

## **Get into the action – Join MRSEA!**

Nearly 6,000 retired state employees now belong to the Minnesota Retired State Employees Association. (MRSEA)

### **All state retirees are eligible to join –**

Surviving spouses who receive a state pension are encouraged to join as well.

MRSEA needs your membership support in order to provide a strong voice for state retirees. Membership numbers really count. The larger the number, the more influence we have with the governor and the legislature, and the more MRSEA can do for you. MRSEA's strength is your retirement security.

You can be very proud of your career in state employment. One of the rewards is knowing you've earned the right to a secure and enjoyable retirement. MRSEA exists for one reason only: to enrich your life as a retiree. MRSEA serves you as a social organization and works hard to preserve and improve your public retirement benefits. With MRSEA, you'll stay involved.

Retired state employees founded MRSEA in the 1940s to help each other keep in touch and to provide opportunities for getting together with former co-workers. We expanded our focus in the early 1970s to include advocacy on behalf of our members – particularly in the area of state pensions. The organization seeks to maintain a healthy and adequate pension for all retirees whose pensions are administered by the State of Minnesota, as reflected in our mission statement.

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# **The Minnesota Retired State Employees Association**



**The Voice of Minnesota's  
State Government Retirees**



## MRSEA's Mission Statement

United to advocate for the well-being of state retirees by:

- Monitoring the deliberations of the state legislature and the Minnesota State Retirement System Board of Directors and responding as appropriate to promote, protect and enhance retiree interests
- Providing educational information to our members on state and national issues affecting retirees
- Maintaining working relationships with other retiree organizations
- Promoting social activities for members through Sub- Chapters and statewide meetings
- Advocating for affordable retiree health and long term care benefits for state government retirees.

To achieve our mission:

MRSEA works with the retirement system, testifies before the state legislature, and keeps members informed and in contact with lawmakers on critical issues.

## MRSEA Meetings

MRSEA sponsors a spring annual meeting for all of our members. This event is generally held in the Metro area and includes a business meeting, updates and discussion on retirement issues and informative speakers.

MRSEA has 8 Sub-Chapters throughout Minnesota. These sub chapters hold regular meetings that are often attended by statewide MRSEA officials, who bring members up to date on issues important to Minnesota state retirees.

For more information and a calendar of events and meetings statewide, visit our web site at:

[www.mrsea.org](http://www.mrsea.org)



## Major Accomplishments

Throughout the past half-century, MRSEA has been the leading voice on behalf of state retirees. Working with state agencies and the legislature, MRSEA has had an active role in achieving:

- A stable and predictable annual pension increase
- The "bounce back" provision for retirees who select a joint and survivor pensions option. In the event the covered spouse dies first, the retiree's pension is restored to the higher amount
- Equal coverage for retirees who opt to continue in the State's employee health insurance plan administered by the Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB)
- Employee access to long-term care (LTC) coverage and medical savings plans through the Legislature
- The addition of a retiree representative on the State Board of Investment
- Established Insurance Open Enrollment Meetings for retirees, through a collaborative effort with state agencies, established Insurance Open Enrollment Meetings for retirees

### MRSEA is committed to retiree advocacy and information dissemination through:

- Member meetings, newsletters and communication tools like our web site
- Support of the statewide sub-chapters
- Monitoring and testifying on proposed state legislation which may adversely affect retiree pension funds, formulas and benefits
- Actively monitoring and reporting on state and national issues effecting retiree health care
- A PAC that uses the members voluntary contributions to make non-partisan political contributions

**PLEASE JOIN US IN  
PROTECTING THE FUTURE!**