

The Quebec
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**Out going President Sandra Aird
With
Incoming President Renate Sutherland**

Spring Newsletter (June) 2013

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2013

SEPTEMBER 18th 12 Noon (Wed) “Lunch” in Pointe Claire Village
Le Pionnier, 286 Chemin Bord du Lac/Lakeshore

OCTOBER 16th 1.00 p.m. (Wed.) “Fall Luncheon for Retirees”
EMSB/Cafeteria
Reception 1:00 p.m. in Atrium followed by
Lunch at 1:30 p.m. (Donation \$10.00)

DECEMBER 10th 10.00 a.m. (Tues.) “Holiday Celebration” program
Rosedale Queen Mary Community Hall
6870 Terrebonne, NDG (Between Rosedale & Mariette)
Reception 10.00 a.m.
Dix Mille Villages Table (arts & crafts, jewelry & gift items)
NDG Food Bank Donations
Lunch: Monkland Grille Restaurant (Optional)

2014

FEBRUARY 11th 11:00 a.m. (Tues.) “Alzheimer’s Disease - Realities and Myths”
Speaker: Karin Derouaux, Alzheimer Group (AGI) Inc.
EMSB/Patterson Room
Coffee 10:30 a.m. in Atrium
Lunch: Monkland Grille Restaurant (Optional)

MARCH 21st 11:00 a.m. (Fri.) “Benefits /Insurance /Taxes”
Speaker: Paul Barnes
EMSB/Patterson Room
Coffee 10:30 a.m. in Atrium
Lunch: Monkland Grille Restaurant (Optional)

APRIL 17th 11:00 a.m. (Thurs.) “Investors Group” Workshop
“Reverse Mortgage”, “Home Equity”,
“Cash Flow Management”; “Long-term Care Insurance”
EMSB/Patterson Room
Coffee 10:30 a.m. in Atrium
Lunch Provided 1:30 p.m.

MAY 6th 11:00 a.m. (Tues.) **Annual General Meeting**
EMSB/Patterson Room
Coffee 10:30 a.m. in Atrium
Lunch: Monkland Grille Restaurant (Optional)

The EMSB Building is located at 6000 Fielding Avenue, NDG (corner of Cote St. Luc Road)
Monkland Grille Restaurant is at 6151 Monkland Ave, H3X 2C6. (514 484-2611) (corner/Beaconsfield)
Please inform Events coordinator Ken Cooke (514-485-9118), if you are attending the luncheons.
Program information, contact Erene Anthony 514-626-8002: www.qparse-apperg.org

Special Event: New York Trip November 12-15, 2014 (for more details, see web site)

**Quebec Provincial Association of Retired School Educators
Association provinciale du personnel d'enseignement retraité du Québec**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday, May 7th 2013 at 10.00 a.m.
Laurence Patterson Room, EMSB**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Minutes of the AGM of May 8th, 2012
4. Business arising from the Minutes:

Reports:

President	Sandra Aird
ACER-CART	Renate Sutherland
Strategic Planning Committee	Renate Sutherland
Program	Erene Anthony
Events	Ken Cooke
Membership	Ellen Holzman
Good Will	Alanna Dow
Newsletter/flyer	Richard Meades
Website	Tom Murray
Finance	Don Berry
Nominations	Pat Steele

Election & Presentation of the 2013-2014 Board of Directors

See inside back cover for a complete list of Directors.

Presentations: Retiring Board Members

New Business:

a) Winner of QPARSE Life Time Membership /Teacher's Convention 2012.

b) Notice of Motion: The Board of Directors recommends that QPARSE move to an annual membership fee as of July 2014. Please note that this will be voted on at the A.G.M in May 2014

Adjournment



**The Quebec Provincial Association of Retired School Educators
Association provinciale du personnel d'enseignement retraité du Québec**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - May 8, 2012

1. The **Annual General Meeting** of the Quebec Association of Retired School Educators (QPARSE) was held in the Laurence Patterson Room on the ground floor of the English Montreal School Board, 6000 Fielding Avenue, Montreal, on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. President Sandra Aird called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. after Norbert Boudreau, the Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (ACER-CART), spoke about how ACER-CART is working for us. He had been introduced by Renate Sutherland who also introduced Ed Zegray, the Quebec representative.
2. **Agenda:** approved on a motion by Robin Narsted and seconded by Susyn Borer.
3. **Minutes of May 10, 2011:** After the total membership in Item 6.f) was corrected to 1295, the minutes were approved on a motion by Pat Steele, seconded by Erene Anthony.
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** There was none
5. **Reports:** The following is a summary of the reports presented. Full reports will be published in the Spring, 2012 Newsletter.
 - (a) **President:** Sandra Aird recounted her involvement in the decision to sell the Robinson Residence, and spoke of changes in the program, attendance at the Quebec Provincial Association of Teachers (QPAT) Teachers' Convention and the ACER-CART AGM, the formation of the strategic committee and its survey as well as her hopes regarding insurance.
 - (b) **Benefits /Taxes:** Sandra Aird announced an upcoming meeting with QPAT re insurance.
 - (c) **ACER-CART:** Renate Sutherland expressed appreciation for the partnership between ACER-CART and the Canadian Teachers Federation (CTF) before speaking of issues that will arise at next month's AGM. She reviewed reports and resolutions from last year's AGM, and again recommended the website - www.acer-cart.org – as a good source of information. She had publicly thanked Jean LeGuillou for much appreciated translation services, Ed Zegray for his work as our regional representative, and Tom Murray and Dick Meades for publicity before the meeting began.
 - (d) **Strategic Planning:** Renate Sutherland reported on the striking of the committee and its efforts to examine and determine the future direction of QPARSE in light of declining enrollment and the sale of the Robinson Residence. She also reported results of the survey, and closed by thanking the members who returned completed surveys as well as members of the committee who have put in so much time and effort.

(e) **Program:** Erene Anthony reported on programs presented throughout the year, noting that the insurance workshop was the best attended. She credited Tom Murray's work in notifying people of upcoming programs for the increase in attendance, and closed by thanking people for their support and soliciting suggestions for future programs.

(f) **Events:** Ken Cooke thanked people for their attendance and support.

(g) **Membership:** Since Ellen Holzman was unable to attend, Chris Phelan read her report which discussed how the job of Membership Chairperson has been split so that he now provides labels. Since the last Annual General Meeting, there have been 23 new members and 36 deaths that we know of. We have invalid contact information for 42 members. 656 members of our total 1277 members receive mailings via Canada Post, and several of them sent checks to help defray postage costs. The report closed with a request for updated addresses.

(h) **Good Will:** Alanna Dow reported sending birthday cards to 36 Super Seniors (90 years and over) and encouraged members to record their birthdays in order to be noted as Super Seniors when they reach 90 years of age. She thanked members of her committee for their assistance and members of the membership committee for their support.

(i) **Newsletter:** Since neither Dick Meades nor Kathleen Malcius could be present for the report, Robin Narsted read out the report Dick Meades had prepared in which he thanked Rosemary Stewart for her work in word-processing and layout. He closed by asking for a volunteer able to help in those fields.

(j) **Website:** – www.qparse-apperq.org – Tom Murray reported that he will be verifying e-mail addresses soon, asked that members respond as requested, and reminded everyone that his report will be available via the newsletter on the website soon.

On a motion by Chris Phelan, seconded by Valerie Delacretaz, the above reports (a - j) were unanimously accepted.

(k) **Finance:** Don Berry distributed the Financial Report to Members and thanked Ian Trasler for acting as reviewer. He then spoke to the report noting the repayment of the loan to PRTH&B and moved its receipt. Alanna Dow seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Don then moved and Pat Steele seconded that Ian Trasler be appointed as reviewer. Carried unanimously. Finally Don moved and Pat Steele seconded that the signing officers be any two of the three following: the President, the Treasurer, and the First Vice-President. Carried unanimously.

(l) **Nominations:** Pat Steele moved and Graeme Sutherland seconded a motion that the following proposed slate of Officers for 2012-2013 be accepted:

The list of the Board of Directors voted on was published in the Autumn 2012 Newsletter

The motion was passed unanimously.

6. **Presentation of the 2012-2013 Board of Directors:** Sandra asked the new board members to stand.

7. **Presentations:** Sandra Aird presented a token of appreciation to Miriam Rose for her year on the board. Renate Sutherland then spoke of the work done by the members of the PRTH&B from the very beginning and how much she had enjoyed reviewing the records of the past 44 years. She then presented well earned certificates of appreciation to the board members of the PRTH&B.

8. **New Business:** Sandra Aird asked Norbert Boudreau to pick the winner of the Teachers' Convention 2011 membership draw: Jim Ritchie of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Commission. She closed by thanking Jean LeGuillou for highly efficient translation, Elizabeth Turner for past mailing assistance, board members for work done over the course of the year, Norbert Boudreau for his presentation, Erene Anthony and Ken Cooke for arranging the food and decorations, and Renate Sutherland and Robin Narsted for their work on the future of QPARSE.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. on a motion by Sandra Aird.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Aird,
Dana Star,

President
Recording Secretary

**QPARSE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

This being my third and final year of my Presidency, I would like to start by thanking the QPARSE Board members who throughout my mandate have supported me. This year due to traveling and family issues I have had to call on many of them to fill in during my absence. Vice-President Ken Cooke replaced me on many occasions and I would like to thank him very much. To Robin Narsted, who took my place on the PRTH & B strategic Planning Committee and did an extraordinary job, thank you.

This was also a difficult year for the program committee, especially the Chair person Erene Anthony and Event Coordinator Ken Cooke. Due to the closure of the EMSB Patterson Room for revamping, many meeting times and locations had to be changed at the last minute. The Restaurant Carmines Tuscany Grill also suddenly closed but I believe that members are very satisfied with the new location at the Monkland Grill. To the members of QPARSE who were at times inconvenienced due to the scheduling problems, please accept my apology.

QPAT continues to refuse our request to the Insurance Committee for cancellation insurance based on a 5 year option. It is understood that there are retired teachers that do not travel and therefore, do not require the insurance but there are many teachers who do. It is for this purpose that we have requested a cancellation option for those teachers who will want to pay an addition fee for the insurance. At the April meeting Paul Barnes (QPAT) reviewed the teacher's insurance plan, which is managed by Industrial Alliance. He cautioned members not to travel if they have had a serious illness or a change in medication close to departure. If you are in doubt, you should always check with the insurer or QPAT. If you are not familiar with the coverage for retired teachers there is a booklet available, "Description of the Group Insurance Plan for Retired Members," which can be obtained by contacting QPAT. There was also a representative at the meeting from ESSOR, insurance agent Eveline De Gregorio, who can be contacted for Group Home and Car insurance coverage for the retired members of QPARSE. Based on a group rate, there are considerable savings for car, home and homecare benefits available.

During the last three years I have also been the President of the Protestant Retired Teachers Homes and Benefits Corporation. (PRTH&B) During that time you are aware that the Robinson Residence in Cowansville had to be sold. The retirement residence for teachers was opened in 1967 and for 45 years served the retired teachers extremely well. The devotion of the staff and the dedication of the PRTH&B Board over the years made this an endeavor to be proud of. The next phase will be for the PRTH&B Board to decide what to do with the funds from the sale. This has resulted in changes for the 2 Boards QPARSE & PRTH&B. A special meeting took place following the QPARSE AGM meeting May 7th 2013. (Please see report)

I would like to thank the PRTH&B Board members for their support and cooperation during my mandate and throughout the difficult time of selling the property and the closing of the residence. I would also like to express a special thank you, to Vice President Gary Crandall, whose untiring work and devotion made the closure of the Robinson Residence a successful one for the Board, staff and residents.

In October, the loss Ann MacLeish, QPARSE Director, past President and an all around wonderful person came as a shock to me and to so many others. She was my support system during my mandate as President, often guiding me through the difficult times. I had the privilege to know Ann while I was

a P.S.B.G. M. teacher, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, and then to renew our friendship when she asked me to joined QPARSE. I learned a great deal from her, most of all to be patient and try to be calm when the situation at hand seemed almost impossible. She would laugh when I reminded her that as young professionals we saw and call her the “sergeant major.” It was only with my eventual working involvement with her did I fully realize that under that often seemingly rough exterior was a devoted loving person. She was a teacher in every sense of the word not only to the academics but more importantly to the guidance and emotional well being of the person she dealt with. She will always be remembered by me and those who came in contact with her during her life time.

To the members of QPARSE I thank you for your support and participation in the meetings while I have been President. I ask you to continue your involvement in the coming years and help to make QPARSE a stronger and more viable organization.

Respectfully Submitted
Sandra K. Aird
President
2010-2013

May 7th 2013

In addition, I would like to reiterate that at the AGM, Notice of Motion was given:

Be It Resolved that : The Board of Directors recommends that QPARSE move to an annual membership fee as of July 2014.

This recommendation is being made in order to ensure QPARSE future financial viability. The motion will be discussed at the May 6th AGM 2014.

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS
(ACER - CART) 2012-13
Report to QPARSE Annual Meeting, May 7th, 2013**

ACER-CART represents 127,000 retired teachers across Canada and continues to be our constant advocate to the Federal Government.

2012 Annual General Meeting

ACER-CART'S 21st Annual General Meeting was held on June 1 – 2, 2012 in Ottawa. QPARSE was represented by President Sandra Aird and Director Renate Sutherland.

It was preceded on Thursday, May 31st by Executive Committee and regional meetings, an orientation session for new directors presented by Past President Vaughn Wadelius, and a pre-AGM discussion of ACER-CART's organizational structure.

On Friday, twenty-eight participants from the 12 of the 13 member organizations gathered for the AGM at the Ottawa office of the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF). There they addressed various reports and resolutions presented by the Executive and member associations. Delegates shared ideas, reported on the activities of their associations since the 2011 AGM, and set priorities for the coming year. A fee increase motion for Associations was passed, based on a two tier model for the 2012-2013 membership fee – 35 cents/person (fewer than 20, 000 members); 25 cents/person (more than 20,000 members).

Guest presenters were Lori MacDonald-Blundon, Senior Consultant for Johnson, Inc., and Dr. Jeff Turnbull, Past President of the Canadian Medical Association. Speaking about “**Benefits Plans and Government Coverage, a National Perspective**”, Ms MacDonald-Blundon reviewed the history and guiding principles of Johnson Inc. and the key elements of a benefit program. She also addressed the issue of changes in health care transfers to provinces and their possible effects on the principles of the Canada Health Care Act (1984) **She pointed out that healthcare in Canada is a series of 14 independent systems, with very little cross-communication.** Dr. Turnbull addressed the delegates and guests on the need for better health care for all Canadians and better value for our health dollars. He stressed the need for organizations such as ACER-CART to support the kind of change necessary to transform health care delivery and to fix Medicare.

ACER-CART Officers for 2012-13

Regretfully, Arnold Hull, ACER-CART President 2011-2012, resigned from his position, effective June 30.

President- Dr. Thomas Gaskell (Nova Scotia); **Vice-President-** Ed Zegray (Quebec); **Past President** Vaughn Wadelius (Manitoba); the **three** Regional Representatives

EAST: James MacAuley (P.E.I.)

ONTARIO: Brian Kenny

WEST: JoAnn Lauber (British Columbia)

The Executive is supported by **Executive Director Roger Regimbal** with secretarial assistance provided by the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) support staff person Lynne Richard, and financial management by CTF's Debbie McCarthy.

Report of the Political Advocacy Committee (Ed Zegray, Chair) The AGM approved the Executive recommendation that an *ad hoc* political advocacy committee be formed for 2012-2013, to be chaired by the Vice-President, and to provide assistance, advice, and guidance in achieving ACER-CART goals. A survey has been constructed whereby member organizations describe their advocacy efforts and the degree to which they have been successful. Face-to-face meetings are a more effective strategy and are to be encouraged, particularly on the part of representatives in member associations through meetings with elected officials who represent their areas, and with whom they are often familiar.

Report from the Communications Committee (JoAnn Lauber, Chair) The ACER-CART website continues to be a rich source of current information about the national organization and about its history. It also features briefs to governments, the ACER-CART newsletter OPTIONS, and photo slide shows of the AGM Unlinked pages, the Directors' exclusive website pages, provide access to the Executive Director's Quarterly Reports, and prior to the meeting in Ottawa, AGM documents. Member organizations are encouraged to submit material for the "Members Section" of the website.

Report from the Health Services and Insurance Committee (Brian Kenny, Chair) From the perspective of what matters most to retired teachers and other seniors as they interact with health care providers across Canada, the Committee recommended several courses of action for the AGM. The chair is sharing health-related documents originating with Johnson Inc., Retired Teachers of Ontario, and the Canadian HealthcareNetwork.ca. Some are posted on the ACER-CART website.

Report from the Pension and Retirement Income Committee (James MacAulay, Chair) It was last year that a comprehensive report on "Canada: Pension Overview" and an abbreviated picture of teacher pensions across Canada was presented. ACER-CART does not have research capabilities, nor does it have the financial and human resources necessary to extend required assistance to its provincial organizations. The committee is collecting information about the pension plans of member organizations, comparing COLA arrangements, and monitoring opposition to public sector pensions and defined benefit pension plans. There will be a PENSIONS INFORMATION SESSION at the Pre-AGM meeting on May 30, 2013.

QPARSE Board members, **Robin Narsted and Jan Langelier**, attended the first meeting of the Eastern Canada Retired Teachers' Association, a regional group in which Quebec was included for the first time. The meeting took place in Dieppe, N.B. on October 10th and 11th and representatives from all of the Provincial Retired Teachers' Associations of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland/Labrador and Quebec were in attendance and discussed issues of common interest: advocacy strategies, health care, insurance and pensions. Of special interest to our representatives were the information sessions on the **Johnson Insurance Plans** and **Provincial Concerns**. Though the Maritime Johnson Plans do not apply to us, it was helpful to discover how the Retired Teacher groups are involved in the negotiations of their plans in conjunction with their active teacher unions. The ongoing need for all associations to recruit members and to represent them fairly was extremely valuable. The way others assessed and collected fees was also of great interest. Plans for the future include a Regional Conference in Nova Scotia in 2014.

ACER-CART 2012 AGM Action Update

A number of the AGM motions were adopted in recognition that health care service providers are falling short in meeting **the five core principles of the Canada Health Act (1984)**, and that some needful services are not covered by the principles at all. Seniors are affected by these shortcomings. Member organizations were asked **to advocate with their respective federal MPs** for the following:

Establishment of a National Medicare Oversight Council;

Action by the federal government to make the transfer of health care funds contingent upon the assurances by recipients that the funds are used to support the provisions of the Canada Health Act;

Development of a national Pharmacare program and a comprehensive national pharmaceutical formulary;

Development and implementation of a recycling program for unused pharmaceuticals;

Establishment of a national organ and tissue donor registry

Establishment of *a* long term care program with enforceable standards of care, provided at reasonable cost, and with appropriate recognition of caregivers' needs; and

Provision of adequate mental health services in community and appropriate facilities

Other news: The Congress of National Seniors Organizations (CNSO) has dissolved, and fees paid by ACER-CART for the two years 2010-2012 are to be refunded.

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has ascertained that the ACER-CART trademark has been registered and approved for publishing in the Trade Marks Journal.

The next **ACER-CART AGM will be on May 31st to June 1st, 2013 in Ottawa.**

On your behalf, I express my appreciation to **Ed Zegray**, our Quebec Regional Representative, who keeps us informed about Quebec pension issues, **Jean LeGuillou** for his translation services and to **Dick Meades** (Newsletter) and **Tom Murray** (Webmaster) for helping to publicize the affairs of ACER-CART to our membership.

Renate Sutherland
Director, ACER-CART

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE - Report to 2013 AGM

The Strategic Planning Committee, set up by the Board of Directors in October 2011 with a mandate *to examine and determine the future direction of QPARSE*, has now completed its task.

This ad hoc committee submitted a progress report to last year's AGM, which highlighted the 35% response of a membership survey sent out to our 1300 members. Important benefits of QPARSE membership included:

To be kept informed of current pension and insurance issues; for QPARSE to also advocate for health and senior issues

To have opportunities to stay in touch and connect with former colleagues

To receive the NEWSLETTER, special flyers and email reminders of program activities, special events, luncheons and excursions

Since June 2012, the committee has met six times. It set up the procedure for a **Strategic Action Plan** and reported regularly on its implementation to the Board.

Our first task was to draft a **Mission Statement** for our QPARSE organization. The following statement was approved by the Board of Directors at their June 2012 meeting.

“Our mission is to promote and enhance the interests and well being of retired educators through social interaction, social responsibility, advocacy and cooperation with other organizations on matters of common concern.”

The committee then set out to identify and address **THREE** areas of concern:

1. Governance: an evaluation of our internal procedures clarified the role and responsibilities of Board members and, resulted in updating the Job Descriptions. The **QPARSE Job Descriptions** were approved by the Board of Directors at the November 2012 meeting.

2. Communication and Publicity: an extensive review of how we communicate with our membership has helped to streamline and to develop **better mailing procedures**. A small Board committee has been set up to deal with all aspects of mailing (printing, folding, stuffing, posting). This has resulted in more efficiency and some cost reduction. The revision of the bilingual QPARSE Information pamphlet, available at QPAT pre-retirement sessions and Teachers' Convention, has helped us to establish a **permanent QPARSE address at QPAT**.

The importance of maintaining a website and posting of information, as well as the constant challenge of expanding and finding ways to improve electronic mailings, is on-going. The motion **“that an amount of \$500 for the 2013 budget be allocated for the creation and maintenance of a website”** has been approved by the Board of Directors.

3. Future financial viability: an analysis of **QPARSE'S Revenues and Expenses for the years 2008-20012** indicates a gradual decrease in revenues over expenses. This is due to the rapid dwindling of the capital fund and the declining membership (an average of only 39 new members in the last five years). In devising Budget projections for 2013-14, serious measures must be taken to work with an annual budget and reduce expenses to sustain future sustainability.

3 contd. It was suggested that program activities/special events need to pay for themselves, a policy on paying for hard copies of Newsletter or letter mailings must be adopted and, the feasibility of a change in fee structure needs to be discussed.

The following motion was presented to the February Board meeting for approval at the 2013 AGM meeting:

“that the QPARSE Board of Directors submit a Notice of Motion to the 2013 Annual General Meeting, which recommends the membership fee from a Lifetime Fee to an Annual Fee, effective July 2014”.

Prompted by a large number of upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors, the Strategic Planning Committee also discussed ways and means of **attracting volunteers to fill the Board’s positions**. This issue, together with the efforts of **recruiting new members**, presents exciting challenges for QPARSE’S future viability.

I thank the members of the committee for all their fine work over the last eighteen months.

Members of the Strategic Planning Committee: Sandra Aird, Don Berry, Ellen Holzman, Jan Langelier, Kathleen Malcius, Dick Meades, Robin Narsted and Renate Sutherland

Respectfully submitted,

Renate Sutherland, Chair

The AGM, Attentive Members.

QPARSE PROGRAM REPORT – 2012-2013

We are delighted to extend our sincere thanks to those members who graced us with their presence at the many events that were held throughout the past year. We also appreciate those who took the time to ask for feedback when they were unable to attend.

We were quite pleased to see an increase in attendance. **Seventy- one** members attended the Fall Luncheon for retirees. The highlight was welcoming **twenty one** newly retired members. It is our hope that they have found their time with us, enjoyable enough to allow them to continue to support our events in the year ahead.

All members are encouraged to invite a colleague to each of our events.

Our events were held both at Carmine's Tuscan Grill Restaurant on Cote St Luc Road and at the EMSB. With the closure of Carmine's in February, we were pleased to have you join us for lunch at the new location, Monkland Grille. The food is good and inexpensive. Available parking is a plus.

The resourcefulness and monthly commitment of the members of Board of Directors enabled us to carry out our programs. We certainly appreciate their input and diligence. I would especially like to thank Sandra Aird for her helpfulness during the past two years as she assisted me with some helpful suggestions in the planning of the program. As she takes her leave as President, on your behalf, I would like to extend best wishes to her..

Program Highlights:

Our December celebration was an extraordinary event. **Fifty-nine** members were present. We were graced with the beautiful Soprano Khai Lewis Welsh and Tenor Ashley Foot, accompanied by pianist Kris Epps who delivered a delightful repertoire of Holiday songs. Thank you for supporting Dix milles Village and for your contributions to the NDG Food Bank.

One of our aims is to continue to present issues that are of interest to seniors. The Senior Tours presentation by Susan Boyle in February was really interesting and helped peak our interest in Travel. In March our Wellness seminar, "Achieving Vibrance" was presented, courtesy of Harmoni Health Center. We are grateful that Paul Barnes representing QPAT was again able to answer your many questions on Insurance and Medical Benefits. I encourage you to come out next year when he returns to respond to your many queries.

Eveline de Mc Gregoire, representing Essor, shared information on Insurance, including Home and Car.

We encourage you to continue to confirm your attendance at each event.as this really helps us to make necessary plans for your arrival.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions for the upcoming year. **.Our extra activity next session will be an anticipated, exciting trip to New York City, November 12th to 15th. Please see website for details.**

You may contact any member of the Board of QPARSE listed in the back of the Newsletter or:Ken Cooke, Events Coordinator (514) 485-9118,Erene Anthony, Program Director (514) 626-8002

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

AGM 2013 Membership Report-

The following membership statistics have been recorded since the 2012 AGM .

QPARSE presently has 1268 members. This is down 27 people from last year.

44 new members joined this year as compared with only 26 last year.

There are 42 deaths that we know of (34 last year) and 26 members who have gone astray.

There are also 15 members who are unaccounted for since October 2010 and they have been removed from our active membership list. (The names of all 'missing persons' are published in the newsletters.)

Of our total membership, 584 people are still receiving mailing via snail mail compared to 722 last year. The number of members receiving their information by email is now 564 and there are 120 individuals who have requested no mail. Since mailing costs continue to escalate yearly we would appreciate knowing your email address if you do have one. We also thank those we have made voluntary contributions towards our expenses.

I would like to thank Chris Phelan for his part in producing the mailing labels. I would also like to wish Jan Langelier a good run as membership director next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Holzman

QPARSE Newsletter Report for 2012

AGM May 7th 2013.

We are now producing 2 issues per year as a cost saving, Fall/Wniter & Spring/Summer.

Work on this years Spring Summer edition will commence following the AGM.

As a further cost saving we are no longer using a typist to help in production of the Newsletter & are using volunteers to help with the mailing to our members who still receive a hard copy. (This number has reduced to approx 600.)

We are still in need of submissions from members. Please send to rjmeades@hotmail.com or by regular mail to Richard Meades, 26 Broadview Ave. Pointe Claire. Qc. H9R 3Z2.

While I have agreed to continue as Editor of the Newsletter, some help would be very much appreciated, particularly from someone who has "Desktop Publishing" skills that could help us improve the "Look" & "Layout" of our publication. If you are interested or would like some more information please contact me.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Meades

Goodwill Report to the Annual General Meeting of QPARSE, May 7, 2013

Birthday cards were sent to the 33 Super Seniors (those 90 and over). It is a pleasure to note that we receive requests from members to be added to the list. Birth dates were not provided in the past, so we depend on members to inform us of their status or that of their friends.

The 197 QPARSE members who have been retired for 25 years or more received Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer booklets of 10 pages each containing poetry, jokes, and puzzles. An attempt is made to provide a variety of material and levels of difficulty.

We have received many notes of appreciation for these publications and are grateful for any donations to cover the cost of postage for the Newsletter and the booklets.

As I am stepping down this year, this is my last report. I thank fellow members Anastasia Adamakis, Mair Richards, and Shelagh Glover for their help in folding booklets, and in stuffing, labeling, and stamping envelopes during my years of Goodwill work.

Thanks to director Chris Phelan who has recently been providing the labels for the mailings.

Special thanks goes to past Membership director Robin Narsted and outgoing director Ellen Holzman for keeping the Super Senior list and that of the 25-year retirees up to date.

I have enjoyed my experience with the Board of Directors and my contact with you, the members of QPARSE. I leave the Goodwill Committee in excellent hands, as Ellen Holzman moves into the post - and she knows that I am here to help should she need it. I hope to see many of you at the excellent events planned for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alanna Dow, Chair, Goodwill Committee

QPARSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2012

The assets for the Association for December 31, 2012 were \$106 961.47, a reduction of \$6914.07 from December 31, 2011. Income from new members was up this year. The cost of the Newsletter decreased as we reduced the number of issues from three to two. The end of the Spring Garden Party at the Robinson Residence also helped us to reduce expenditures.

We have recently engaged an accountant to help us file income tax statements for 2009, 2010 & 2011 as this is the first time we have done so.

In the Auditors Report to the members, Ian Trasler reported that he had examined the record of assets, receipts, and disbursements of the Association for the period ending December 31, 2012, and certified that the Treasurer's Report was correct.

As this will be my last AGM report as Treasurer I want to thank all my fellow board members for their trust & support. Also thanks to my predecessor Ian Trasler for his help & for reviewing the year-end statements the last two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Berry

Web Site Report for 2012 qparse-apperq.org

Our web site is where you can find the most current information about our events, dates & venues. Members can read the latest updates on our political lobbying and the most recent Newsletter. The "Contact Us" page is commonly used to notify us about changes needed in our membership records.

The number of members who receive notifications of the newsletter release continues to increase. Please remember to notify QPARSE if your email address changes.

In 2012 the website had 89000 hits, & the top download continues to be our newsletters.

It is a pleasure to serve

Tom Murray

Protestant Retired Teachers Homes and Benefits Corporation
Association d'hebergement des enseignants protestants retraites inc.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 7th 2013 at 11.15am** in the Laurence Patterson Room, EMSB, 6000 Fielding Av. Montreal.

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, May 7th 2013 at 11.15am.

Agenda

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes of the AGM of May 8th 2012
4. Business arising from the Minutes

The following motions were distributed in English & French. They were voted on "en bloc" moved by Robin Narsted, seconded by Shirley Wescott

- a) It is resolved:

To distribute the assets of Protestant Retired Teachers Homes & Benefits Corporation (the "legal person") to one or more registered charities, as determined by the Board of Directors;

To apply to the Registraire des entreprises to dissolve the legal person & fix the date on which the dissolution will occur

To authorize the Directors of the legal person, or any persons authorized by the Directors, to take the necessary means and to sign the documents required for dissolution of the legal person, including making a request for voluntary revocation of the legal person's charitable registration with the Canadian revenue Agency & Revenue Quebec.

The motion was passed.

5. Correspondence
6. Reports
 - Vice President – Gary Crandall
 - Treasurer – Art Hobbs
 - Trustee – Graeme Sutherland
 - Membership – Graeme Sutherland
7. Election & presentation of the 2013-2014 Board of Directors
See inside back cover for a complete list of Directors
8. Adjournment

PRTH & B CORPORATION Report for AGM
May 7th, 2013

During the year the PRTH & B Corporation met twice while the Future Directions sub-committee which was formed in October of 2011 met more often. Their findings were the reasons for our discussions.

This sub-committee was to investigate the future of the PRTH & B Corp. constitutionally, the mandate of the group and its members. This group comprised of Pat Steele, Ann MacLeish, Sandra Aird, Theresa Maguire, Shirley Wescott, Robin Narsted, Graeme Sutherland and Arthur Hobbs began serious deliberations in 2012.

After examining the minutes of many years past, Shirley Wescott relayed her findings to the Board and then proceeded with Robin Narsted and Art Hobbs to engage, on behalf of our board, a local Chartered Accountant, William Duke, so that he could read our documentation and make recommendations with regard to our future. Mr. Duke stated that PRTH & B had distinct Letters Patent and By-Laws and was a separate legal entity.

Some members of the sub-committee met with QPARSE in August to explain these findings.

The PRTH & B Board passed a motion unanimously to engage a lawyer familiar with the rules and regulations for non-profit organizations with charitable status and with Canada Revenue Agency procedures.

Early in 2013, after considering all the answers to our questions given by the legal consultant for the Miller, Thomson Legal Firm in Toronto, it was moved and unanimously approved by the Board, to recommend to the membership that the PRTH & B Corp. be dissolved. Many other questions as to procedure were raised and answers were sought from our legal counsel.

During the year our membership increased to over 80 members.

Our group was devastated with the sudden passing of Ann MacLeish in the fall. She was a steadfast source of information as she had been involved with the boards since the residence opened. Her untimely death affected all of us and she will always be remembered.

We also mourned the loss of Audrey Bishop who was a director of our Board for many years.

It has been a long and rewarding journey that many people of PRTH & B Corp as well as QPARSE have undertaken to work with the residents, staff and people of the community. The mission which began in the 1950's by a small group of ladies enabled many to live their life out in a most comfortable manner due to so many who cared. Let us now hope that the equity we have been able to amass will be used to assist others in a similar way but with a different form of organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Crandall, vice-president PRTH & B Corporation

The Protestant Retired Teachers' Homes & Benefits Corporation

Finance Report 2012

The Total Assets of the P.R.T.H. & B. Corp as being: **\$647,793.78**

If there are questions, please contact Gary Crandall, President or At Hobbs Treasurer

Richard Meades
Editor

The Protestant Retired Teachers' Homes and Benefits Corporation

Trustee's Report 2012

There were no donations or bequests to the PRTH&B Corp. in 2012. This is not surprising as the decision to close the Robinson Residence was taken at our Annual General Meeting in May 2011 and the sale of the property took place in September 2011.

Once again I want to acknowledge the numerous donations and bequests that were made by working and retired teachers as well as by our other supporters beyond the ranks of the teaching profession. Their – your – contributions over the years went a long way to making the Robinson a true home for its residents, allowing us to maintain a standard of service well beyond what the resident's monthly fees could finance.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Graeme Sutherland
Assistant Treasurer/Trustee

The Protestant Retired Teachers' Home & Benefits Corporation

2013 Membership Report for AGM May 7, 2013

For the first time in many years, we have recruited members to the Homes & Benefits Corporation. I am pleased to report we now have 88 members and I thank every one of you for laying out your \$10.00 to become a member. Let me explain why it was necessary. It's a bit of a story.

Under our Letters Patent, membership is a feature of our organization and a requirement for voting at our Annual General Meetings. Our records show that in the early years after our establishment in the early 1960s memberships were dutifully collected. Interestingly enough, not all members were retired teachers. Under the Letters Patent, anyone could be a member as long as they paid their annual membership fee of \$10.00. At some point after the Robinson Residence was acquired, this practice fell by the way, and no one bothered to question it. The Annual General Meetings of the Provincial Association of Protestant Retired Teachers (PAPRT), the predecessor organization of QPARSE, and the Homes & Benefits Corporation were usually held one following the other on the same day because it was convenient and most of the members of the Retired Teachers attending the meetings were also members of Homes & Benefits. Retired teachers who had attended and voted at the AGM of the Retired Teachers, simply attended and voted at the AGM of Homes & Benefits. We were all on the same page in terms of our support of both organizations.

PAPRT (QPARSE) and the Homes & Benefits Corporation were always closely allied, even though they were legally separate organizations. In the minds of most of us, to be a member of Retired Teachers conferred membership in Homes & Benefits. Legally, that is not the case.

So why did we reinstitute the membership requirement? The sale of the Robinson Residence in September 2011 triggered the question of what should become of The Protestant Retired Teachers' Homes & Benefits Corporation. Our decision to dissolve this not-for-profit charitable organization means that as directors, we have the responsibility of doing it correctly in the eyes of the Canada Revenue Agency and Régistre des Entreprises in Quebec. A decision to dissolve has to be taken at a meeting called for that purpose by those empowered to vote. Who is empowered to vote? The members, of course. We needed members, at least twenty of you to make it legal. You have come to our meeting as members. We thank you!!

As well, I would like to thank Robin Narsted and her crew of directors of QPARSE who, in February, sent letters to over 800 members of QPARSE living in the Montreal area asking them to consider becoming members of Homes & Benefits and attending this Annual General Meeting. Their help, and your memberships, are making this meeting legal. As the receiver of the cheques, please be assured that your membership fees will become part of the funds that will be ultimately distributed.

Thank you all again!

Graeme Sutherland, Assistant Treasurer/Trustee

A Message from the President

The QPARSE Mission Statement: “Our mission is to promote and enhance the interests and well being of retired educators through social interaction, social responsibility, advocacy and cooperation with other organizations on matters of common concern.”

Greetings and welcome to summer!

As your newly elected President, I was very pleased to see many of you at our Annual General Meeting on May 7th, held in the newly renovated Patterson Room at the EMSB.

With this NEWSLETTER, you will be receiving the **Annual Reports**. Not only do the reports give an overview of and insight into QPARSE activities, but more importantly, they also reflect the fine efforts of your dedicated Board of Directors, who have worked hard to implement our recently adopted **Mission Statement**.

I invite you to participate actively in the upcoming 2013-2014 varied Program activities, which have been organized so well by Erene Anthony and the Program Committee. I hope you find friendship and enjoyment in attending these activities.

On your behalf, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to our out-going President, Sandra Aird, who in her three years in office, has been instrumental in moving this organization forward under the banner “Let’s build for the future”. Her foresight and determined efforts will continue to challenge QPARSE as we move forward.

Having approved a “Notice of motion for the AGM 2014 to change from Life Membership to an Annual Fee, effective July 2014”, the new Board of Directors will begin its work.

To the Directors who are leaving the Board, Robin Narsted, Alanna Dow and Chris Phelan, we thank you for your dedicated service and invaluable contribution. You have indicated your cooperation and continued support, if it is needed, and for that we are very grateful.

It is my pleasure to welcome new Board members Marcia Michielli and Joan Ebbett.

It is the Board of Directors, the unsung volunteer workers behind our association who with your support will continue the task for QPARSE to achieve vibrancy.

Thank you one and all for the efforts you have all made and continue to make.

The QPARSE Board and I look forward to an exciting and successful year.

Best wishes for a safe and restful summer!

Renate Sutherland
QPARSE President

NOTES FROM THE GOODWILL COMMITTEE

We have heard from Dr. Thomas Gaskell, president of ACER-CART whose positive comments about our Newsletter were much appreciated.

Maisie MacRae Simms sends warm greetings to her former colleagues. She informs us that she is now a Super Senior and is now on the January list.

The directors appreciated her generous donation for postage and I was touched by the kind remarks of Beverley Sanborn as regards the Fall/Winter booklet.

We received notes of appreciation for booklets sent to those retired 25 years or more, and for the Newsletter, from the following members: Hélène Cooper, Ellen Stevenson, Frances Whiteley, Elizabeth Roy, Yvonne Wilson, and Jean Laird.

Sadly, we report the deaths of the following Super Seniors: Leslie Clark, Geraldine Taylor and George Rothney.

SUPER SENIORS

Our very best wishes to the following members whose birthdays fall between June 1 and December 31:

June 8 - Eileen Cornell Wales - 94
June 17- June Howie-Bullock - 94
July 10 - Helen Shutt - 97
July 12 - Dr. Earle Thomas - 97
July 13 - Gladys Gummer - 98
July 19 - Stanley Jones - 97
July 29- Ellen Stevenson - 99
July 29- Anne Leach - 96
August 4 - Gloria Bellam - 94
August 11- Ruth A. Johnson - 105
August 12 - Rose Sourkes -
August 17 - Thomas Wallace - 98
August 31 - Berthe St. Sauveur, 93
September 4 - J. Esme Laflin- 92
October 6 - Hilda Little - 98
October 19 - Doris Cookman - 100*
December 7 - L. Anne Drury - 94
December 20 - Margaret Weeks - 96
December 29 - Norma Westman - 94

Membership News May 2013

New Members

Edelstein	Dora	Montreal.	Fogg	Peter	Cote St Luc
Frenza	Giovanna	R.D.P.	Gutterman	Nancy	D.D.O.
Harrison	William	St Bruno	Marjerson	Margaret	Pte Claire
Newby	Monique	Laval	Rejall-Lutzuk	Linda	Rouyn-Noranda
Vertullo	Anne-Marie	Laval			

In Memoriam

Bishop	Audrey	Pointe Claire. QC.	10th January 2013.
Brown	Nancy K.	Sherbrooke. QC.	17 th September 2012.
Brown	Julia I.	St Lambert. QC.	29 th April 2012
Campbell	Edith M.	Kingston. On.	10 th January 2013
Clarke	Wilhemina R.	Lachute. QC	2012 ?
Clazie	D.Jean	Hudson Heights. QC	3 rd July 2005
Dosanjh	Bill	India	?
Ford	William	Dorval. QC.	18 th December 2012
Gore	James D.	Beaconsfield. QC.	?
Hoy	Ella F.	DDO. QC	30 th May 2008
Lane	Hilda K.	Ottawa. On.	25 th October 2012
Lochtie	Peter	Beaconsfield. QC.	?
Lovell	Alfonso (Rudy)	Montreal. QC	21 st November 2012
Mackey	Helen P.	Montreal. QC	28 th November 2012
Mackinnon	Jean L.	TMR. QC	21 st January 2013
Murray	John C.	Howick. QC	24 th August 2012
Oles	Ann E.	Beaconsfield QC.	?
Owen	Ann	Thorold. On.	17 th December 2012
Presley	Gladys	Danford Lake. On.	20 th January 2013
Rothney	George	Abbotsford. BC.	29 th October 2012
Tadros	Tawfik	Longueuil. QC	?
Taylor	Geraldine	Pointe Claire. QC	16 th October 2012

Strays. The Following group are members that we have lost touch with, if you know anything about their whereabouts or their passing please let us know. Many thanks

Angaranguian	Zareh I	Montreal	Barbants	Marthe	Laval
Brock	Agnes E.	Vankleek Hill On.	Charton	Susan Zanger	Hampstead
Hicks	Gail	Maidstone, Vt.	Kristenson	Dorothy J.	St. Laurent
Richard	Elizabeth A.	Candiac	Schmidt	Irmela	Montreal
Shalinsky	Gerald E.	Cote St Luc	Travers	Nancy E.	Sutton
Vogel	Shirley	Westmount	Watson	Carole	Stayner. On.

Membership News contd.

The following are in the same category as above. We have lost contact with them for more than 2 years now & if we are unable to find them they will be removed from our lists.

Please let us know if you have any knowledge of their whereabouts or even better ask them to contact us with a new address or email.

Bane	Edith	Cote St Luc	Borkowski	Henryk	Ville d'Esterel
Burke	Edna I.	St Anne de Bellevue	George	Amy F.	Baie D'Urfe
Hamilton	Noel	Oakville On.	Kilpatrick	Heather R.	Lachine
McConnachie	Bessie	South Surrey BC.	McIntosh	Lily E.A.	Thurso
McCrae	Eileen A.	Montreal	Roberts	Dorothy M.	Nepean On.
Smirle	Berenice	Scarborough On.	Smith	Esther	St Laurent
Stewart	Alexander P.	St Sauveur	Tarasofsky	Esther G.	Ottawa On.
Templeton	Joyce R	Ormstown.			

We have been asked to help publicise the following:

Westmount Park School (EMSB)

Is about to celebrate its 100TH Anniversary.

We are collecting memories & photos from former teachers & pupils

If you have material to share

and – or

Would be willing to be available for a brief Interview

Please contact:

Principal Daniella Lattanzio

514-935-4388

Or Westmountpark@emsb.qc.ca

Contact QPARSE

If you would like to submit an article, story, poem, anecdote etc.
Or make a correction to the newsletter.

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You are also invited to contact our website at:

www.qparse-apperq.org/e/feedback.shtml

When e-mailing us please start your e-mail by putting QPARSE in the subject space. This should avoid messages being shuffled off into the “Junk Mail” folder. Many Thanks.

(Also please remember to inform us of a change of address etc. whether you receive the Newsletter by mail or electronically.)

Legal Advice

Please be reminded that QPARSE retains the services of a notary who is willing to answer general questions dealing with real estate or Taxes. Should he act for you, there will be a charge.

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New Members Application Form

Lifetime membership \$85.00

Please complete the form below & return it, with your cheque for \$85.00 made payable to QPARSE, to:

Jan Langelier, Membership Director.
c/o QPARSE @ QPAT 17035 Brunswick Blvd.
Kirkland, Qc. H9H 5G6
Email: langelier.jan@videotron.ca

Date of Application _____ (dd/mm/yy)

Date of Retirement _____ (dd/mm/yy)

Birth Date (Optional) _____ (dd/mm/yy)

School Board at Retirement _____

First Name. (please print) _____ Family Name _____

Address (street no.) _____ (apt no.) _____

(City) _____ (Prov.) _____ (postal code) _____

(Tel.No.) _____ (e-mail address:) _____
(area code plus number)

Is there anyone residing at the same address who is already a QPARSE member? If so please specify first and last names.

First Name _____ Family Name _____

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* Appointed after the AGM

PRTH & B Corp.

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**Departing Board Members Robin Narsted, Alanna Dow & Chris Phelan
Receiving a farewell gift from (Past) Past President Pat Steele**

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