



ARTA Board of Directors - Briefing Notes November 27-28, 2018, Edmonton, Alberta

These briefing notes serve as the highlights from the September 11-12, 2018 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 27, 2018

Meeting called to order at 2:05pm

1.0 Benefits Plan Trust Fund Report

- 1.1 Audit presentation as given by Metrix Group LLP.
- 1.2 Other income is majorly comprised of the wellness reserve.
- 1.3 Review of report as presented by Board of Trustees Chair.
- 1.4 The SIPP policy is being reviewed/revised so it was not included in the report.

2.0 Executive Committee Report

- 2.1 President Report
 - 2.1.1 Review of report as presented.
 - 2.1.2 Welcome back to both new and experienced members.
 - 2.1.3 Orientation binder is handy and contains lots of useful information.
 - 2.1.4 Discussion on the reading of Treaty 6 at the beginning of BoD meetings.
 - 2.1.5 Suggestion to list the Treaty acknowledgements also on the ARTA website.
 - 2.1.6 Suggestion to revise the statement to be inclusive of all areas of first nations.
 - 2.1.7 Consensus was in favor of majority to support the treaty acknowledgement.
 - 2.1.8 President recommends to have a treaty statement (specific to the region affected) added to the ARTA website (in Advocacy section) and added to the opening remarks at each ARTA meeting.
 - 2.1.9 Discussion on the 2019 February Board of Directors Meeting and associated meetings, including Benefits 101, Branch Presidents Meeting and Committee Chairs Meeting. The Vice-President will be the liaison.
 - 2.1.10 Discussion on pension as a defined benefit and political influence toward same.
- 2.2 Vice President Report
 - 2.2.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.
 - 2.2.2 Summarization of conferences and events attended.
- 2.3 Past President / Nominations Report / HR Report
 - 2.3.1 The Nominations Committee completed the Charitable Foundation nominations earlier today. There is nothing further to report.
 - 2.3.2 The HR Committee has not met recently, so there is no report at this time.
- 2.4 Treasurer / Finance Report
 - 2.4.1 Review of financial reports as presented.
 - 2.4.2 Discussion on the AGM expenditures, they will be detailed on the next report.
- 2.5 CEO & Executive Director Report
 - 2.5.1 Review of report as presented.
 - 2.5.2 There were 3,925 books donated by ARTA and its members to Operation Friendship Seniors Society (OFSS). We have also provided OFSS with a cheque for to buy new kitchen equipment and supplies.
 - 2.5.3 Diabetes handbooks have been sent out in the mail to all of the ARTA members.

3.0 Health Benefits Committee Report

- 3.1 Review of report as presented.
- 3.2 Consideration to add medical marijuana as a pain medication is mostly positive. Research is ongoing and we can expect a greater request for inclusion in the plan.
- 3.3 The Freestyle Libre (glucose monitor) is in high demand from plan members.
- 3.4 **NOTICE OF MOTION:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors allow an open enrolment period for retirees of the SAIT Faculty Association.

Day 2 – Action Session – Wednesday, November 28, 2018

1.0 Call to Order and O’ Canada

- 1.1 Meeting was called to order at 9:04am.
- 1.2 Reading of the Treaty 6 land acknowledgment.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

- 2.1 **MOTION 1:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented. **CARRIED**

3.0 Expenses & Minutes

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes from the September 11-12, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting
- 3.2 **MOTION 2:** Motion to accept the minutes as presented. **CARRIED**
- 3.3 Approval of Board Expenses
- 3.4 **MOTION 3:** Motion to approve the board expenses as presented. **CARRIED**

4.0 Health Benefits Committee Report (continued)

- 4.1 Review of placemat as presented.
- 4.2 Growth by division (education sector) has superseded 10,000.
- 4.3 Allianz is reported in USD but is converted into CAD for ARTA’s reporting.
- 4.4 **MOTION 4:** Motion that the ARTA Board of Directors allow an open enrolment period for retirees of the SAIT Faculty Association. **CARRIED**

5.0 Communications Committee Report

- 5.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.
- 5.2 Acknowledgement given to Editor of *news&views* for his work on the magazine.
- 5.3 Suggestion to create a FAQ sheet for Teachers’ Conventions.

6.0 Governance Committee Report

- 6.1 Review of report as presented.
- 6.2 Several revisions recommended in the Policies & Procedures document as presented.
- 6.3 **MOTION 5:** Motion to recommend that section B, 18.1.4.5, Pension and Financial Wellness Grant, be accepted as revised. **CARRIED**
- 6.4 **MOTION 6:** Motion to recommend that section B, 20.2, representation to the ATA Educational Trust and ACER-CART, be accepted with the additions and revisions. **RECIENDED**
- 6.5 **MOTION 7:** Motion to recommend that section B, 20.2, representation to the ATA Educational Trust and ACER-CART, be accepted with the additions and revisions. **CARRIED**
- 6.6 **MOTION 8:** Motion to recommend that section B, 20.3, representation to other organizations, be accepted with the addition of a title, Representation to Other Organizations. **CARRIED**
- 6.7 **MOTION 9:** Motion to recommend that section B, 23.5, Conference and Convention Attendance, be accepted as follows:
 - 6.7.1 “On return, a written report shall be given by the funded recipient to the committee, so that knowledge gained will be shared with others in ARTA”. **CARRIED**

7.0 Pension & Financial Wellness Committee Report

- 7.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.
- 7.2 We are working with Aon Hewitt on information re: COLA impacts on Pensions.
- 7.3 ATRF has been contacted requesting data on pensions also.
- 7.4 **MOTION 10:** Motion that the representatives from ARTA request a meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss participation in the ATRF plan. **CARRIED**
- 7.5 Discussion on the above motion; representation is important re: pensions.
- 7.6 Letter to be written from President, CEO to get the letter to Minister Eggen and the Executive Committee to determine who attends the meeting.

8.0 Strategic Planning & Advocacy Committee Report

- 8.1 Review of report as presented.
- 8.2 Motion from report is withdrawn, it was prior approved.
- 8.3 ARTA is an advocate for seniors with the government.
- 8.4 A lobbyist promotes a very specific change to government; ARTA is not a lobby group.
- 8.5 Issues or concerns for advocacy can be brought to ARTA's CEO. He will then direct it to the appropriate committee or contact person to proceed.

9.0 ACER-CART Report

- 9.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.
- 9.2 Aging in place has benefits but also has some down sides.
- 9.3 Federal dementia strategy is part of the discussion with ACER-CART.

10.0 Wellness Committee Report

- 10.1 Review of report as presented. No motions at this time.
- 10.2 There are wellness grants available for branches to apply to.
- 10.3 Committee Chair is looking for feedback on what activities should be included in the next wellness challenge. Suggestion to have an all-inclusive list of activities.

11.0 Business Arising from the Meeting

- 11.1 None at this time.

12.0 Approval of Reports

- 12.1 **MOTION 11:** Motion to approve the financial reports as presented. **CARRIED**
- 12.2 **MOTION 12:** Motion to accept the Benefits Plan Trust Fund report as presented. **CARRIED**
- 12.3 **MOTION 13:** Motion to adopt all other reports as presented. **CARRIED**

13.0 Correspondence

- 13.1 Letter from Minister re: Pension
 - 13.1.1 The ministry has looked into our inquiry re: pension payments.
 - 13.1.2 They will introduce changes to ensure the federal limit is applied consistency to public sector pension plans in Alberta, effective January 1, 2019.

14.0 Next Meetings

- 14.1 Next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on **February 26-27, 2019.**
- 14.2 Next AGM will be held on **October 1-2, 2019.**

15.0 Adjournment

- 15.1 **MOTION 14:** Motion to adjourned the meeting at 11:26am. **CARRIED**