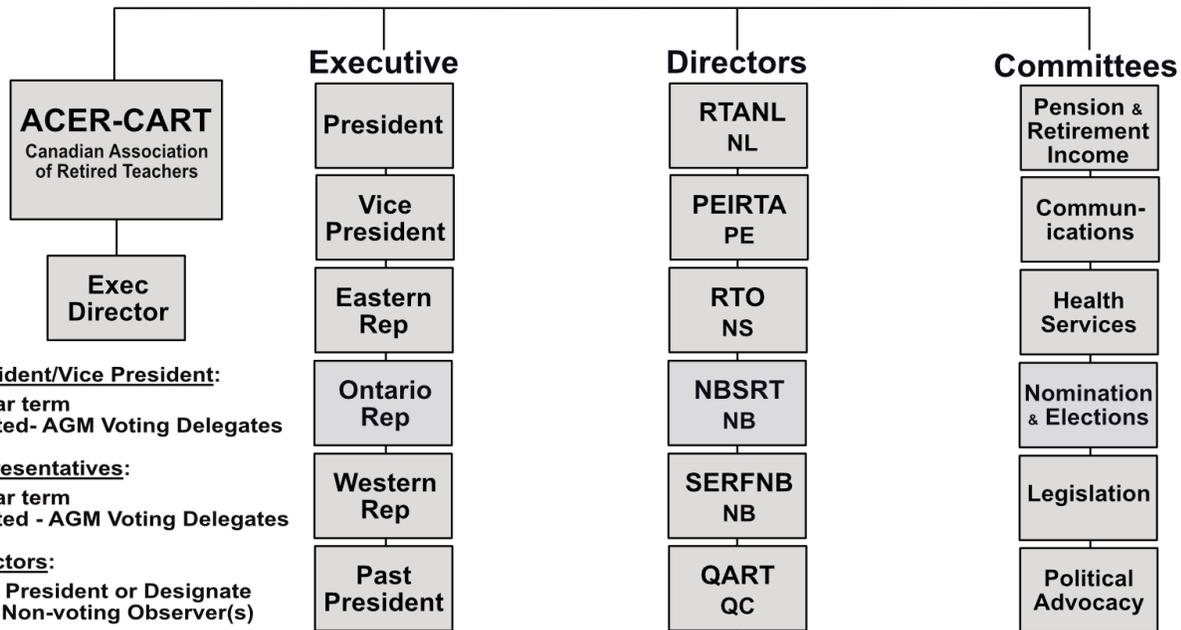
Since COVID, video conferences have taken the place of face-to-face meetings. Three or four Zoom gatherings have resulted in more discussions and comprehensive reporting to ACER-CART's Executive Committee.

The organizations that belong to ECRTO are: The Quebec Provincial Association of Retired Educators (*QPARSE*), Quebec Association of Retired Teachers (*QART*), The Retired Teachers Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (*RTANL*), Prince Edward Island Retired Teachers Association (*PEIRTA*), Retired Teachers Organization of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (*RTO*), Société des Enseignantes et des Enseignants Retraitée Francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick (*SERFNB*), and The New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers (*NBSRT*).

Source: <https://acer-cart.org/about/history/>

Source: Senior members of the NBSRT

# CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of RETIRED TEACHERS Organization Chart



**President/Vice President:**  
1-year term  
Elected- AGM Voting Delegates

**Representatives:**  
1-year term  
Elected - AGM Voting Delegates

**Directors:**  
Prov President or Designate  
plus Non-voting Observer(s)

- RTANL - Retired Teachers' Assoc of NF & Labrador
- PEIRTA - Prince Edward Island Retired Teachers Assoc
- RTO - Retired Teachers' Organization of NS Teachers' Union
- NBSRT - New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers
- SERFNB - Société des Enseignantes et des Enseignants Retraités Francophones du Nouveau Brunswick
- QART - Quebec Association of Retired Teachers
- QPARSE - Quebec Prov Assoc of Retired School Educators
- RTO/ERO - Retired Teachers of Ontario
- RTAM - Retired Teachers' Association of Manitoba
- STS - Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan
- ARTA - Alberta Retired Teachers Association
- BCRTA - British Columbia Retired Teachers' Association
- YRTA - Yukon Retired Teachers' Alumni

**Eastern Canadian Retired Teacher Organization**

ECRTO - Informal group of Eastern Canadian ACER-CART member organizations that discusses items of regional interest and explores strategies for joint action while sharing information and ideas in support of their members.

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| RTANL<br>NL  | PEIRTA<br>PE |
| NBSRT<br>NB  | RTO<br>NS    |
| SERFNB<br>NB | QART<br>QC   |
| QPARSE<br>QC |              |