**ARTA Strategic Planning and Advocacy Committee (SPAC)**

The role all of ARTA’s committees is to advance the four foundational Strategic Goals of the association. Which are:

* to foster vibrant, engaged, and informed members,
* to promote a healthy, active and enhanced quality of life for retired people,
* to ensure a unified voice is heard on issues affecting current and future retired individuals,
* to nurture leadership, encourage communication, recognize achievement and embrace sustainability.

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPAC) consists of the four elected ARTA executive committee officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer & Past President), the Executive Director (who is the non-voting ex-officio member) and three members elected from the 18 organized branches, 17 of which are in Alberta.

SPAC works closely with the chairs of the other committees to collect and review each of their business plans, ensure they are in alignment to the Strategic Plan and then finalizes those plans for presentation to the Board of Directors at the AGM.

SPAC organizes the annual orientation of newly elected ARTA branch presidents and committee members.

SPAC organizes an annual retreat for committee members, branch presidents and invited delegates. This year’s retreat was held in Canmore. A separate report will be presented by Sherryl Skaalid on that event.

SPAC liaises with and shares relevant information with government and other like-minded groups provincially and nationally.

SPAC advocates for its members and other retirees with similar interests.

 Carl McColl