



Northwestern Branch  
of the  
Alberta Retired Teachers' Association

2021 Annual General Meeting  
June 16

For 48 years  
NWARTA has been proud to assist  
in connecting retirees in the region.

(Chartered April 3, 1974)

## NWARTA's Second Virtual Annual General Meeting

It seems the worst of COVID-times is approaching the end but gathering for the AGM on June 16<sup>th</sup> was not yet permitted by Alberta Health Services.

The NWARTA Executive is grateful for those who took the time to virtually attend. As is expected at the Annual General Meeting, a Branch Report was presented, but unfortunately with fewer activities and far fewer pictures.

You may wish to access the **2020 – 2021 Branch Report** using this link

<https://artabranches.net/nwarta/category/celebrations/>

Maxine Maxwell, completing her second term as treasurer, presented the year's financials as well as the proposed budget for 2021-2022. The hope is that northwestern retirees will once again support NWARTA by renewing their membership. NWARTA's fiscal year follows the school calendar; membership fees are due July 1 and will remain at \$10. Joining the AGM was guest speaker,

**Marilyn Bossert** speaking on **the important role of seniors as advocates.**



In addition to serving as on ARTA's executive, Marilyn is the regional representative for **Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (ACER-CART)**.

ACER-CART is the national bilingual "voice of retired teachers, ... [that] focuses on priorities evolving from issues affecting the wellbeing of seniors all across Canada."

In addition, **Lorna McIlroy, ARTA President**, brought greetings and relayed how ARTA has successfully faced the challenges of the past 15 months.

COVID-times have brought on many changes and four NWARTA executive members will be taking on new challenges. **NWARTA will miss:**



**Karen Patten** who had been secretary, **Jeanette Forrest** who had been a director-at-large,

**Linda Schofield** who had been wellness director as well as director-at-large, and **Russ Snoble** who have been vice president and recently an ARTA Representative, as well as a director-at-large.

We are grateful for their contributions to our Northwestern Branch.

Returning to the Executive Team for 2021-2022 are: **Joan Godbout** (president), **Maxine Maxwell** (treasurer), **Gail Schau** and **Yvonne Mury** (both directors), **and**

**Lorna McIlroy** (past president). Joining the team will be **Jeannette Borstad** who will take on the role of secretary and returning to the NWARDA executive is **Cliff Mitchell** as a director. The NWARDA Bylaws allow for ten executive members; the Executive Team may invite three additional members. It is gratifying that even though members may not be

available to take one of the positions, many have volunteered to help at NWARDA's various events.

**We all remain hopeful that NWARDA's 48<sup>th</sup> year will bring members together.**

## Afternoon Gathering in Muskoseepii Park

Let's celebrate our resilience ... the long days of June ... the sunshine (hopefully)  
THIS AFTERNOON 2:00 – 4:00.

We'll bring the decaf coffee and a snack. But you might prefer to have an ice cream cone. Come for a visit, a walk in the park, or even a game of mini golf.

Meet Muskoseepii Park (near the Museum bridge).

(AHS protocols will be followed.)



The celebration of resilience and the long days of June proved to be a challenge with a strong Grande Prairie wind and rain.

A few met for a car gathering and later a walk to the stage area to be out of the rain.

We've learned a great deal about *hope* these past months and *we'll hope for a warm, sunshiny day* for NWARDA's 2022 AGM.

