

CTA NEA Retired Goals for 2025-2026



The purpose of CTA/NEA-Retired is to ensure retirement with dignity by advocating for fair and just retirement income, comprehensive health care, and affordable, decent housing. To achieve these aims, the Association is dedicated to accomplishing the following goals:

- a) Advancing the social, professional, political, and economic well-being of retirees;
- b) Encouraging members to volunteer in educational, social, and civic activities;
- c) Working in unity with CTA/NEA affiliates and other organizations dedicated to public education;
- d) Partnering with groups that seek to enhance the quality of life for retirees;
- e) Collaborating with others committed to protecting and preserving democracy;

Strategies to accomplish this purpose:

1. Improve communications with our members and members of CTA.



- Maintain regular, two-way communication between the Association, Retired Chapters, and Members
- Maintain and update the Retiree Action Network (RAN) to promote engagement in the political process
- Provide training, improve two-way communication, and monitor the effectiveness of the Service Center Council Liaison Program
- Continue improving our communication tools: Retiree Advocate newsletter, e-mail blasts, website, Facebook page, and other social media

2. Expand the opportunities for retired educators to positively influence their general welfare, support public education, and engage with their communities.



- Provide information to aid our members in achieving an optimum quality of life, fulfillment, and enjoyment during their retirement years
- Educate our members and encourage them to be strong advocates for a secure retirement, organizational/union issues, and social justice causes
- Educate and encourage our members to champion community support of public education and those who work in and attend public schools. Emphasize the need for adequate funding of public education (Pre-K to Higher Ed.) and affordable higher education for all
- Encourage efforts to protect academic freedom, including fighting book bans and attacks on public educators and students
- Be involved in CTA's campaigns to promote and protect public education
- Increase attendance at the Annual CTA/NEA Retirement Issues Conference, especially by "first-time" and minority attendees

3. Grow and Strengthen the Association



- Encourage involvement in efforts to promote and protect democracy
- Increase membership (including pre-retired, lifetime subscribers)
- Establish at least one (1) new and/or revitalized Retired Chapter in each region by August 31, 2026
- Support and nurture CTA/NEA-Retired Standing Committees by increasing general membership participation
- Continue to expand Pre-retirement Workshops in the in-person, virtual, or hybrid context and promote the value of belonging to CTA/NEA-Retired
- Provide state-wide and regional leadership training