

HEARTLAND Alberta Retired Teachers' Association

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME:

Sec.1: The name of the Branch shall be "The HEARTLAND Alberta Retired Teachers' Association", herein after referred to as HARTA

Sec 2: The geographic area for the branch includes the extremities of the Boundaries of the Brazeau, Leduc and Wetaskiwin Counties and includes the urban municipalities within their boundaries.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Sec. 1: The objectives of HARTA shall be:

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

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1: Any retired teacher and his/her spouse/partner is eligible for HARTA membership

Sec. 2: HARTA memberships are contingent upon the payment of the annual fee.

Sec. 3: All affiliate members of ARTA are eligible for membership in HARTA.

Sec. 4 Friends of HARTA may become HARTA members as long as they agree with and support the objectives of HARTA.

ARTICLE IV: DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL MEETINGS

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

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Sec.1: There shall be at least three general meetings, one of which shall be an annual business meeting held in September of each year.

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

Sec. 3: Notwithstanding Sec. 1; in emergency situations an AGM may be held in a month other than September.

Sec. 4: AGMs may be held in Hybrid mode in up to three locations simultaneously.

Sec. 5: Meetings may be held Virtually alone, In Person, or as a Hybrid Meeting (combining both Virtual and In Person modes.)

Sec. 6: An Emergency Meeting may be called by any member of the Executive upon the request of any HARTA member and, in the absence of the President, any one of the Vice Presidents may preside over the meeting.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Sec. 1: The executive officers of HARTA shall consist of:

President	Past President
Vice-Presidents	Secretary
Treasurer	Committee chairs.

Sec. 2: The Executive Officers shall be elected at the AGM for a 1 yr. term.

Sec. 3: A nominating committee chaired by the past president will present a slate of officers willing to be elected to the Executive at the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be welcomed at the annual meeting.

Sec. 4: Officers of HARTA shall be reimbursed for any authorized expenditure necessary for carrying on the business of the branch.

Sec. 5: Only those members who are in receipt of a Teachers' Retirement Fund Pension and have paid their HARTA membership fee shall be eligible for Election as President, Vice-Presidents, and Past-President.

Sec. 6 There may be three Vice-Presidents, one representing each of the regions of HARTA.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS: This Constitution and the Bylaws in connection therewith may be amended at any Annual General Meeting of the Branch by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, who are eligible to vote providing that notice of proposed amendments 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 FINANCES:

Sec. 1: An annual fee shall become due from each member of the branch on or before September 1st of each fiscal year which is from September 1 to August 31st. An official receipt shall be issued on the payment of said fee.

Sec. 2: The fees for the coming fiscal year shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting held in September.

Sec. 3: New retirees in HARTA's region shall, in their first year of retirement, be given a one-year membership in HARTA at a rate lower than the regular membership fee, the rate to be determined from time to time by the membership of the branch.

Sec. 4: An audited financial statement for the branch shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting. The audit is to be done by two members of HARTA appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE X: PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY:

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

ARTICLE XI: VOTING:

Each member of HARTA in good standing can vote, but only retired teacher members of HARTA can hold the office of President, Vice-President, and Past-President

Date of adoption: September 17th, 2021


(President)