

Maine Education Association Retired
Resolutions passed at the 69th Annual Meeting
May 5, 2022

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 (MEPERS) should include early retirement opportunities without penalties or restrictions. (2022)

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the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) is an unfair federal law and should be repealed. (2022)

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)

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

RESOLVED: That MEA-Retired believes members should support legislative efforts to repeal the GPO/WEP federal provisions in the Social Security Act. (Amended and readopted in 2002-2006, Amended 2021)

RESOLVED: That MEA-Retired believes members should support legislative efforts to increase retired educator's pension exemption from \$10,000 to parity with the Social Security exemption, and exclude any Social Security benefit

received from being used to reduce the deduction. (2005, Amended 2006, Amended 2021)

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 increasing state funding to 90 percent for health insurance for school employees who are members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. (2010, Amended 2012, Amended 2021)

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. (2015, Amended 2021)