

# AROHE

**Advocate, Educate, Serve**

Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education

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## **"Colleges, Universities and Retirees: Building Connections"**

The AROHE biennial conference will offer two full days of stimulating workshops and networking opportunities. Whether you are a seasoned retiree organization leader or interested in starting or improving a retiree organization or a campus administrator wanting to connect more effectively with retired faculty and staff, you are encouraged to attend. Nothing can replace the value of a professional conference with colleagues from across North America offering new perspectives, ideas and resources.

Even organizations with modest budgets have realized a great return on investment by sending one or more representatives. We have developed a "[Conference Attendance Toolkit](#)" that provides information on the costs and benefits. This tool will help you demonstrate to your Board of Directors or campus administration how attending this conference will strengthen your organization and benefit the campus as a whole.

Conference sessions on topics ranging from building effective advocacy programs, creating effective promotional materials, and supporting the transition to retirement are now being finalized by the planners, led by Ann Kohner of Winona State University. An attractive, early registration rate is now available on the AROHE website with a deadline of June 1. [Click here to get information and the early-bird rate.](#)

## **AROHE Board/Committee Nominations Deadline is Nearly Here**

This is an opportunity to be at the forefront of innovative ideas and national trends in the realm of successful retiree organizations. Please submit nominees for the 2015-17 slate of officers and the Board of Directors by March 31. Nominees will be considered for the elected positions of president-elect, secretary, treasurer and at-large Board of Director positions.

[Click here to learn more about position duties and committee responsibilities or to submit a nomination for yourself or someone else.](#) For more information, contact Nominations and Elections Committee chair Lucy Rollin, [r.lucy@clemson.edu](mailto:r.lucy@clemson.edu).

## Member Profile: Emeriti Association at University of Cincinnati

The [Emeriti Association at the University of Cincinnati](#) had been inactive for about a year when a new Board of Directors took the helm last spring and made great strides in garnering support from the university and increasing connections. The association has developed a listserve, is hosting four educational luncheon seminars, is co-sponsoring a speaker series with the UC Woman's Club and the Faculty Club and has worked with staff in the provost's office to develop a website. They have had great results in inviting campus administrators to board meetings to discuss ideas for engaging emeriti in campus life.



*University of Cincinnati Emeriti Association board of directors.*

The association receives financial support from both the UC Provost's Office and the Foundation, including subsidized lunches for board meetings and seminars at the faculty club, a staff liaison and administrative support. In advocating for funding support, the board found success by emphasizing the amount of donations made by emeriti to the university each year and by showing their willingness to contribute in a variety of ways, including proposing a uniform process for granting emeritus status, consulting, serving on committees and mentoring students. For questions or more information, contact [Professor Emeritus Carl Huether](#).

## Welcome New AROHE Members

We are pleased to introduce some of AROHE's newest members in our growing network. If you have questions or would like to welcome these new colleagues, please click on their website link (where available) or email the contacts listed below.

The [Arizona State University Retirees Association](#) has 600+ members (staff and faculty), a number of whom are in the ASU Emeritus College. Membership is also open to retirees from other universities. ASURA's [Video History Project](#) has a library of 90+ one- and two-hour interviews with retired ASU employees. Contact: [Barry NcNeill](#)

The [California State University San Marcos Retirees Association](#) advances the welfare, connections and contributions of the retirees through social gatherings, educational and service opportunities, and opportunities for practical

support and advocacy for CSUSM. They provide newsletters, events and workshops for retired and near-retired CSUSM employees. Contact:[Lori Brockett](#)

The [\*\*Cosumnes River College Emeriti Association\*\*](#) (Sacramento CA), formed in 2011, serves 50+ retired faculty and staff. Programs include campus tours, scholarship fundraising, and a spring luncheon for new/potential members. An interest survey is forthcoming. The Association emails *Notes from the CRC Emeriti* semi-annually and college news regularly. Contact: [Rosalie Cuneo Amer](#)

The [\*\*East Carolina University Retired Faculty Association\*\*](#) provides over 800 retired faculty with a continuing link to the university and to colleagues through social activities, a faculty forum, pre-retirement training, volunteer opportunities and group travel. They also support students through an endowment scholarship fund. Contact: [Tom Feldbrush](#)

Founded in 1986, the [\*\*Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association \(ERFA\) of San José State University\*\*](#) serves more than 1,000 retired faculty. Successful programs include fall and spring luncheons, a holiday event, and day trips to local cultural institutions. ERFA communicates via e-mail updates and a quarterly newsletter. Contact: [Joan Merdinger](#)

**Texas Christian University (TCU) Retirees Association** offers connections among its more than 500 members through a monthly newsletter, monthly luncheon programs, theater nights, campus tours, and book discussions. The board of directors functions as a two-way channel of communication between association members and the administration in matters of common interest. Contact: [Paul Hartman](#)

**West Virginia University** is beginning to develop a retirees' association. The Human Resources Division has conducted research, surveyed retirees, and identified a steering committee. The committee will hold its first meeting and begin the work of shaping the organization. WVU looks forward to sharing its success. Contact: [Elaine Sholtis](#)

[\*\*Click here to view a list of all AROHE members.\*\*](#)

**Collaboration Success: UCSC New Center Receives Funding**



*UC Santa Cruz retirees at the fall picnic.*

We celebrate with the University of California, Santa Cruz, their recent success in proposing and receiving start-up funding for their own Retirees Center!

In April of 2013, representatives from UCSC retired faculty and staff attended a workshop provided by current UC (Emeriti/Retirees) Center Directors and AROHE members from UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and UC Irvine. At this workshop, they received information and tools for proposing and developing a Center for retired faculty and staff that would significantly enhance their current retiree organizations efforts to help the campus achieve its high-priority goals.

In January 2014, they were awarded funding. They noted their excitement to further enhance the active voluntary service to UCSC by retired faculty and staff and the ability to continue developing partnerships with services to transfer and re-entry students, foster youth, veterans and scholarship efforts. AROHE members, [click here to view a summary of the UCSC Retiree Center proposal.](#)

## SUNY Retirees Conference Makes High-Tech Connections

*By Pierre Radimak, Suny Retirees Service Corps Coordinator*

Nearly 70 State University of New York (SUNY) campus retirees and administrators representing 18 campuses and 4 non-SUNY organizations converged on the SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering in Albany, NY on November 20, 2013 for the 3rd annual SUNY retirees conference. The world-famous campus served as the backdrop for Connecting SUNY Retirees in the Digital Age, which was co-sponsored by SUNY CNSE, the University at Albany Emeritus Center, and the SUNY Retirees Service Corps (RSC). A variety of notable speakers addressed diverse topics, each with a connection to the role the Internet can play in improving the lives of SUNY retirees or providing opportunities for them to give back to their communities.



*SUNY retirees listen with interest at the recent conference.*

There is not enough room in this newsletter to include all the fascinating information imparted that day. A few of the topics were: Linking SUNY Retirees throughout the World Wide Web, UAlbany Emeritus Center Presentation on its innovative series of sessions on Online Education/MOOCs, the Open SUNY effort to maximize online-enabled learning, and the Center for Excellence in Aging & Community Wellness presentation.

[Click here for links to all of the conference PowerPoint Presentation and the UAlbany Emeritus Center video.](#)

## Idea Corner: UCB Retirement Center Offers Volunteer Fair

*By Patrick Cullinane, UC Berkeley Retirement Center Director*

On Feb. 20th, the UC Berkeley Retirement Center offered a Volunteer Fair for retirees. Working closely with Coming of Age Bay Area (<http://www.comingofage.org/bayarea/>), the Retirement Center joined Coming of Age in celebrating the ability of all people age 50+ to continue to grow, transform their communities, and become a force for public good. The Volunteer Fair is an opportunity to find an organization in need of the energy, passion and talent retirees have to share with the community. In addition to volunteer opportunities at some of the most innovative nonprofit organizations in the Bay Area, the Fair also featured campus departments, many of which retirees know and love, that offer regular opportunities for staying engaged via volunteerism. Refreshments and door prizes were offered as well as the opportunity to chat one-on-one with a Coming of Age Talent Coach.

## 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.

Paid organizational memberships allow member benefits for up to eight people per organization and start at just \$120 per year for retiree organizations with annual budgets under \$50,000. [Click here to learn more about membership.](#)

Learn more at <http://arohe.org> or contact AROHE at [info@arohe.org](mailto:info@arohe.org) or 213-740-5037.

[AROHE board members](#) are volunteers who are leaders from associations of retired faculty and staff, administrators of campus-based retiree centers or emeriti colleges or other campus department administrators who oversee programs for academic retirees. Board meetings are held via conference call on the first Friday of each month, 10:30 a.m. Pacific time. Any AROHE member may join a board meeting by contacting the AROHE office for call-in information prior to the meeting.



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