

# Why should I maintain NEA/MEA/MEA-Retired membership?

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## NEA-Retired offers:

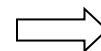
[www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com)

- NEA-Retired publications such as the "NEA Today"
- Legislative advocacy before congress on behalf of retired educators
- A vote and a voice at the NEA-Retired 's annual meeting
- Discount programs on car rental
- Magazines subscriptions
- NEA credit card and Loan programs
- Low cost life insurance, auto, home, health dismemberment insurance plans
- Long-Term Care insurance programs as well as life, health, home, auto and pet insurance programs
- Money market accounts and CD accounts
- Register for membership in NEA's Click & Save program to get discounts on your favorite shopping places
- Long-term care and financial planning services through NEA
- **Keep current at [www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com)**

## MEA offers: (contact Lisa Collins at 1-800-281-3191 ext. 2400)

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

- The **Maine Educator** publication
- Legislative advocacy by staff and officials on our behalf
- A voice and a vote in the MEA Representative Assembly
- Representation on the MEA Board of Directors and its standing committees
- Representation on the MEA Benefits Trust
- Auto, homeowners, and umbrella insurance discounts
- Discounts through "Tickets at Work" (theme parks and nationwide entertainment attractions)
- Funtown/Splashtown discounts
- **Keep current at [www.mainea.org](http://www.mainea.org)**



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## MEA-Retired offers: (go to: [www.mearetired.com](http://www.mearetired.com) )

- "The Clarion" published six times a year

- Advocacy in the Legislature on issues of importance to retired educators
- Sponsors and supports legislation to benefit and protect interests of retirees and active members
- Opposes legislation that would adversely affect retirees and active members
- Representation on the Board of Trustees of the MePERS
- Information on current issues and programs
- Provides access to a Dental plan (contact 1-800-281-3191 ext. 2400)
- Sponsors a "Leadership Awards Program" which recognizes one person from each county each year with a symbolic inscribed gift with a plaque and certificate.
- Hosts an annual meeting in May in Augusta for all members
- Liaison with NEA Retired, MEA, NRTA/AARP, HEAR (higher education retirees), and all County Retired Associations
- Has organized LCT's (legislative contact team) to keep in contact with their representative and senator in Augusta
- Provides free tax preparation through our liaison with AARP
- Discounts on optical and hearing aid services
- MEA-Retired is governed by an Executive Committee and a Board of Directors. Serving on the BOD includes the President and 1<sup>st</sup> VP from each county unit and HEAR.

**Your County Retired Education Association may offer:**

- Several newsletters each year
- Sponsor several membership dinners with programs each year
- Each County President and 1<sup>st</sup> VP are delegates to the MEA-Retired Board of Directors which meet several times per year in Augusta
- Promotes the economic, professional and social welfare of retirees
- Provides countless opportunities for service through volunteerism
- Provides numerous opportunities for leadership roles by becoming an officer or chairperson of one of several committees within their County or State organizations
- Provides each county organization a vehicle to lobby local legislators through the LCT's on critical issues affecting retirees
- Recognition of one or more individuals for their volunteering efforts
- Recognition of one individual from each County each year to receive their county's leadership award presented at the State Convention
- Provides timely information to the membership regarding health and legislative issues.
- Conducts a Necrology Program each year in each County to pay tribute to all association members who passed away during the year
- Annual dues vary between \$5.00 and \$12.00 per year and set by each county's constitution

