

# AROHE Matters

Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education

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## Collaborative programs position retiree organizations as unique, valuable

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Retiree organizations are distinctly positioned to engage different disciplines and generations in valuable endeavors. The [USC Emeriti Center](#) recently produced two unique events, bringing together research, human interest, and practical knowledge for the benefit of a varied population.

The first was a [Hearing Health Symposium](#) that featured experts on research, technology and psychology including the latest advancements in the field and how hearing loss affects relationships. Securing sponsorships allowed for a free event and it was recorded for future viewing.



*The USC Hearing Health Symposium featured panel discussions that were captioned and signed for the benefit of hearing-impaired participants.*

The second, [An Encore Career Event](#), co-sponsored with the USC alumni association and career center, brought together retirees, alumni, and current faculty and staff. [The Encore Career Handbook: How to Make a Living and a Difference in the Second Half of Life](#) written by [Marci Alboher](#) was introduced. The audience learned about re-careering, applying current skills and experience in a new career; or supporting a special cause as an 'encore' to a previous career or volunteer commitments. This included a free book and lunch. These successful events reaffirmed that collaborating across campus units and tapping experts from different areas and generations make the USC Emeriti Center a valuable, unique, and creative resource.

## AROHE members share valuable resources online

The AROHE website features a variety of member-shared resources for the benefit of other members. The resources pages include survey instruments, annual reports, communication samples and more. Resources are grouped by eight general topics on the AROHE website:



The resources pages are new and new items are being added on a regular basis. AROHE members can log in to view, download or print items of interest to them or their organization. Members, [click here to submit your resource for the benefit of other AROHE members.](#)

### **AROHE Blog: subscribe today for timely updates**

The AROHE blog, on the AROHE website, features twice-monthly posts of timely topics for retiree organization leaders. AROHE members and non-members may [click here to subscribe and receive email notifications of new posts.](#) Recent posts include:

- **Effective boards are built, not born**  
How can you as a retiree organization leader ensure that your board is working in an effective manner? The following tips can help keep your board moving forward: [Read more of all of these posts...](#)
- **Reflection on Retirement**  
"Retiring" can be difficult. Ask Dr. Ram Chugh, a professor who directed the SUNY Retirees Service Corps after retirement.
- **Pre-Retirement Planning Programs**  
Many retiree organizations offer programs to help employees prepare for retirement.
- **Retiree Contributions**  
Retired faculty and staff make valuable contributions to their institutions...is your campus aware of those contributions?



Trudy Hernandez

AROHE board member Trudy Fernandez, director of human resources relations at Florida International University, coordinates the blog posts. Trudy will research topics and will also coordinate posts that are submitted by others.

Guest posts by AROHE members are welcome. Blog posts should be 400 words or less. Topics should be of general interest to retiree organization leaders. Please send blog submissions to [Trudy.Fernandez@fiu.edu](mailto:Trudy.Fernandez@fiu.edu).

## **AROHE discussion forum: members helping members**

AROHE members are encouraged to subscribe to the new AROHE discussion forum to pose questions to other members and/or answer questions that other members ask. Chances are, if an organization is struggling with an issue, there is at least one other member organization who has successfully navigated the same issue. Recent topics of discussion include survey software suggestions, webcasting of retiree events, retiree databases, award programs and more. AROHE members, [click here to view current discussion topics and/or subscribe to the forum](#). Non-members are encouraged to join AROHE today to connect with other AROHE members via the discussion forum.

## **Membership renewals due; renew now to retain member benefits**

The new AROHE membership year began on July 1. Members must renew by August 31 to retain access to member benefits and avoid paying the recent rate increase. Several renewal notices have been sent by email. If you did not receive a renewal notice, please contact AROHE at [info@arohe.org](mailto:info@arohe.org) or 213-740-5037. If you are not sure of your organization's status, log on at <http://arohe.org> using the email to which this email was sent and your password, or contact AROHE. If you don't know your password, click on "Forgot password" to receive a temporary password via email.

## **About AROHE**

AROHE is a nonprofit association that develops, enhances and advances campus-based retiree organizations and programs. By sharing research, innovative ideas and successful practices, AROHE emphasizes service to retired faculty and staff as they continue to make valuable contributions to their academic institutions. Learn more at <http://arohe.org>. Not a member of AROHE? [Join](#) or renew today to connect with retirees and retiree organizations from the higher education community. Memberships start at just \$120 per year for retiree organizations with annual budgets under \$50,000.

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