

Constitution: CENTRAL ALBERTA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of the branch shall be, "The Central Alberta Retired Teachers' Association", herein after referred to as CARTA.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Section 1: The objectives of CARTA shall be:

- a. To promote fellowship among retired teachers and other like minded individuals.
- b. To maintain contact with the CARTA membership.
- c. To encourage the participation of new retirees.
- d. To promote contact with other retired teachers in the area.
- e. To assist in protecting the welfare of retired teachers and other retired individuals.
- f. To maintain liaison with ARTA.
- g. To encourage members to support the activities of ARTA

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: CARTA will accept into membership, with voting power, any retired teacher. and their spouse/partner. Members will be in receipt of an Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund Pension.

Section 2: CARTA memberships are contingent upon the payment of the annual fee.

Section 3: All affiliate members of ARTA are eligible for membership in CARTA. Affiliate memberships may also be granted to a retired teacher or retired educator from another province, teachers on extended leave or pending retirement, any spouse or partner of a retired teacher, any senior in the community who shares the objectives of CARTA. Affiliate members of CARTA will not be eligible to vote.

Section 4: Members of CARTA who reach the age of 85 years and who have been a member of CARTA for at least five years will have their membership fees waived. They will be known as "lifetime members".

ARTICLE IV: DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL MEETINGS

Section 1: Delegates shall be appointed by the President in accordance with provincial regulations.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1: There shall be at least three general meetings, one of which shall be an annual business meeting held ~~in April~~ **before July 1** of each year.

Section 2: The President, with the consent of the Executive Officers, shall have the power to decide the date, place and nature of the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1: The executive officers of CARTA shall consist of:

A President	A past President
A Vice-President	A Secretary
A Treasurer	Chairpersons of Committees

Chairpersons of Committees may include: Membership, Wellness, Communication, Political Action, Phoning Committee, and any others as deemed necessary.

Section 2: The Executive Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting.

Section 3: A nominating committee chaired by the past president **(or a member of the executive)** will present a slate of members willing to be part of the Executive at the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be welcomed at the annual meeting.

Section 4: No Executive Officer shall serve more than two consecutive years in any one position, **if at all possible.**

Section 5: Officers of CARTA shall be reimbursed for any authorized expenditure necessary for carrying on the business of the branch. **No officer, director, or member of the association shall receive remuneration for his/her services, unless authorized by vote at a Board Meeting.**

Section 6: Only those members who are in receipt of an **Alberta** Teachers' Retirement Fund pension and have paid their CARTA membership fee shall be eligible for election as an Executive Officer.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and the By-Laws in connection therewith may be amended at any regular or special General Meeting of the Association by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, providing that notice of motion has been given at the previous meeting or a minimum of four weeks prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: QUORUM

Any four Executive Officers plus any 6 **additional** members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of dealing with the business of the branch.

ARTICLE IX: DUES AND FINANCE

Section 1: An annual fee shall become due from each member of the branch on or before July 1 of each fiscal year which is from July 1 to June 30. An official receipt shall be issued on the payment of said fee.

Section 2: The fees for the coming fiscal year shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting held in April before July 1.

Section 3: New retirees in CARTA's region shall, in their first year of retirement, of receipt of the pension from ATRF be given a complementary one year membership to CARTA and a complementary ticket to that year's "To Hell with the Bell" breakfast held in September the fall.

Section 4: An audited financial statement for the branch shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 5: Fiduciary Responsibility is first and foremost the responsibility of all members of the Board of Directors who are to guide, steward, and manage the finances and organization of CARTA. Members of the executive must remember they are acting in trust for others and must carry out their work according to the highest standard of ethical behavior.

ARTICLE X: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Parliamentary procedure shall be observed at all meetings of the Branch. Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall be the parliamentary authority to be used concerning matters not covered by the Constitution of the Branch.