

About GSRA

GSRA is a non-profit organization formed to:

- Advocate for employees and retirees who participate in any health and/or retirement plans administered by a State Department;
- Lobby for or against legislation that affects income or benefits for active and retired employees and educators;
- Monitor deliberations and actions by legislative and administrative bodies that impact retirees' pension and health benefits and other aspects of income and well-being;
- Provide for the exchange of information, ideas, knowledge and expertise affecting retirement and insurance benefits.

GSRA is not a trade union.

Benefits of GSRA

You will have prompt access to information that could impact your life and your finances, and access to a wide range of insurance benefits and discounted services through an AMBA/GSRA contract. For example, you have access to:

- Analyses of proposed legislation or action by the General Assembly affecting employees and retirees benefits and incomes;
- Electronic communiques on breaking benefit news affecting members, along with recommendations for member actions to impact related decisions;
- Easy process to inform your elected representatives of your opinions on proposed legislations and other decisions affecting your benefits, income and costs of living;
- Timely information on the issues affecting State retirement systems and the SHBP through Facebook postings and monthly newsletters;
- Updates on budget hearings & finances affecting retirement and/or health insurance benefits;
- Opportunities to speak to your elected representatives at legislative receptions;
- Access to self-pay private insurance, such as dental, vision, and long-term health care; and
- Access to discount travel, vacation sites, electronics and flowers.



GSRA Accomplishments/Advocacy

- Successfully advocated for pay raises for active state employees and teachers in FY2017 and FY20;
- Requested COLAs for state retirees every Fiscal Year since the association was formed;
- Successfully obtained non-compounding adjustments for retirees in 2016 – 2019
- Led the successful drive to abolish medical surprise billing;
- Initiated a bill to permit GSEPS retirees to receive COLAs when ERS board grants them.
- Established a GSRA Legal Fund to be used for pursuing actions as needed;
- Successfully had introduced and passed a bill to provide input into selection of 2 of 7 ERS board members and to limit alternative investments;
- Continuously monitored actions by the ERS and TRS boards of trustees;
- Advocated for the successful creation of a Department of Community Health Advisory Council;
- Successfully defended against bills detrimental to employees and retirees;
- Supported a bill to mandate COLAs for ERS employees except under very rare conditions.

Why Should I Join GSRA?

- **More members means state leaders are more likely to support ERS retirees' requests.**
- To stand against additional changes that downgrade retirement plans for state employees and educators;
- To protect against erosion of State Health Benefit Plan;
- To gain knowledge about the political process and how public employees are affected;
- To join the voice that speaks on behalf of ALL active and retired state and education employees; and,
- Because GSRA works tirelessly to track the issues that affect you.

Am I eligible to become a Member?

Any active or retired employee or educator who is eligible to participate in a health benefit plan or retirement plan administered by a State Department is eligible to become a member. Eligibility includes educators in local school systems, employees of the Board of Regents, and spouses of GSRA eligible persons.

Can Active Employees Join?

Of course! Active employees and educators are encouraged to join GSRA as an advocacy association for all employees, educators and retirees. Active employees have similar concerns and interests as those who have already retired.

How Do I Join?

The most efficient and preferred way to join GSRA is to authorize deductions from your retirement benefit (if an ERS retiree). If you join by authorizing deductions, print and complete the Pension Deduction Authorization form (available by clicking on the "Join Us" link on the GSRA website), and mail the form to GSRA at the address below.

You also have a quick and easy way to join online via www.MyGSRA.com by clicking on [Join Us](#)¹. Review the information about the [Dues](#) and then complete the membership application and dues payment information. If you join by accessing the website & choose to mail a check or money order, **please print, and enclose the invoice that you received as confirmation in the envelope with your check or money order.**

You may also join by mailing a membership application with a check payable to GSRA for \$20.00 to the address below.

GSRA Dues
P O Box 6308
Elberton, GA 30635
help@mygsra.com | t: 770-312-2799

¹ Current Members can renew membership by "logging-in" and clicking on "Renew Membership."

² Life-time memberships are available for \$275; however the member must submit check or money order to our address – no on-line process available.

Membership Application

If you are unable to join using our website at www.MyGSRA.com, then complete your "pension deduction form" or write a \$20 check (or money order) made payable to:

Georgia State Retirees Association, Inc.

Mail this form with either your pension deduction form, or your check or money order, to:

GSRA Dues - PO Box 6308 - Elberton GA 30635

Please print clearly!

Check one: New Renewal

First Name: _____ MI _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State _____ Zip: _____

County of Residence _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Mobile: (_____) _____

Which Local Chapter? _____

Check one: Male Female

Agency Affiliation _____

Retirement Date _____

Circle Retirement System - ERS PSERS TRS

Other: How did you learn of GSRA?

Circle those that apply

WRAP session Newspaper GSRA Member

Conference Advertisement Local Chapter

04-2021

Are there local chapters?

Local chapters are active in:

Albany,
Columbus,
Douglas
Fayette/Clayton/Coweta,
Macon/Middle Ga.,
Northeast Ga.-Athens,
Rome,
Savannah,
St. Simons/Brunswick,
South Central (Dublin),
Thomasville,
Tri-County (Warm Springs),
Valdosta,
Waycross, &
Metro Atlanta
Central,
East Metro,
NE Metro,
NW Metro &
South Fulton,

plus a statewide chapter for retired educators and DOE employees.

Additional Information

Additional information is available on the website,

www.MyGSRA.com

where you may also join GSRA.

BOGO SPECIAL
New members joining during
the last three quarters of
calendar year 2021 will be given
two years membership
for the price of \$20.

Georgia State Retirees Association



*Advocating for Active and Retired
Employees and Educators*

Information regarding

**Current Officers, Board Members
and Committee Members**

*can be found on the GSRA website
in the About Us section*

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www.MyGSRA.com

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