

RETIRED FACULTY ASSOCIATION



MEMBERSHIP

The RFA's membership includes all those who have been full- or part-time members of the USC faculty in one or more academic rank and have been identified to the Emeriti Center by the university as having retired. Spouses/partners of living and deceased RFA members can become active members by making an active membership contribution.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Active members are individuals who have retired from faculty status at USC and who have made an annual membership contribution. Active members have the right to vote and to hold office.

Non-active members are faculty who retired from USC but have not made an annual membership contribution. Such members do not have voting rights.

Associate members are those who have retired from faculty positions at other AAU institutions who request membership in the RFA and who make an annual membership contribution.

Current members of the USC faculty may also become active members of the RFA by making an annual membership contribution.

Endowed members are those who, in addition to their annual membership contributions, contribute or commit through their wills to contribute at least \$10,000 to the RFA endowment.

HOW TO APPLY FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

- Complete the enclosed application form
- Enclose a check payable to the "USC Retired Faculty Association"
- Mail both to the address shown on the application form

PAID MEMBERSHIPS

The RFA is supported solely by annual membership contributions from its active members and by other voluntary contributions. These funds support the RFA's agenda in serving the USC retiree community. Additional contributions are welcomed for the RFA endowment, the RFA operating account, and the Caldwell Neighborhood Scholarship Program.

For Further Information
write: Retired Faculty Association

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**Serving and Supporting
Faculty Retirees**

University of Southern California

THE USC RFA

The USC Retired Faculty Association (RFA) was formally established on April 23, 1949, with nine members. It currently represents a constituency of more than 1,100 of whom more than 700 are active members. The RFA and the USC Emeriti Center, under the auspices of the Provost, share the goals of providing and supporting opportunities for faculty retirees. The RFA represents the interests of USC retired faculty within the university community.

PURPOSES

The purposes of the RFA are to promote the well-being of its members and to support the USC retiree community. The RFA collaborates with other relevant organizations in pursuit of these goals. The RFA serves as a resource for its members and contributes to their collegiality and intellectual and social interests. In addition, the RFA joins with active faculty and staff in supporting the mission of the university.

ORGANIZATION

The governing body of the RFA is its Board of Directors composed of five elected officers, twelve at-large members, standing committee chairs, and three ex officio members. The board meets monthly. Its scheduled meetings are posted on the RFA website and are open to all RFA members. Its Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice President, Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two at-large board members.

HOW WE SERVE & SUPPORT

The RFA serves as an advocate for USC retiree benefits. It also endeavors to provide its members with opportunities to serve, learn, and enjoy cultural and social activities. Some of these activities are co-sponsored with the Emeriti Center and the Staff Retirement Association (SRA).

Advocacy and Representation

- The RFA is represented on the Emeriti Center Benefits and Resources Committee. It collaborated with the USC administration to develop a medical benefits plan. The RFA has voting rights on the Academic Senate Executive Board and on the Emeriti Center Executive Committee. It recommends retired faculty for service on many university committees and provides a retiree representative to the USC University Club Board of Councilors.

Opportunities to Serve

Teach in the Emeriti College

Serve on university committees

- Mentor students and junior faculty
- Serve on the RFA board and its committees
- Support and guide the Caldwell
- Neighborhood Scholarship Program
- Participate in "Transitions" programs designed to help current faculty considering retirement
- Chair or participate on Emeriti Center committees

Learning Activities

- Lectures and seminars on topics of interest to retirees including health, financial and legal issues, aging, and special topics
- Occasional field trips in collaboration with the Staff Retirement Association

Collegial, Cultural, and Entertainment Events

- Annual luncheon for new faculty retirees sponsored by the Provost's Office, Emeriti Center, and RFA
- Regional social events
- Sherry Hours featuring interesting topics and presenters
- Musical and theatrical events put on by USC students and guest artists
- Dinners for members at the USC
- University Club Homecoming booth co-sponsored with the Staff Retirement Association

How We Communicate

- Website at rfa.usc.edu
 - E-mail for all who have e-mail addresses;
 - postal mailings to those who do not
- Retiree Community Newsletter, published by the Emeriti Center for all USC retirees