

NEA-RETIRED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT
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Bobbie Margo, a member of the NEA Retired Executive Council attended an Executive Council meeting on September 28 to October 2. She submitted the following outline of the topics discussed at that meeting.

- **Membership/budget report from Noel Candalaria**
Active members have lost membership especially in payroll deduction states
Overall actives loss 13,325/25%
Retired members
Overall retired loss 4,472/1.4%
ESP overall loss 897
Aspiring Educators overall loss 731
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OVERALL LOSS 17,829
- Discussion of possible funding to allow The Retired to have a table space at ESP and Higher Ed Conferences in order to promote membership
- Summit will be March 7-9, 2025 at the Huntington Place in Detroit
- Retired Conference will be March 9-11 at the Fort Pontchartrain Hotel in Detroit
- Beginning in 2027 the Retired Conference will be “decoupled” from the Summit
This action is a positive thing-will allow both groups more autonomy
- We are further along in the fight to repeal GPO/WEP than we ever have been
Senate version has 62 co-sponsors/House is essentially a done deal
Main obstacle is time-we have only NOV/DEC to deal with
NEA has been lobbying for 30 years on this issue
Could save the government 2 BILLION in SNAP benefits over 10 years
- Next NEA-R Exec Council Meeting will be zoom - February 25, 26, 27, 2025