

340.040 - GUIDELINES FOR OEA-R

(Formerly DART – The Division of Actively Retired Teachers)

ARTICLE I. - NAME

The name of this Division shall be the Ohio Education Association – Retired (hereafter OEA-R).

ARTICLE II. - GOVERNING AUTHORITY

- A. OEA-R shall be governed by these Guidelines and other such policies as the OEA Board of Directors may establish.
- B. OEA-R may annually adopt operational procedures which facilitate the purposes, objectives, and implementation of these guidelines.

ARTICLE III. - PURPOSES

OEA-R shall:

- A. Advance and promote the OEA programs for retired members and pre-retired subscribers;
- B. Provide a structure for participation within the framework of the Ohio Education Association;
- C. Identify the needs and concerns of retired members; and,
- D. Encourage cooperation and communication among all segments of the public education profession.

ARTICLE IV. - OBJECTIVES

- A. Assist the OEA in the improvement of instruction and the advancement of the image of education in Ohio through utilization of the expertise and experience of retired members;
- B. Recommend programs and activities, which help meet the needs and concerns of the membership, to the OEA Board of Directors and the OEA Representative Assembly;
- C. Provide retired OEA members those services available to other membership classes of the Ohio Education Association; and
- D. Provide opportunities for as many members as possible to participate in OEA and OEA-R functions, projects, and activities.

ARTICLE V. - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership eligibility in OEA-R is open to any officially retired OEA member who:
 1. Has held active membership in the Association for at least one year and who has retired through a state retirement system in Ohio or,
 2. Is an OEA Life member; or,
 3. Is a Pre-retired OEA-R Life member; and,
 4. Pays dues and assumes responsibilities in accordance with these guidelines.
- B. Rights and Responsibilities
 1. OEA-R members shall, upon official retirement:
 - a. Have the right to vote;
 - b. Have the right to be a candidate for and to hold elective or appointive positions in the OEA-R, the OEA, the NEA-R and the NEA;
 - c. Be counted toward representation and entitlement for the OEA Representative Assembly as provided in the OEA Constitution and Bylaws; and,
 - d. Be counted toward representation and entitlement for the NEA Representative Assembly and the NEA-R Representative Assembly as provided in the OEA and NEA Constitution and Bylaws.
 2. OEA-R members shall be eligible to receive benefits and services of the OEA which are authorized by the OEA Board of Directors.
 3. OEA-R members who retired after 1985 shall be unified members of OEA-R and NEA-R.

ARTICLE VI. - DUES AND FINANCE

- A. Dues for OEA-R membership shall be:
 1. Fifteen Dollars (\$15) annually; or
 2. One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for Life.
- B. Pre-retired Life membership in OEA-R shall be available to OEA members in advance of their eligibility for membership in OEA-R. They shall receive all OEA-R publications upon payment of dues with membership application.
- C. OEA Life members, upon official retirement, shall be Life members of OEA-R without payment of additional dues.
- D. Dues for membership in OEA-R may be changed by the OEA Representative Assembly.
- E. Income for OEA-R programs shall come from within the OEA Programs and Budget.

**ARTICLE VII. - ADVISORY COUNCIL, ARTICLE VIII. - APPOINTMENTS BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL,
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