

St. Albert & Area Retired Teachers' Association

The most vigorous, active and enthusiastic Retired Teachers' Association in Alberta

Articles

STARTA Constitution

Article I - Name

The name of this branch of ARTA shall be "The St. Albert and Area Retired Teachers' Association" hereinafter referred to as STARTA.

Article II - Membership

A. Voting Membership

STARTA will accept into membership, with full voting power, any person in receipt of a pension from The Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

STARTA membership shall be principally persons resident in or previously employed within the geographic area encompassed by the City of St. Albert, the County of Barrhead, the County of Sturgeon and the Municipal District of Westlock.

B. Associate Membership

The following persons may be accepted as Associate Members without the right to vote or hold the office of President, Vice President or [ARTA Branch Representative](#)

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1. The spouse of a member.
2. Retired teachers from other educational institutions in Alberta.
3. Retired teachers in receipt of a pension from other provinces.
4. Honorary Members of the Alberta Teachers' Association.
5. Other persons as approved by the Executive.

Article III - Objectives

The objectives of STARTA shall be:

- A. To promote good fellowship among retired teachers.
- B. To maintain contact with less active members.
- 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.
- F. To maintain liaison with ARTA.
- G. To encourage members to support the activities of ARTA.

Article IV - Executive Officers

- A. The Executive Officers shall attain office through election at the AGM. Two (2) members may

jointly fill the positions of president and vice-president as co-presidents and co-vice-presidents.

The Executive Officers as listed below shall be elected for a two-year term as in IV B below:

1. President(s)
2. Vice President(s)
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

B. The election of the Executive Officers shall be conducted in even years at the general meeting in May. The immediate Past President, or another past president, shall prepare and offer a nomination slate, with at least one name for each position, for the consideration of the membership. Additional nominations from the floor shall be in order. The term of office shall begin at the conclusion of the AGM.

C. Directors shall be appointed to chair specific committees such as Program, Membership Contact, Convenor, Communication, STARTA Historian, and such other directors as deemed necessary from time to time, for a two-year term by the President in consultation with the other elected officers. Such two-year term shall coincide or end with the term of the elected officers.

D. An ARTA Branch Representative and a Webmaster shall be appointed by the president, in consultation with

the other elected officers, for a two year term. Such two-year term shall coincide or end with the term of the elected officers.

E. The appointment of appropriate directors shall occur at the Executive meeting next following the AGM. All Executive Officers and appointed directors shall have one vote.

F. The Past President(s) shall be the person who last served as president, and shall have one vote.

G. The responsibilities of the Executive Officers and directors shall be as prescribed and generally accepted by ARTA and ATA and as may be determined by the executive from time to time. The lists of duties shall be attached hereto as "Appendix A".

H. Should a vacancy occur during the term of an elected person, the Executive shall appoint a replacement, except that if the position of President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall assume that position and a new Vice-President shall be appointed.

Article V - Committees

A. A director may, after consultation with the Executive, appoint individuals to assist in carrying out the duties of the office.

B. Notwithstanding other provisions of this constitution, the Executive may appoint ad hoc committees for

specific purposes.

Article VI - Finances

A. The fiscal year of STARTA shall be, April 1 to March 31.

B. The annual fee shall be as recommended from time to time by the Executive and approved at a general meeting.

C. The annual membership fee covers the period from October 1 to September 30 following. An official receipt will be issued upon request.

D. Payment of operating expenses shall be as authorized by the Executive. Signing officers shall be any two of the Treasurer, the President(s) and the Vice-President(s)

Article VII - Meetings

A. Executive Meetings

The Executive shall meet at the call of the President who shall convene the group a minimum of 3 times per year.

B. Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the membership shall be held in May.

The Agenda shall include:

- The annual report of the President
- Reports of other Executive officers as necessary
- Reports of committees as necessary
- The audited financial statement
- The election of Executive Officers on even numbered years
- The budget for the ensuing year
- New business

C. General Meetings

Other general meetings, in addition to the AGM, may be called by the Executive as deemed necessary for the effective and satisfactory operation of STARTA. Membership shall be notified at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

D. Programs at Meetings

A minimum of four (4) program activities shall be organized by the Executive each year. The type of activities shall be planned following consultation with the membership.

Article VIII - Quorum

The quorum for any meeting of the membership of STARTA shall be ten (10) members, of whom at least two (2) shall be elected officers.

The quorum for any regular meeting of the Executive shall be a simple majority.

Parliamentary procedure for the conduct of meetings as well as other procedures and practices of STARTA shall conform to those of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Article IX - Amendments

Amendments to this constitution and any related by-laws may be approved at any regular or special meeting of the members by an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at the meeting provided, however, that notice had been given no later than the previous meeting.