

MAINE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RETIRED RESOLUTIONS

Passed at the 71st Annual meeting May 4, 2023

Civil Rights

RESOLVED: That MEA-Retired believes that every eligible citizen has a constitutional right to vote and therefore opposes all actions that encourage voter disenfranchisement. (2022)

Legislative Support

RESOLVED: That MEA-Retired believes the Social Security penalty under the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) is an unfair federal law and that members should support legislative efforts to repeal it. (2022 Amended 2023)

RESOLVED: That MEA-Retired believes members should support legislative efforts to exempt all public pensions from state income tax. (Adopted 1997, Amended and readopted 2002-2006, Amended 2021, 2023)

RESOLVED: That MEA-Retired believes members should support legislative efforts to allow Maine health and dental premiums to be tax deductible in full. (2005, Amended 2006, Amended 2021)

RESOLVED: That MEA-Retired believes members should support legislation that increases state funding of medical premiums to 100 percent for school employees who are members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. (2010, Amended 2012, 2021, 2023)

RESOLVED: That the MEA-R believes members should support legislation for the State to fund the full cost of dental premiums for educators retired under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS). (2023)

Retirement Benefits

RESOLVED: That MEA-Retired believes retirees should receive a full cost of living adjustment (COLA) on their entire retirement income, without caps, based on the Consumer Price Index each year. (2022)

RESOLVED: That the MEA-Retired believes that the Retirement System (MainePERS) should include early retirement opportunities without penalties or restrictions. (2022)

RESOLVED: That MEA-Retired believes members should actively promote efforts to maintain retirement benefits for members of the Maine Retirement System. (2011, Amended 2012, Amended 2021)

RESOLVED: That MEA-Retired believes members should support legislative efforts to address “aging in place” issues including increasing the number of home health workers to support independent living, and home health care. (2015, Amended 2021, Amended 2023)