



IRTA State & Local Unit Membership Form

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State Dues

- Dues Deduct - \$24 a year (see left side of form)
- Annual - \$35
- 5 Years - \$150
- Life - \$400
- Membership Free for the Calendar Year of Retirement

State Associate Dues

- (non-certified)
- Annual - \$25
- Life - \$125

(Signature required for Dues Deduction)

Social Security # _____

Please print or use your return address label. (Only required for Dues Deduction)

NAME LAST FIRST MI DOB

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP RETIREMENT YEAR

PHONE () E-MAIL UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIRED FROM

Please detach and mail to IRTA.

IRTA Local Units

IRTA's 93 local units are the "heart and soul" of the association. They provide a learning environment through which members can stay in touch with their colleagues. For more information on your local unit, please read below (if information is available), visit the **IRTA website** at www.irtaonline.org, or contact the office by phone at **1-800-728-4782**.

Joining IRTA and Your Local Unit

Please fill out the membership form and send one check made payable to IRTA for the proper amount using the enclosed business-reply envelope. When signing up for a state dues deduct membership through TRS, there is no need to send a check for state dues. Just fill out the membership application and be sure to include your social security number and signature.

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Protecting the Future for those who Shape it.



Illinois Retired Teachers Association State & Unit Membership

Are you concerned about the future of your health insurance and pension benefits? Would you like to be informed on issues affecting your retirement? If you answered “yes” to either question, the Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) invites you to become a member.

IRTA is a statewide association consisting of 93 local units representing over 32,000 members.

IRTA has over 50 years of solid accomplishments in pension and benefit improvements for retired Illinois educators.

IRTA's Accomplishments Include . . .

2010

IRTA Voter Voice efforts (over 3,000 e-mails were sent) prevented the General Assembly from passing legislation that would have allowed the State of Illinois to issue IOUs to TRS for its 2011 pension payment.

2009

IRTA efforts prevented a 25% health insurance (TRIP) premium increase for out-of-state retirees.

2007-2009

IRTA grassroot efforts assisted TRS in obtaining the required appropriation certified by the TRS Board of Trustees under the 50 year funding plan.

2005

IRTA succeeded in passing legislation (PA94-0691) which prevents the Governor from transferring funds from the Teachers Health Insurance Security Fund to the General Revenue Fund in order to help defray the State's operating costs.

2004

Representatives of IRTA worked with the Governor to finalize an extension of the Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP) with no sunset date.

2002

IRTA worked with state leaders to help resolve the retired educators' health insurance crisis.

2001

Public Act 92-505 was signed into law preventing an 80% health insurance premium increase for retirees.

IRTA pioneered National Coalition for Repeal of Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.

HB 4347 passed: 2nd elected annuitant added to the TRS Board of Trustees.

1999

IRTA helped negotiate a gubernatorial executive order improving health insurance benefits. Effective 7-1-2000, deductibles for both TRIP and TCHP were drastically reduced. In addition, TCHP's general out-of-pocket maximum was lowered, and coordination of Medicare benefits was improved.

1995

HB 323 increased the minimum pension from \$450 per month to \$750 per month for retirees with at least 30 years of creditable teaching service.

IRTA spearheaded legislation (Public Act 88-593) which guaranteed that the pensions would be 90% funded by 2045.

Mission Statement

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association is a not-for-profit, nonpartisan organization of retired educators. The Association serves the needs and interests of its members through advocacy, education, cooperation and socialization in a flexible organizational structure.

Advocacy.

IRTA represents your legislative interests by lobbying on all key issues at the state and federal level.



Awareness.

IRTA keeps members up-to-date on important issues in several ways including:

- 1) **Website.** A password-protected members only website (www.irtaonline.org) will constantly provide information to you on important issues.
- 2) **Voter Voice.** An online grassroots advocacy tool allows members to instantly e-mail their legislators on issues of great importance.
- 3) **Action Newsletter and Legislative Hotline.**

Socialization.

Through your local unit, you will enjoy a group of friends with the same interests as you – and you'll participate in events that keep you connected with them.

Products and Services.

IRTA's endorsed benefits include dental insurance, vision insurance, Government Employee Travel Opportunities, etc. A number of IRTA's benefits are available through Association Member Benefits Advisors. For more information on IRTA benefits, visit our website at www.irtaonline.org.

IRTAPAC.

The IRTA Political Action Committee (IRTAPAC) is a voluntary not-for-profit, unincorporated association established in the State of Illinois. IRTAPAC is organized to protect, preserve and improve benefits for individuals receiving a pension from the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System. Expenditures by IRTAPAC will not be made to endorse candidates for political office. Contributions to IRTAPAC will be used to enhance political awareness of IRTA members and increase their contacts with elected officials and candidates.

IRTA Foundation

Serving the needs of others.

The IRTA Foundation is the charitable component of IRTA. The Foundation provides financial assistance to retired Illinois educators, grants to active teachers, and scholarships to aspiring educators. **These projects are funded through donations and not member dues.**

