



BC Association of Retired Telecommunication Workers



- **FORMED IN 2000 UNDER THE BC SOCIETY'S ACT**
- **PURPOSE – TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF RETIRED TELECOMMUNICATION WORKERS**

GOALS

- **FAIR SHARE OF PENSION SURPLUS FOR RETIREES**

Progress: The retirees received an increase of between 1% and 4% in 2007, the first in many years. Although there is still a surplus in the pension plan the retirees have been told there is no money for an increase at this time. The BCARTW is continuing to pursue this.

- **RETIREES LOCAL**

Progress: Representatives from the first ever Retirees Local in the TWU, Local R55, attended the March 2009 TWU Convention and had voice and vote on pension issues. A number of resolutions passed at the Local R55 meeting were debated on the floor of Convention. A recent membership drive has resulted in an increase in membership.

- **ACCESS TO THE TRANSMITTER**

Progress: We have sent an article to the TWU for publication in the Transmitter and are in discussions to have an on-going space.

- **RETIREE ON THE PENSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES – ELECTED BY RETIREES FROM THE RETIREES**

Progress: One of our resolutions to the March 2009 Convention was to allow retirees to be eligible to run for the position of Pension Trustee. This has been passed at the Convention and ratified by the membership. This means that retirees do not have to be active TWU members to run for the position of Pension Trustee. We are still pursuing election by retirees from retirees.

- **ACCESS TO RETIREES THROUGH MAILOUTS**

Progress: An application form for the BCARTW and Local R55 are now included with the retirement packages issued by the TWU. The TWU has included membership drive information with notification of the Annual Retirees' Dinner.