

Association Review Committee Update

The MEA-Retired under the leadership of President Molly Smith has been busy during 2025 developing a process to better understand the needs of members of MEA-Retired. A group of attendees were motivated into action after attending a webinar titled "Six Weeks of Power." This led to the formation of an ad hoc committee we now call the Association Review Initiative (ARI) Committee.

Early in the process initial committee members developed a survey to find out more about you, our members. Current committee members reviewed the survey draft and edited it. We hope that it provides MEA-Retired leadership with information to better serve members.

During the summer months the ARI Committee met at the Augusta MEA Office and via Zoom to develop the plan for engaging membership and rolling the survey out. Throughout, the MEA-Retired Board of Directors has been kept informed of the progress of the Committee during monthly meetings. To this end the Board of Directors reviewed nine issues important to the ARI process. All of the feedback will be considered by the ARI Committee as we move forward.

To begin the next stage in the process two events are happening in late September. The first is MEA-Retired Leadership Training Day on Thursday, September 25th at The Best Western in Waterville, Maine. Committee members are hoping to see you there! The second is the rollout of the Member Survey on the same day. This survey will be sent to member email addresses and is designed to be user friendly. If anyone knows a member who does not get email and wants a paper copy, please reach out to President Molly Smith. The deadline for completing the survey will be October 25.

As we move forward the ARI Committee will work to keep membership informed about our process and findings from the Member Survey. We hope for a great response to it, so please communicate the importance of completing it to fellow members.