



**ARTA Board of Directors - Briefing Notes
May 28-29, 2019, Edmonton, Alberta**

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Day 1 - Information Session - Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Meeting called to order at 2:59pm

1.0 Executive Committee Report

- 1.1 Executive Report
 - 1.1.1 Review of report as presented.
 - 1.1.2 There will be no ARTA Reps Seminar in the fall of 2019; it may be held in the spring of 2020 but updates will follow.
 - 1.1.3 The ARTA golf tournament and Second Wind Conference are coming up.

- 1.2 Nominations Report
 - 1.2.1 Review of report as presented.
 - 1.2.2 There are three (3) candidates running for the Benefit Plan Trust Fund.
 - 1.2.3 **MOTION 1:** Motion for individuals to be appointed by the Board of Directors to count the election ballots of the Board of Trustees for the ARTA Benefit Plan. **CARRIED**

- 1.3 Treasurer / Finance Report
 - 1.3.1 Review of financial reports as presented.
 - 1.3.2 Surplus of administrative revenue is projected.
 - 1.3.3 Some expenditures are overspent while others remain underspent compared to the anticipated expenditures.

- 1.4 Proposed Budget Review
 - 1.4.1 Review of the proposed budget as presented.
 - 1.4.2 Updates made to budget according to anticipated actualizations.
 - 1.4.3 We have secured the next door office space on a short term lease option until the final decision is made by the Board of Directors on ARTA RX.
 - 1.4.4 The Affinity Program was replaced with the Edvantage Program. We found the Boom Group Discount Program that is more pertinent to Alberta residents, but does come with a cost.
 - 1.4.5 Suggestion was made to remove the home and auto providers from the Boom Group Program so as to sidestep any conflict with TW Insurance.

- 1.5 CEO & Executive Director Report
 - 1.5.1 Review of report as presented.
 - 1.5.2 ARTA RX could proceed pending the decision of the Board.
 - 1.5.3 The possibility of revising our discount program to Boom.

2.0 Health Benefits Committee Report

- 2.1 Review of report and placemat as presented.
- 2.2 There are 14 motions to be presented to the Board for approval.
- 2.3 Detailed explanations of each motion provided with supporting information.
- 2.4 Discussion on ARTA RX and what all will be included in the proposed plan.
- 2.5 There will be pharmacists on staff. It will be a dispensary of medications and a place for performing drug reviews to ensure the medications balance well.
- 2.6 Maintenance medications will be included but biologic medications will not be included in the services ARTA RX offers.
- 2.7 The pharmacist at ARTA RX would have the ability to see all of the patient's current medications as well as be contacted directly by doctors.
- 2.8 There will be a full detailed implementation model presented if we proceed.
- 2.9 The benefit of ARTA RX will be the value added back into the plan for members.

Day 2 - Action Session - Wednesday, May 29, 2019

1.0 Call to Order and O' Canada

- 1.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.
- 1.2 Reading of the Treaty 7 land acknowledgement.

2.0 Nominations - ARTA Benefits Plan Trust Fund

- 2.1 Candidate Presentations
- 2.2 Election of Trustees
 - 2.2.1 Elections were completed and the ballots counted.
 - 2.2.2 Two (2) individuals elected as members of the Trust.
 - 2.2.3 **MOTION 2:** Motion that the ballots be destroyed. **CARRIED**

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

- 3.1 **MOTION 3:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

4.0 Expenses & Minutes

- 4.1 Approval of the Board of Directors Expenses
- 4.2 **MOTION 4:** Motion to approve the expenses as presented. **CARRIED**
- 4.3 Approval of the Minutes from the Feb 26-27, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting
- 4.4 **MOTION 5:** Motion to accept the February 26-27, 2019, minutes as presented. **CARRIED**

5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

- 5.1.1 ATRF participation will be put on hold for now as they are in transition.
- 5.1.2 A new chair for ATRF was appointed, more information online.
- 5.1.3 ATA pension voting request will also be put on hold until things get settled.

6.0 Wellness Committee Report

- 6.1 Review of report as presented.
- 6.2 No motions at this time.

7.0 Governance Committee Report

- 7.1 Review of report as presented.
- 7.2 **MOTION 6:** Motion that section B, 23.1, 23.3, 23.4 and 23.5, Conference and Convention Attendance be accepted as revised. **CARRIED**
- 7.3 **MOTION 7:** Motion that section B, 23.9.1.6, Conference and Convention Attendance be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

8.0 Strategic Planning & Advocacy Committee Report

- 8.1 Review of report as presented.
- 8.2 No motions at this time.

9.0 ACER-CART Report

- 9.1 Review of report as presented.
- 9.2 AGM upcoming next week in Ottawa.

10.0 Pension & Financial Wellness Committee Report

- 10.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.
- 10.2 The pension seminar was a great success. There will be a recording of the seminar available on the ARTA website shortly for your information.
- 10.3 The ARTA office will work with branches if they are interested in hosting a similar seminar. Please contact ARTA CEO if this is of interest to your branch.

11.0 Communications Committee Report

- 11.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.
- 11.2 New initiative for teacher's conventions will be the ARTA café. This will allow the branch to talk to new retirees while enjoying a coffee together. (In discovery)
- 11.3 Suggestion was made to have a list of questions with answers to help branch representatives answer all kinds of questions that are presented to them.
- 11.4 Discussion on the thoughts surrounding teacher's conventions from branches.
- 11.5 We will continue to listen to the branch feedback and update our processes.

12.0 Charitable Foundation Report

- 12.1 Review of report as presented.
- 12.2 ASEBP also donated \$2,500 to become a silver sponsor of the foundation.
- 12.3 **MOTION 8:** Motion to authorize the ARTCF to initiate planning and hosting the 2020 ARTA golf tournament, proceeds of which would go to support the work of the Charitable Foundation. **CARRIED**

13.0 Benefit Plan Trust Fund

- 13.1 Review of report as presented.
- 13.2 Thirteen RFP's have been sent out to other investment managers to determine if the Trust should remain with the current manager or change to a new manager.
- 13.3 The deposits for the emergency travel have duplicate entries (as listed below in the education sector). Please disregard these typos.
- 13.4 Thanks to departing Trustee for his contributions.

14.0 Action Items - MOTIONS

- 14.1 **Finance Committee**
- 14.2 **MOTION 9:** Motion to accept the ARTA third quarter financial statements as presented. **CARRIED**
- 14.3 **MOTION 10:** Motion to accept the 2019-2020 ARTA budget as presented. **CARRIED**

15.0 Action Items - MOTIONS

- 15.1 **Health Benefits Committee**
- 15.2 **MOTION 11:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors accepts Allianz's renewal position of a 12% rate reduction to the Emergency Travel rates, to be redistributed in the EHC net plan rates to cover plan improvement cost. **CARRIED**
- 15.3 **MOTION 12:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors no longer provide benefits to members residing in provinces where plan maximums are not enforceable, effective October 31, 2020, pending legal advice. **CARRIED**
- 15.4 **MOTION 13:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors include coverage for the flash blood glucose monitors under the diabetes supplies category for insulindependent diabetics, to an aggregate annual maximum of \$1,750 for all diabetic supplies. **CARRIED**
- 15.5 **MOTION 14:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors increase the accidental dental annual maximum from \$1,000 per incident to \$3,500 per incident effective November 1, 2019. **CARRIED**
- 15.6 **MOTION 15:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors increase the private duty nursing maximum from \$3,000 every three years to \$3,000 per year effective November 1, 2019. **CARRIED**
- 15.7 **MOTION 16:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors include coverage for hearing aid accessories under the ARTA Retiree Benefits Plan hearing aids coverage provision effective November 1, 2019. Allowable accessories which connect hearing aids (via wire or wireless connection) would include microphones, television accessories, remote controls, and television sound transmitting units. Other covered accessories would include cleaning tools and dehumidifiers. **CARRIED**
- 15.8 **MOTION 17:** Motion that the ARTA the ARTA Board of Directors add dental procedure codes for flapless periodontal surgery and dental hygiene examinations effective November 1, 2019. **CARRIED**

- 15.9 **MOTION 18:** Motion that the ARTA the ARTA Board of Directors update the maximum reasonable and customary charges as indicated effective November 1, 2019. **CARRIED**
- 15.10 **MOTION 19:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors add low-dose Cialis (tadalafil) for treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia to the ARTA Drug Benefit List, with special authorization, effective November 1, 2019. **CARRIED**
- 15.11 **MOTION 20:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors include coverage for purchase or rental of knee walkers and hands- free crutches to a maximum of \$200 every five years effective November 1, 2019. **CARRIED**
- 15.12 **MOTION 21:** Motion that the ARTA the ARTA Board of Directors include coverage for the purchase of CPAP machine cleaners and sanitizers under the current CPAP machine maximum effective November 1, 2019. **CARRIED**
- 15.13 **MOTION 22:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors proceed with a detailed Implementation Plan for ARTA RX with Cubic Health.
- 15.14 **MOTION 23:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors proceeds with securing the space located next door to ARTA's office with a one-year lease with the intention of using the space for ARTA RX. **CARRIED**
- 15.15 **MOTION 24:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors allow an open enrolment for the retirees of MNP. **CARRIED**

16.0 Approval of Reports

- 16.1 **MOTION 25:** Motion to adopt the Benefit Plan Trust Fund report as presented. **CARRIED**
- 16.2 **MOTION 26:** Motion to adopt all reports as presented. **CARRIED**
- 16.3 **MOTION 27:** Motion to approve community assistance grant for financial support. **AMENDED & CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

17.0 Correspondence

- 17.1 None at this time.

18.0 Next Meeting

- 18.1 Next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on **September 10-11, 2019**, at the ARTA Office in Edmonton, Alberta.
- 18.2 Next AGM will be held on **October 1-2, 2019**.

19.0 Adjournment

- 19.1 **MOTION 28:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:53am. **CARRIED**