**Governance Committee Report – Carol Frances – June 2018**

l was elected to the Governance Committee at the ARTA AGM in OCT 2017. The four-year term committee is made up of 6 members: Chair Maxine Anderson, Leo Bruseker, vacant position filled by Gord Cumming, Past President Juanita Knight, Executive Director Daniel Mulloy and myself. Juanita, while President, made a visit to our Branch to attend a COACH Wellness Session last year.

There are typically 5 Governance meetings per year and a special meeting every August for the purpose of selecting Post Secondary Scholarship Winners.

ARTA-TW Insurance offers $5000, $3000, $2000 Degree Scholarships, and ARTA offers Certificate/Diploma Scholarships of $2500, $1500, $1000 for those students in a non-degree program and the Governance Committee selects the successful candidates from the many who apply.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Governance Committee

* Review and report every two years on all ARTA governance documents and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as required
* Investigate, research, and report on issues referred by the Board of Directors
* Report regularly to the Board of Directors and the AGM any matters believed to be worthy of attention
* Determine scholarship winners
* Approve or reject Branch Project Grant applications
* Monitor the compliance of ARTA with the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of the association and report to the Board as required

The Governance Committee’s major responsibility is to correctly “word smith” any change that is passed by the Board and assure that the written policies affected by it are up to date.

This experience has resulted in a huge learning curve and I am grateful that the other members of the committee bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience.