

North Dakota Retired Teachers Association

CONSTITUTION

Article I. The **name** of this association shall be the

NORTH DAKOTA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (NDRTA).

Article II. The **purpose** shall be to:

- a. Bring all retired educators in North Dakota into closer relationship with each other in order to work for mutual interest and advancement of common goals.
- b. Work for better legislation to maintain and improve the financial status and social welfare of retired educators.
- c. Establish local units which will help strengthen the status of retired educators and disseminate information of value to members.
- d. Cooperate with the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) by promoting membership, legislation, national projects and programs.
- e. Encourage and support any movement to improve educational opportunities in the state.
- f. Preserve the history and heritage of the North Dakota Retired Teachers Association through archived minutes, documents, and treasurer's reports submitted to the North Dakota Heritage Center, General Collections/Archives in Bismarck, ND, by the end of every odd numbered year.

Article III. **Membership** shall include retired and former educators. Members who reenter teaching are eligible for continued membership. Membership shall consist of three categories:

- a. **Active members** shall be retired educators or surviving-beneficiaries of retired educators.
- b. **Associate membership** shall be open to spouses of active and former NDRTA members
- c. **Honorary membership** certificates may be awarded to nonmembers by the Executive Committee to persons they deem worthy of the honor.

Article IV. **Officers** -- the **elected officers of the NDRTA** shall be:

- a. **President,**
- b. **Vice-president,**
- c. **Secretary / Historian,**

- d. **Treasurer** and

Article V. **Appointed Positions** include

- a. ***Educator Plus*** Magazine Editor,
- b. **Web Page Editor**,
- c. **Membership Chair**
- d. Other appointed positions as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee

Article VI. **The Executive Committee** shall be composed of

- a. Elected officers of the NDRTA plus the
- b. Immediate Past President and
- c. The Editor of the NDRTA ***Educator Plus*** magazine.

Article VII. **The Executive Committee shall meet**

- d. At least once during the year to consider the business of the Association.
- e. In addition, the Executive Committee will meet in the interim at the call of the President.

A. Office Vacancy

Should a vacancy occur in any office during the year, the president, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a member to fill that office until the next annual meeting, at which time, it shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term.

1) The Nominations Committee Chair will call for nominations for open offices, via personal contact with prospective officers and in the **winter edition of the *Educator Plus***

- a. A slate of nominations will appear in the summer **edition of the *Educator Plus*** magazine published just prior to the state convention
- b. Persons submitting nominations must ensure that the person who is being nominated has accepted their nomination and will be willing to be an officer.

e. Elections and Terms of Office

The following officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association by the members in attendance:

- a. **President,**
- b. **Vice-president,**
- c. **Secretary (traditionally elected in odd-numbered years), and**
- d. **Treasurer (traditionally elected in even-numbered years).**
- e. **All shall be elected for a two-year term.**

- f. Each of the above shall serve two years or until a successor is elected or appointed. Appointments are made in the event of an officer being unable to fulfill the entire length of office.

2) The following officer shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Executive Committee:

- i. **Editor of the NDRTA *Educator Plus* magazine**
 - 1. **Shall serve for two years or until a successor has been appointed.**

B. All officers shall begin their terms of office at the end of the annual convention.

Article VIII. The NDRTA shall meet in **convention once a year**

- a. At a time and place selected by the Executive Committee.
- b. A quorum shall consist of the members in attendance.

Article IX. A **local association (local unit) of retired educators** may become affiliated with the NDRTA upon written request.

Article X. **Finance**

A. The fiscal year shall begin July 1 of each year.

B. The amount of annual membership dues will be determined by the Executive Committee. The President shall send a Renewal letter to all Self-Paying Members.

C. The NDRTA state dues are payable annually:

- a. **By unit and non-unit members directly to the NDRTA Treasurer**
- b. **By automatic deduction from the member's July TFFR pension payment. Notice to Teachers Fund for Retirement (TFFR) for *new* automatically deducted dues shall be due to TFFR, by June 10*, and dues will be deducted by the most efficient way compatible with the TFFR office and equipment. *Date is determined by ND TFFR and may be different than this date without the need for a change in this constitution.**
- c. **By unit members to the treasurer of their unit, who will transmit the dues and member information to the NDRTA Treasurer**

D. Special funds may be established for specific purposes, e.g., promotion of legislation, education or cultural projects, etc. Monies contributed to such funds must be kept apart from the general fund. At the request of the Executive Committee, monies may be placed in a separate NDRTA account.

Article XI. This constitution may be amended

- a) At an annual meeting, by a majority vote of the members in attendance.
- b) Notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted in writing to the President and NDRTA *Educator Plus* editor early enough for publication in the issue of the summer NDRTA *Educator Plus* magazine printed prior to the convention.

This Constitution was amended and Approved at the 2026 Annual NDRTA Convention in Minot, ND, on 15 September 2026.

The Constitution has been previously amended at Annual NDRTA Conventions on the following dates: 29 September 1982, 25 September 1987, 21 September 1989, 16 September 1992, and 21 September 1994.