



An Association of Retired Educators

Message from the President

GREETINGS TO ALL ACRA MEMBERS FROM THE ACRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

Summer is officially here, boasting beautiful blue skies and yes.....a few heat waves!! I trust that this message finds you and your families well and taking good care during this extreme heat and the Covid-19.

Since my last message on June 1, 2020, we were all saddened to read of the passing of Phyllis Allison Burns on June 17, 2020. Joe Jaroslowski sent the obituary notice to all ACRA members . Joe also sent a sympathy card and the enrollment of Phyllis Burns in the masses and prayers of the Canadian Jesuits to Bob Burns. On the day of Phyllis's passing I contacted Bob at home to offer ACRA's sincere condolences and prayers.

I pray that since we have not received any other news or reports from other ACRA members that everyone is well and stable at this time.

Thankfully, in recent days, the news is certainly more optimistic in relation to the Pandemic. We are slowly hearing about the easing of lockdown measures as it relates to work, daily tasks and social gatherings. A new normal is unfolding while we are strongly encouraged to keep observing all the health measures of wearing masks out in public, observing physical distancing and washing our hands. When we all do it, the results are encouraging!!

The ARCA Board had a virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. Three key items discussed under New Business were:

ACRA Directory

Maria Di Perna has been responsible for the all aspects of the ACRA Directory for the past 7 years. Since Maria will be leaving the Board as of our next AGM, she has informed the Board that all the files and documentation are ready to be passed on to the member who will take over the management of the Directory. Joe has agreed to begin the preliminary work for the publication of the 2020-2021 Directory until a member of the new Board or an ACRA member can take over the responsibility.

ACRA AGM

The date for the AGM, whether it will be a virtual meeting or an in-person meeting, has been set for Thursday, September 24, 2020. As a

result, the deadline to send all the necessary documentation to the members is September 1, 2020. The mailing will include the minutes of last year's AGM, the agenda for the 2020 AGM, all financial reports prepared by our Treasurer, Tony Di Lallo, and the report from the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Maria Di Perna, relative to the members for the 2020-2021 ACRA Board of Directors.

SOCIAL CONVENORS

On an optimistic note, Raz Crivello and Bill Holowaka have been mandated to search for locations for the AGM (if it is held in person) and the Halloween Luncheon.

JUNE 24, 2020

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our members and their families who reside in the province of Quebec, a very Happy Fête Nationale du Québec and a Happy Saint-Jean-Baptist Day.

JULY 1, 2020

I wish all our members and their families a very Happy Canada Day!

Here's hoping that the weather continues to bless us with warmth and sunshine so that we can get out and celebrate these holidays with our families and, if all continues to go well, also with our friends !!

Best regards,

Norma Passaretti
President