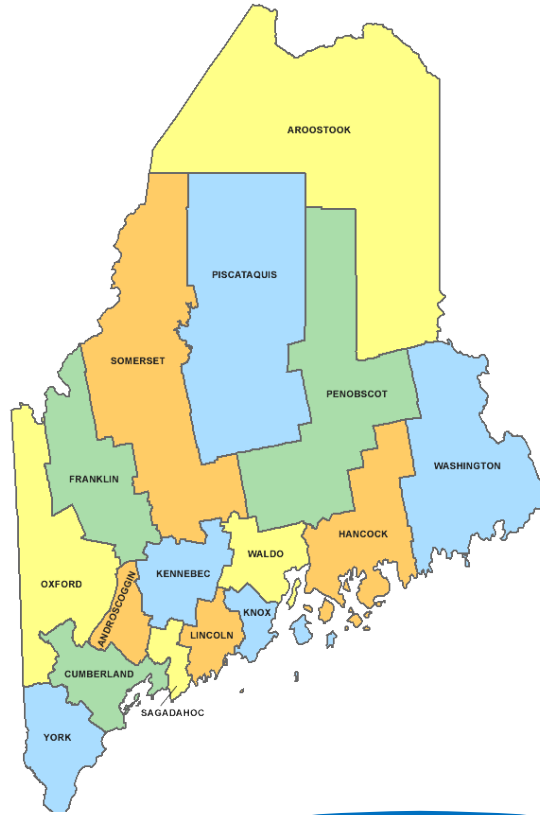


Day of Caring

Each year hundreds of retired educators around the state return to classrooms to help teachers and students in a variety of ways. Their services include creating bulletin boards, photocopying worksheets, collating assignments, stapling documents, reading to students, painting walls, organizing library books, preparing laptops for student use, and more!



Volunteer



Dues: MEA—\$28 MEA-Retired—\$15 NEA-Retired—\$35

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Purpose

The purpose of the Maine Education Association Retired (MEA-Retired) shall be to promote the economic, professional, and social welfare of the retired educators of Maine, to support measures that help to achieve these aims, to participate in the promotion of community relations and education activities, and to provide an opportunity for service.

Membership

Welcome to MEA-Retired! You are invited to join thousands of retired educators and educational support personnel (teachers, educational techs, bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, cooks) who retire from a public, private, or post-secondary institution. Participants are eligible for active membership upon payment of dues to MEA-Retired, MEA, and the NEA-Retired.

An educator retired from out of state who is a member of NEA-Retired and a member of their state active association may join MEA-Retired as an active member upon payment of dues. If a member selects NEA-Retired lifetime membership, he or she must maintain membership in MEA and MEA-Retired to be a unified member.

Educators and educational support professionals whose retirement benefits issue from a pension fund other than MainePERS may join MEA-Retired upon payment of dues. Spouses of members who do not meet the criteria of full membership may join the MEA-Retired as an Associate member without joining the MEA and the NEA-Retired.

Retirees are encouraged to join affiliates and Higher Ed (HEAR). Unified membership consists of joining MEA, MEA-Retired, and NEA-Retired.

Benefits

MEA-Retired offers . . .

- Bi-monthly publication, *The Clarion*
- Legislative advocacy on retirement issues
- Representation on MainePERS Board of Directors
- Dental insurance plan
- Community volunteer opportunities
- Discounts on optical and hearing aid services
- Leadership Awards recognition of affiliate leaders
- Annual meeting and convention in May
- Organized legislative action teams
- Liaisons with NEA-Retired, MEA, NRTA, AARP, HEAR

NEA-Retired offers . . .

- Monthly publication, *NEA Today*.
- Congressional representation on retirement issues
- Social Security Offset representation
- Conferences and leadership training opportunities
- Voices and votes in the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting and NEA Representative Assembly
- Discounts on car rentals
- Low-cost insurance—life, auto, home, health
- Long-term care insurance—assisted living, nursing home, in-home care
- Money market and CD accounts
- NEA's "Click & Save" programs for discounts
- Many, many more

MEA offers . . .

- MEA's monthly publication, *Maine Educator*
- Voices and votes in the MEA Representative Assembly
- Representation on MEA Board of Directors
- Representation on MEA Benefits Trust
- Auto, homeowners, umbrella insurance discounts
- Discounts—see www.maineea.org for complete list

County Affiliate offers

- Opportunities to socialize with friends, colleagues
- Regularly planned membership dinners/programs
- Timely information regarding health and legislative issues
- County and state leadership opportunities
- Optional newsletters
- Promotion of economic, professional, social and welfare

Governance

MEA-Retired is governed by a Board of Directors that is comprised of elected and appointed officers, chairpersons of standing committees, presidents and vice presidents of affiliates and Higher Ed. Also serving on the Board are MEA Board of Directors member, trustee of MainePERS, trustee of MEA Benefits Trust, AARP liaison, historian, parliamentarian, convention coordinator, and MEA-Retired delegates to the MEA Representative Assembly. *The Clarion* editor and web administrator are ex-officio members.

An Executive Committee is comprised of elected and appointed officers, chairpersons of standing committees, the MEA Board of Directors member, the MEA-Retired trustees of MainePERS and MEA Benefits Trust, the AARP liaison, the historian, the parliamentarian, the convention coordinator. *The Clarion* editor and web administrator are ex-officio members.

Opportunities

- Socializing with retired and active colleagues
- Performing community service
- Volunteering in classrooms and communities
- Learning new laws affecting COLA, insurance pensions
- Fund-raising for scholarships and school projects
- Filling backpacks for students
- Planting flowers and shrubs around schools
- Reading to students
- Rocking new babies at local hospitals
- Tutoring in schools, libraries, and community centers
- Serving as officers in local agencies and organizations
- Running as a candidate for legislative office
- Sponsoring a child in Special Olympics
- Giving free music lessons to schoolchildren
- Coaching a youth sports team
- Serving as an officer in the local affiliate or MEA-Retired