



**ARTA Board of Directors - Briefing Notes
November 26-27, 2019, Edmonton, Alberta**

These briefing notes serve as the highlights from the November 26-27, 2019 ARTA Board of Directors Meetings. Some items and names have been left out either because they are considered confidential or are not items that can be shared at this time. These briefing notes do not serve as the official minutes of the meeting. If you have questions or concerns about any of the information contained within this report, please contact the CEO & Executive Director, Daniel Mulloy via email at dmulloy@arta.net or via telephone at (780) 822-2400.

Day 1 – Information Session – Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1:31pm.

1.0 Executive Committee Report

- 1.1 Executive Report
 - 1.1.1 Review of report as presented.
 - 1.1.2 ARTA sent a letter to Finance Minister Travis Toews, no response received back to date.
 - 1.1.3 ARTA has a copy of the MLA map listing if anyone would like a copy.
 - 1.1.4 Reminder that ARTA is non-sectarian and non-partisan.
 - 1.1.5 Please do not stop sending out letters to the government about pension decisions.
 - 1.1.6 Referenced website for the board to review (<https://www.handsoffmypension.ca/>)
 - 1.1.7 Noted that the “Choice in Education Survey” (American-style voucher system) closes December 6, 2019 (<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/education-choice-in-education-engagement-english.pdf>)
 - 1.1.8 ARTA CEO, with direction from the Board, could send out a letter in response to the Choice in Education Survey.
 - 1.1.9 BC Style PharmaCare impacts will be reviewed at the next Health Benefits meeting.
 - 1.1.10 The Seniors’ Health Advocate role has been eliminated from the government.
 - 1.1.11 ARTA CEO suggests writing a letter to the government about ARTA’s displeasure regarding the elimination of the Seniors Health Advocate role.
 - 1.1.12 **NOTICE OF MOTION:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors directs the ARTA Executive and CEO to write letters to the minister of Education outlining our support for a fully funded and supported public education system and to the Minister of Health on our dismay on the phasing out of the Seniors Advocate role.
 - 1.1.13 Discussion on the statements made by the government and how it affects teachers.
 - 1.1.14 **TASK 1:** CEO to create a landing page on the ARTA website for the Choice of Education contact information.
 - 1.1.15 **TASK 2:** CEO to send communication to the LAPP executive director.
- 1.2 Executive Report
 - 1.2.1 **SPECIAL MOTION 1:** Motion that ARTA add a message in the ARTAfacts publication about the “Choice in Education Survey” that will be distributed to all ARTA members on November 27, 2019. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 1.3 Treasurer / Finance Report
 - 1.3.1 Review of financial report as presented.
 - 1.3.2 First quarter has been completed.
 - 1.3.3 *news&views* costs are higher due to increased page size; we will set a cap for the size of the magazine as well as revise our budgeting to properly allow for growth.
 - 1.3.4 Home and auto insurance rates have had their ceiling caps removed, rates may increase and therefore the percentage that we receive will also increase.
- 1.4 CEO & Executive Director Report
 - 1.4.1 Review of report as presented.

2.0 Health Benefits Committee Report

- 2.1 Review of report and placemat as presented.
- 2.2 We have new travel claims reporting capabilities through our provider, Allianz.
- 2.3 We have noted that the public sector has higher cardiovascular incidents.
- 2.4 We have hit the 8.6% mark as of the end of the third quarter.
- 2.5 We have a claims adjuster that reviews all the ARTA claims for errors and fraudulent occurrences. He is a former Alberta Blue Cross employee and understands their system well. A sum of \$110,000 was found that should have been paid by Alberta Blue Cross.
- 2.6 We will be receiving that amount paid back into the ARTA plan by Alberta Blue Cross.

- 2.7 Claims experience continues to be favorable, although it is slightly higher than last year.
- 2.8 Travel experience is up compared to last year. We received a cheque for 1 million dollars.
- 2.9 There will be one motion coming up at tomorrow's meeting.
- 2.10 ARTARx will have a planning meeting at February's Health Benefits Meeting.
- 2.11 There will be a meeting with CUBIC Health in December to see if they can be an equity partner to reduce some of the financial risk.
- 2.12 There will be an updated revenue model and investigation done for a Calgary location.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56pm on November 26, 2019,

Day 2 - Action Session - Wednesday, November 27, 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 6 land acknowledgment.
- 1.3 Signing of O' Canada by all attendees.

2.0 Communications Committee Report

- 2.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.
- 2.2 It is the goal of the committee to better manage to page size of the *news&views* magazine which will assist in managing the cost. Themes are chosen up to 2021.
- 2.3 Regarding Teachers' Conventions, most are confirmed and ready to go.
- 2.4 ARTA café pilot projects are underway and ready to go.
- 2.5 **TASK 3:** Branches that are interested in participating in the writing workshop, let Marketing Director and Communications Committee Chair know and it will be added into the business plan.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

- 3.1 Addition to Agenda - branches will be given an opportunity to make a donation to the Charitable Foundation.
- 3.2 **MOTION 2:** Motion to approve the agenda as amended. **CARRIED**

4.0 Approval of Expenses & Minutes

- 4.1 Approval of Board Expenses
- 4.2 **MOTION 3:** Motion to approve the board expenses as amended. **CARRIED**
- 4.3 Approval of the Minutes from the September 10-11, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting
- 4.4 **MOTION 4:** Motion to accept the minutes as presented. **CARRIED**

5.0 Governance Committee Report

- 5.1 Review of report as presented.
- 5.2 Bylaw revisions are currently with the Executive Committee and will then go to the Governance Committee in the fall.
- 5.3 There was \$5,250 of the unspent scholarship money to develop an informational video about scholarships.
- 5.4 **MOTION 5:** Motion to recommend that Policy and Procedures, ARTA Member Conference and Convention Attendance, Section B - 23.1, 23.3, 23.4, 23.5, 23.9.1.6 - revisions be accepted as amended.
 - 5.4.1 Section 23.5 Amended: "That report shall be presented at the next Committee meeting *and shall* be included in the Committee's report to the Board. **CARRIED**

6.0 Pension & Financial Wellness Committee Report

- 6.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.
- 6.2 Notice of pension convention upcoming on March 26, 2019, in Calgary, Alberta.

7.0 Strategic Planning & Advocacy Committee Report

7.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.

7.2 This will be the year upcoming that we develop a new strategic plan.

8.0 Wellness Committee Report

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

8.2 The committee continues to submit articles to *news&views* magazine.

9.0 ACER-CART Report

9.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.

9.2 ARTA Board member has been elected as the representative for the Western Region.

9.3 There was recently an ACER-CART meeting held at the ARTA office.

9.4 Noted that we fought Bill C-27 although pension plan changes have occurred.

9.5 Discussion on increases in car insurance and suggestion to shop around.

10.0 Public Interest Alberta (PIA) Report

10.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.

10.2 There is a prescription drug concern that moving to bio similar drugs will not include grandfathering of the prior drugs and that bio similar drugs may not work.

10.3 Discussion on the funding model of PIA, we hold a current membership with PIA.

10.4 ARTA Board member sits on the Seniors Task Force, but not on the PIA Executive.

15.0 Benefits Plan Trust Fund Report

15.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.

15.2 Chair of the Benefits Plan Trust Fund sends her regards.

15.3 There are large amounts held in accounts to cover an upcoming GST payment.

16.0 Action Items

16.1 Executive Committee

16.1.1 **MOTION 6:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors direct the ARTA Executive and CEO to write letters to the minister of Education outlining our support for a fully funded and supported public education system and to the Minister of Health on our dismay on the phasing out of the Seniors Advocate role. **CARRIED**

16.1.2 **MOTION 7:** Motion to accept the financial reports as presented. **CARRIED**

16.1.3 **MOTION 8:** Motion that ARTA affirms and continues initiatives and communications expressing opposition to the current actions of the provincial government that are adversely impacting the pension rights and senior health services to which retired teachers are currently entitled to and as well, support appropriate funding for education. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

16.1.3.1 Discussion on the above proposed motion and the wording chosen.

16.1.3.2 Noted that there is no limit to the amount of times that you submit the survey, nor a limitation on who can complete the surveys.

16.1.3.3 Suggestion to add info points onto the ARTA website for members to use to write letters in regard to the Choice in Education Survey.

16.2 Health Benefits Committee

16.2.1 **MOTION 9:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors to permit members of the Alberta Medical Association to be eligible for Affiliate ARTA membership. **CARRIED**

17.0 Business Arising from the Meeting

17.1 *None at this time.*

18.0 Other Business

18.1 ARTCF Branch Support

18.1.1 NWARDA President made a donation to the Charitable Foundation on behalf of NWARDA. Photographs were taken.

19.0 Approval of Reports

19.1 **MOTION 10:** Motion to adopt all other reports as presented. **CARRIED**

20.0 Correspondence

20.1 Paper copies of the surveys "Choice in Education Survey" were handed out.

21.0 Next Meetings

21.1 Next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on **February 25-26, 2020.**

21.2 Next AGM will be held on **October 6-7, 2020.**

22.0 Adjournment

22.1 **MOTION 11:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25am. **CARRIED**