



Retired

Action

From The President



Wes Tessman

As I start my first President’s letter to you, I can’t help but think about how much time and effort that Julie Jagusch has put in for our retirees, as well as the children and their families, and for education and active educators, across our great state. We couldn’t have asked for a better guardian and promoter for all of those things that we hold sacred and utmost important in our lives. I hope to keep those fundamental motives at the forefront as we move forward over the next few years. Thank you, Julie.

I grew up in a union family. My dad worked in the mines on the Iron Range for 40 years. He often reminded us at the dinner table that it was the union and a good work ethic that put our bread and butter on the table. Like many of you, I belonged to a union throughout my entire teaching career. And, today, we’re part of the largest local under the Education Minnesota umbrella. Education Minnesota Retired has over 9,300 members.

Just think of the influence we could have if only 10% of our brothers and sisters went out door knocking together before an election, or showing up at the state Capitol for a lobby day, or for a pension hearing. I’m not talking about being a Democrat, or a Republican, or even an independent. I’m talking about promoting those candidates and those ideals that are for retirees and that are pro-education, no matter what side of the aisle someone sits on. And, if you think that 10% would make a difference, how amazing and life-changing would it be if we had 20% or 30% of our retirees become active supporters of education and the lives of retirees.

So, I’m asking you today, to become active again, if you’re not already active. It can be the little things, like speaking up to support education and retirees when your neighbors and friends are at the grocery store or the mailbox and they’re listening to someone talk about schools or retirement programs. Or become even more active in speaking up at school board meetings, city council meetings, or any of our many community events or organizations. You, as much as anyone else, YOU can be a positive voice for change. You can and do make a difference, each and every day.

Every day, you also have an opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life. You can greet someone: the neighbor kid, a family member, or an employee downtown. Tell them “good morning” or a sincere “how are you doing today?” Letting them know that you care just may be the best thing that happens to them that day. Or you can move on, keep to yourself, and do nothing. This too is your choice. It’s up to you. But, I would encourage you to make a difference - a positive difference.

Lastly, a couple of reminders as we start another great Minnesota summer. First, please contact your family and friends that are active teachers who are nearing retirement. Remind them about the benefit of continuous membership that they have as members of Education Minnesota. We are the only state retiree organization that doesn’t charge an annual membership fee, but provides liability insurance without cost, if retirees choose to substitute teach. That is just the tip of the iceberg for so many of our benefits. Second, listen carefully to the voice of a child as you look in their eyes this summer. It’ll stir your heart and warm your soul for a good, good long time. The very best of wishes, my friends.

Yours In Solidarity.

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NEA Retired Executive Council Report

By Bobbie Margo



The NEA-Retired Executive Council met in person at the NEA office in D.C. on May 7-9. May is the time when the Council Committees meet at length to decide award recipients for the membership award, communications awards, Jack Kinnamon scholarships, and distinguished service award.

NEA staff also gave reports on a variety of topics. New language was added to the terms and conditions of the NEA Organizing Grants. Grant money cannot be used for the purchase of computers or for any type of computer equipment. Matt Bennett will be providing staff assistance to the newly formed committee to study continuous membership. Our own Julie Jagusch was appointed to be on the committee. Jagusch has also been appointed to be on the newly formed racial and social justice committee. WAY TO GO JULIE! NEA staff, Mary Alice Heretick, provided updates and agenda information regarding the Retired Annual Meeting (RAM) which will be held June 29-30, in Orlando. The tentative RAM agenda is on the NEA-R website. Steven Gorrie provided an election report update. Election information is also on the NEA-R website. Retired member, Anita Gibson (AL), has been officially declared the winner for the position of NEA-R President. Gibson's term is for three years.

By the numbers:

- 39 applications were received for Jack Kinnamon Scholarships, but only 17 met the requirements. 5 individual scholarships of \$3,500 each will be presented.
- NEA active membership is down by 31,000 (this could be the result of the loss of payroll deduction).
- Total NEA-R membership is 323,279 (this is a loss of 648).
- Overall NEA Membership is 2,889,773 (loss of 8,911).
- The NEA PAC Council recommended endorsement of Biden by 97%. 84% of the total BOD concurred with the PAC Council's recommendation.
- There will be a silent and live auction at the RAM. The bidding opens on June 20 and closes on July 1.

Meet Your Education Minnesota ESI Sponsored Medicare Advocates, Schatz Benefit Group

Schatz Benefit Group is a team of highly experienced and dedicated experts who specialize in educating EDMN retirees on their health insurance options. For over 10 years, we have been providing personalized assistance to EDMN members, helping them make informed decisions about their health insurance needs.

As your local broker, we can assist you with purchasing health insurance before you turn 65 and all aspects related to Medicare. Our team of experts will guide you through every step of the enrollment process, from selecting a plan that best fits your needs to helping you understand your coverage options.

In addition to our standard services, Schatz Benefit Group is proud to offer exclusive [Medicare Retiree plans from EDMN ESI](#). We are the only agency authorized to offer these plans, and we do so at no extra cost to you. That's right, our services are completely free of charge and will not increase the cost of your insurance premiums.



Attend a virtual Medicare Made Easy workshop on either June 20 or July 12. Register for only one session [here](#) or email Deb at Deborah.skog@edmn.org.

AFT Retiree Program and Policy Council

By Walt Munsterman



At the 2022 American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Annual Meeting, the Retirees Program and Policy Council (Retiree PPC) was put in place. This will give the retired members of the AFT a chance to be more involved in the overall programs of the AFT.

In April 2023, the AFT held a Retiree Organizing Conference in Orlando, Florida. Three members of Education Minnesota Retired attended the conference. Julie Jagusch, Robert Nystrom and Walt Munsterman (a member of the Retiree PPC) were there May 17-20 and had four full days of training sessions on organizing for building strong locals.

The following breakout sessions were held:

- **List Building Data:** An in-depth look at tactics for obtaining and maintaining a working and inclusive retiree list through best practices and databases for communication, mobilization and engagement, as well as inputting and securing data.
- **Power Mapping and Community:** A review of and opportunity to practice power map analysis as well as a discussion of the do's and don'ts of building long-term community engagement.
- **Messaging and Issue-Based Organizing:** A "how-to" guide to build an issue-based campaign with a successful message.
- **Building a Comprehensive Strategic Organizing Plan:** A lesson on the steps for developing an inclusive, sustainable and effective strategic organizing plan using combined tools, tactics and components to establish benchmarks, milestones and timelines for reaching organizing and campaign goals.

Our team met with teams from several other states and worked on how to organize local chapters. One of the items of discussion was how to motivate people to act. This process used the acronym AHUY.

- **Anger/Agitation** To take action, people need to be a little angrier than they are afraid. As organizers, we need to inspire "righteous indignation" to help people act (anger) and understand the plan.
- **Hope** People have hope when they believe change is possible. To create hope, we must paint a picture of the plan to win that is: Specific - The steps are clear and people can understand them. Achievable - It is possible—the plan has worked in the past or is working. Meaningful - The results will make a difference.
- **Urgency** As community organizer Fred Ross stated, "A good organizer must be able to change an issue with a supreme sense of urgency." Use goals and deadlines to create a sense of urgency. If there are no natural deadlines, you have to create them.
- **You** make a difference. Now the person you are organizing has a reason to act (anger), understands the plan.

To win and feel a supreme sense of urgency, we challenge them to act. No matter how small, the action must be S.M.A.R.T.

- **Specific** Exactly who will the person talk to, when and for what purpose and what is the follow-up plan?
- **Meaningful** It must make a meaningful contribution to win.
- **Achievable** The person must be able to succeed. That will give them the confidence to take on more responsibility.
- **Part of the team** The person must know that they are a part of a team of people who are doing the same thing, working together to make the plan succeed.

When retirees are organized, they can be involved in what can be done to change things in their communities. These can include things such as local projects, local elections (city, county, school boards), state and national elections which deal with retiree issues such as social security and health care for retirees. Protection of public education could be a very important issue that must be addressed and could become a goal for all.

Retirees can be very important to all communities. Remember **Activists Never Retire!**

NEA Board of Directors

By Judy Rohde



I was elected as one of six retired members to serve on the 170 member NEA Board of Directors (BOD) to represent you, NEA Retirees. Next to the NEA Representative Assembly (RA), the NEA BOD is the highest ruling body for NEA. We meet four times a year in person (three times in Washington D.C. and at the NEA RA) in addition to numerous virtual meetings. I am in the third year of my first term and will be running for re-election to a second and last term at the Retired Annual Meeting this summer.

Lobbying on The Hill

Before each NEA BOD meeting in DC, we lobby all of our MN representatives and senators. This past year NEA has been lobbying on issues including:

- Education funding for public schools
- Gun violence prevention
- Support for Julie Su for Secretary of Labor
- Support of student loan debt
- Child nutrition reauthorization
- Marriage equality
- Social Security Fairness Act to repeal GPO/WEP
- Educator shortage
- Safe schools
- Paid leave

From the NEA General Counsel– Alice O’Brien

Cases are pending before the Supreme Court involving Voting Rights, Labor Rights, Civil Rights, Affirmative Action, and Administrative Authority. Most likely this Court will rule against our (NEA) positions. The Court will be handing down decisions in June. Ethics at the Court – or Not? (Crowe and Justice Thomas) Anyone of the instances mentioned would clearly violate Federal Law. Why does the Supreme Court not abide by a reasonable Code of Ethics? President’s Biden’s judicial nominees have not been moving forward because Senator Feinstein was absent for many months. There is a huge upswing in numbers of state laws that target LGBTQ+ youth. A new Guide “About Your Rights” has been produced by NEA: *Speaking Up For Public Education and Our Students* available on-line: <https://www.nea.org/advocacy-rights>

NEA Member Benefits

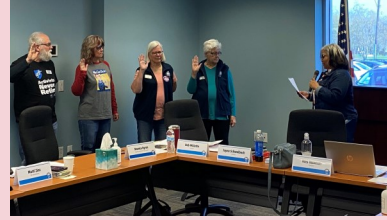
As an NEA member you have access to all of the services provided by NEA Member Benefits. Besides Medicare supplement, liability, health, and NEA life insurance you continue to have access to savings for big discounts on all kinds of purchases (cars, appliances, clothes, travel, dining, etc.). You qualify for a new NEA Member Benefit called Rakuten. This program gives you money back on many of your purchases. Go to neab.com/connect and click on **NEA Discount Marketplace** to get started.

Friend of Education Award

Quinta Brunson from the TV show Abbott Elementary will be receiving the NEA Friend of Education award at the 2023 NEA Representative Assembly in July.

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2023 Education Minnesota Retired Annual Meeting



NEA Board of Directors continued

Annual NEA Retired Conference

The annual NEA Retired Conference was held March 12–14 in San Francisco. Education Minnesota Retired was well represented at the conference. The sessions were well received and many new ideas were gained. I serve on the Retired Conference Planning Committee and we have started to plan the 2024 Retired Conference which will be held March 1-3 in Chicago, IL at the Hyatt Regency. Any member can attend.

2023 Representative Assembly (RA) Update

The 2023 RA will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando on July 2-6. Why Orlando? It's a strong union town; the mayor is the husband of Val Demings and it is a majority BIPOC community. The theme is: Education. Democracy. Freedom. Our Right! Our Responsibility! The following motion will be voted on at the RA: "The NEA Board recommends the endorsement of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris for president and vice-president in the general election." NEA President Becky Pringle said, "We will prepare delegates to educate and organize for action so that we define what education can and must be in this nation!" No Republicans sought NEA's endorsement for the primary.

How can you Help our Educators and Students?

How can you help our active educators in our schools? Be a substitute teacher or support staff. Our educators are under a lot of pressures and are burning out at a high rate. They are going to school when they should stay home to take care of themselves when ill but there aren't enough subs. Teachers are using their prep times to sub for absent colleagues. Next fall think about being a casual substitute. With your NEA (Education Minnesota Retired) membership you are covered with liability insurance.

If you have any questions or comments about NEA, please contact me at judyrohde@gmail.com or 651-483-5628. I am honored to represent retirees on the NEA BOD.

TRA Update

By Marti Zins



TRA provided the following information:

- Governor Walz signed the Omnibus Pension Finance (HF 3100/SF 3162) and Omnibus Pension Policy (HF 2950/SF 3016) bills into law. The finance bill appropriates \$176,166,838 to TRA:
- \$28,735,816 for the difference between the statutory 1.1% compounded COLA payable on Jan. 1, 2024, and a one-time 2.5% lump-sum COLA for coordinated members (those who paid into Social Security and TRA);
- \$2,384,222 for the difference between the statutory 1.1% compounded COLA payable on Jan. 1, 2024, and a one-time 4.0% lump-sum COLA for basic members (those who did not pay into Social Security).
- \$145,046,800 to pay down TRA's unfunded liability.
- The investment return assumption for all statewide plans is reduced from 7.5% to 7.0%, effective June 30, 2023.
- The policy bill broadens the Executive Director Candidate requirements, consistent with MSRS's standards.

Two new active members were elected to the TRA board, David Rondestvedt and Kathy Oellerich who will replace Wendy Drugge Wuench and Luke Olson. Additionally, the Commissioner of the Department of Education representative, Denise Anderson has announced her retirement in the coming months. The TRA budget for fiscal year 2024 was adopted with revenue of \$1,232,339,827. Retirement benefits expenses are \$2,110,000,000 and an administrative expense budget of \$24,383,344.

Effective **July 1, 2025:** (Same for St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund)

- The NRA for active Tier II members will be reduced from 66 to 65 (Tier I members already have an NRA of 65).
- Employer contribution rates will increase by 0.75% for a total rate of 9.75%.
- Employee contribution rates will increase by 0.25% for a total rate of 8%.
- TRA's amortization date will change to June 30, 2053.

The pension adjustment revenue is increased to reflect the 0.75% employer increase and direct appropriations are provided to Minnesota State, Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Minnesota Academies.

Education Minnesota Retired and WEAC-Retired Conference

Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Holiday Inn and Suites,
Lake Elmo

Watch for more
information and
registration details! Hope
to see you there.



Regional Meetings

By Sharon Kjellberg



For the past several years the Education Minnesota Retired Governing Board's Regional Meeting Committee has scheduled regional meetings around the state to meet our members' needs through presentations and feedback.

On Tuesday, May 23, we held a Regional Meeting in Bemidji for our retired members. It was held at the Education Minnesota Bemidji office and began with registration, coffee, juice and pastries while attendees chatted with the Retired Board members who were present. Five sessions followed as well as a lunch. Sessions included:

- The structure and function of the Retired Governing Board
- Legislative update
- Pensions update
- NEA and ESI member benefits
- Information about anti-equity groups active in school board politics in Minnesota

Wrap up and door prizes concluded the day. Evaluations were quite positive about the content and value of the information.

Two more Regional Meetings are currently being scheduled by the committee for September in the southern part of our state. Watch for more information about signing up to reserve your spot!



PERA Update

By PERA Executive Director Doug Anderson



This past legislative session was very busy for PERA. On May 19, the Governor signed three bills impacting PERA benefits, SF3162/HF3100, the Pension Omnibus Budget Bill (Budget Bill), SF3016/HF2950, the Pension and Retirement Omnibus Policy Bill (Policy Bill), and SF1959/HF1234, a bill modifying peace officer and firefighter duty disability provisions (Disability Bill).

The Budget Bill provides a one-time lump sum payment to Coordinated, Basic, and Police & Fire recipients. Retirees in the General Plan that are coordinated with Social Security will get an additional one-time check equal to 1.0% of their annual benefit payments. General Plan members not coordinated with Social Security will get an additional one-time amount equal to 2.5% of their annual benefit payments.

The Budget Bill also modifies the assumed rate of return from 7.5% to 7% and provides direct funding to help improve the General Plan funding status.

The Policy Bill included many administrative changes that did not change benefits or costs for PERA's plans. The most noteworthy change is a return to monthly threshold criteria for PERA membership eligibility requirements. This change should improve accuracy for when PERA enrolls members that are not in full time status.

The Disability Bill establishes new treatment plan requirements for Police & Fire members with a psychological condition that occurred on the job. The bill also modifies the benefit offset calculation for disability members with reemployment earnings. The bill is a response to try to reduce the high rates of disability applicants that has been adversely impacting plan costs. Ideally, the earlier treatment program will help return more members to their job and reduce the number of members receiving disability benefits from the Police & Fire Plan.

PERA's board was generally supportive of all of the changes accomplished this past year. Please stay tuned to our website and newsletters for more information including when each change will be effective. In addition, we will share specific details to impacted membership groups as we begin implementing these changes.

Membership Update

By Judy Rohde

Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, active Education Minnesota members who are 55 years of age or older, have at least 10 years as a member of Education Minnesota (does not have to be continuous), qualify for a public pension and were an active member at the time of retirement should qualify for retired membership at **no additional cost**. However, membership is not automatic, **retirees must register for the retired membership**. There are many retirees who meet the qualifications for continuous membership but have not registered. Do you know any of these retirees? Please ask them to register online at <https://educationminnesota.org>. By staying connected to the union, retirees have access to professional development and member benefits including NEA life insurance they may have purchased. In addition, retirees who do day-to-day subbing will continue to have liability insurance under the retired membership. Retirees are also a vital part of the union as we continue to fight for full funding of public education and improvements to our pension.

If retirees do not meet the continuous membership qualifications, they can join through a paid membership. Currently a paid retired membership is one-time fee of \$350 for teachers and \$275 for ESPs. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Berg at stephanie.berg@edmn.org

By The Numbers

- Education Minnesota Retired membership as of May 6, 2023: 9,304 members
- NEA Retired membership as of April 24, 2023: 323,279 members

Many Years of Organizing Lead to Minnesota Miracle 2.0

By Joan Beaver



If you have been reading messages from Education Minnesota, you know that the Legislature's budget and policy decisions this year were unprecedented. Many Retired members remember the 1973 legislation known as the Minnesota Miracle which made our public schools among the best in the nation. After more than 20 years of state budgets that whittled away at what schools could do for children, we are finally seeing the results of election organizing and legislative advocacy. Schools will be given the resources our children deserve. It looks like we have a Minnesota Miracle 2.0. See the June Insider for a list of Education Minnesota priorities that became law.

Legislative Action on Pensions

- Those eligible for a TRA Cost of Living Adjustment next January will receive an extra deposit of 1.4% of your 2023 benefit. This will be in addition to the post-retirement adjustment (aka COLA) of 1.1% beginning January 1, 2024. Basic plan members (no Social Security benefits) will receive 4%
- The Assumed Rate of Return was lowered to seven percent, reducing the sufficiency of all public pensions.
- TRA received \$146 million in the pension funding bill. Because this amount was insufficient for any benefit improvements, TRA stated it will use the funds to bolster the sufficiency of the fund.
- St. Paul Teacher Retirement Fund Association (SPTRFA) will increase employee contributions to fund 62/30 retirement with an unreduced benefit.
- The Normal Retirement Age (NRA) was lowered from age 66 to 65 for both TRA and SPTRFA. As small as that change appears, it will require an infusion of \$97 million.
- The PERA-General was reduced vesting period from 5 years to 3. This went into effect immediately.



Education Minnesota Pension Briefing

What's Next?

All bills that were introduced this year will be live next session. A bill we reported on in the May Insider newsletter would have created an adjustable COLA rate of 1-3%, based on inflation, in addition to changing the NRA to 64. Retired will be there next February to advocate for the bill's passage!



Education Minnesota Pension Rally

Under the 2018 bill, retired beneficiaries received 1% COLAs for the past five years which will increase .1% each of the next five years. On the May 4 Retired Lobby Day, one member told her Representative that the 2023 COLA was not enough to cover the increase in her property taxes this year. What's your story? Remember, it took four years of organizing and advocacy to pass the 2018 bill to stabilize public pensions and preserve a defined benefit system. Let's keep working to protect the purchasing power of our pension benefits as well as benefit improvements for future retirees.



Education Minnesota Retired Lobby Day



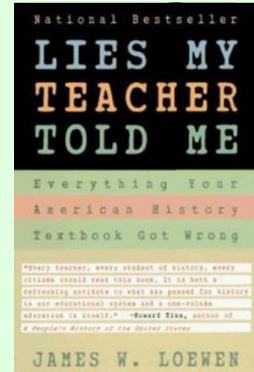
LCPR Meeting

Retired Social Justice Committee

By Chuck Lyons

The Retired Social Justice Committee's primary responsibility is to provide information and guidance to the Education Minnesota Retired Governing Board related to social justice issues. We need to better serve the diverse groups among our members and potential members. To accomplish the goal of understanding the issues our members may face, the social justice committee attends workshops, listens to diverse speakers and has discussions on relevant books and materials.

Our next book for discussion is "The Lies My Teacher Told Me" by James W. Loewen.



Starting a Local Chapter

By Jody Anderson

As a retired teacher, I have volunteered on Education Minnesota Retired committees. Education Minnesota Retired members have kept retired educators informed and involved with our concerns at the state level. However, there is more we can do. I am concerned there are local issues that need to be addressed. That is why I decided to start my local retired teacher organization in Anoka. Retired teachers are a great resource! There are opportunities to support active teachers and our educational communities.

How did I start a local chapter of Education Minnesota Retired? Education Minnesota Retired had the resources I needed to start this process:

- Requested a constitution form.
- Requested a start-up grant form for \$500.
- Found five retired teachers in my area who are members of Education Minnesota Retired interested in an organization.
- Located a meeting place.
- Coordinated with the local active teacher union.
- Decided on a convenient date and time for meetings.
- Made it a social event to add fun.

The opportunities are endless and varied, but most of all fun. Teachers are the best workers and make good friends. Contact Jody Anderson at j_i_anderson@yahoo.com if you want to find out more.

Do you know educators who retired this year?

Have them register for Retired membership at www.educationminnesota.org and click the Membership and Benefits tab at the top of the page

Building Locally and Collectively

By Wes Hanna



Otto Frank (father of Anne) said, “To build a future, you have to know the past,” His subject matter was the value of a life well lived. We can take inspiration from the wisdom and build our solidarity on the knowledge of where we’ve been and where we want to go.

One of the most frequently mentioned reason that our retirees want to organize is to stay connected to the people and school communities they left to begin their retirement journey. With this in mind, our local, Burnsville Area Retired Teachers (BART), organized a joint social/informational event with our active organization, Burnsville Education Association

(BEA). It was held on Thursday, May 18 at Buck Hill in Burnsville and was very well attended and very well received.

It was clear to me that the active members were just as excited to spend time with the retirees as we were to have this time to connect with them. Topics shared, in small groups and one-to-one reminisces, were comparisons and contrasts to styles, pedagogy, schedules, and students, now and then. Retirees were anxious to share their knowledge, anecdotes, and empathy for the struggles their former colleagues have and are facing. We were happy to share in the frustrations and triumphs of our former colleagues and share with the rewards of retirement after a rewarding and philanthropic career.

There was business. BART President Paul Berge welcomed the 125 plus attendees and recognized past leaders in the retirees and current leadership. BEA President and outgoing TRA Board member Wendy Drugge Wuensch added a welcoming message and introduced Adam Janiak, Negotiations and Pension Specialist for Education Minnesota. Adam briefly but thoroughly identified and discussed education and pensions bills that had passed this legislative session or were moving to final passage. It is an impressive list in an historic session for education. Retirees may be most interested in the 2.5 % COLA (non-compounded) as part of the LCPR Bill. Basic aid to education and special education subsidies were vastly improved as well.

Adam also highlighted the enormous work left to be done despite this impressive session including moving the legislature to cover the cost of reducing normal retirement age and making early retirement available with an equitable pension to all members.

We have much to celebrate as retirees and our connections to our past career and community is one of the most important to us. We retirees can and will help to build a better future for students and our fellow future retirees. It our privilege and our responsibility. Please join us by starting or joining your own local chapter of Education Minnesota Retired.

Current Local Chapters with Education Minnesota Retired

- ◆ Anoka-Hennepin Area
- ◆ Burnsville Area
- ◆ Minneapolis
- ◆ Northfield Area
- ◆ Owatonna Area
- ◆ St. Croix EM Area

If you have an organized Education Minnesota Retired Local Chapter that is not listed on here, please contact stephanie.berg@edmn.org.

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June 29-30	NEA Retired Annual Meeting
July 3-6	NEA Representative Assembly
July 31-August 2	Summer Leadership Seminar
August 8	Minnesota Primary Election
August 14	Retired Governing Board Meeting
October 19	Minnesota Educator Academy (MEA) and Retired Fall Breakfast, RiverCentre, St. Paul, MN
November 7	Minnesota General Election
November 13	Retired Governing Board Meeting
November 14	Minnesota/Wisconsin Retired Conference
February 12	Retired Governing Board Meeting
May 13	Retired Governing Board Meeting

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