

ST. ALBERT AND AREA RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION BULLETIN May 6, 2020

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Greetings!!

We'd like to let you know that the results of our vote are in!!

As you recall, we asked STARTA members to vote on the following motion:

Moved by Maurine Maslen, seconded by Lou Duigou that the STARTA AGM for 2020 be postponed until the fall of 2020 (preferably September); that the date be set by the executive for a time after public health officials have indicated that large gatherings are safe; and that passing this motion requires the approval of 50% of the STARTA membership who respond within 5 days of notification electronically or by telephone.

We did know that we would not be able to hold our AGM on May 7 as originally planned, but wanted to involve STARTA members in formulating a plan to move forward.

Thank you all for voting! The result was overwhelmingly in favour of Maurine and Lou's motion. Have no doubt that the STARTA executive will be watching the situation carefully and will be in touch when we know that the STARTA AGM and breakfasts can be held safely.

Peggy has planned to put out a newsletter near the end of May. She would LOVE to hear from you; perhaps you might submit an anecdote, a recipe, a puzzle, or a book review to share with other members.

Recently, ARTA sent out an email, entitled "info—ARTA advocacy Transfer of Pension Management from ATRF to AimCo". Apparently, all is not lost yet, as assets do not need to be transferred until December 2021!! This email gives links to more information and suggestions as to how you might make your opinion known. I particularly appreciated the letter written by ARTA President Lorna McIlroy to the Honourable Travis Toews on behalf of all ARTA members. If you know retired teachers who are not ARTA members, consider forwarding this email.

A final note: the link to this video was passed along to me, and I can't help sharing: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=LpAKcQufacc