

**Retire from your job, not your profession! KNEA-R is dedicated to actively protect the benefits and interests for all public school educators!**



**Advocating for active and retired public educators**



**Kansas National Education Association**  
*Retired*



- ◆ STAY INVOLVED
- ◆ MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- ◆ LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

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**KNEA-RETIRED NOW  
HAS NINE AFFILIATED  
LOCAL CHAPTERS**

Once you have joined KNEA and NEA-Retired, you become eligible to join one (or more) of our local chapters. Membership in a local chapter is optional, but we are growing new chapters nearly every year. Maybe you will help form one in your own area. The nine current chapters and their presidents are listed below, along with their contact information:

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NEA, KNEA, AND KNEA-RETIRED  
Leaders, members, and professional staff:

- ◆ Work to protect and improve YOUR KPERS and other retirement benefits and access to affordable health care.
- ◆ Work to elect legislators and other public officials who understand and support the needs of retirees and active public-education professionals.
- ◆ Work to secure stable funding for public schools.

**NATIONALLY**

Retired members are elected as delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly and the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting each year.



**STATEWIDE**

- ◆ KNEA-R members are elected to serve as delegates to the KNEA Representative Assembly.
- ◆ KNEA-R officers are elected at-large by all retired members.
- ◆ KNEA-R members elect their KNEA Board representative.
- ◆ A retired member from each UniServ district serves on the KNEA-R Coordinating Council.
- ◆ Each year, KNEA-R members conduct a series of Pre-Retirement Seminars in locations across Kansas or by Zoom



**ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF  
KNEA-RETIRED MEMBERSHIP**

KNEA ACCESS Card for discounts on purchases and services in thousands of locations nationwide.

Eligibility to participate in KNEA's Attorney Referral Service, including free consultations and reduced rates for most legal services.

Liability Insurance Coverage when on short-term substitute-teaching assignments.

Eligibility to retain any NEA-Endorsed Insurance Policies or other products obtained while an active member.

Subscription to the KNEA-Retired quarterly newsletter, the Apple Corps.

Access to the KNEA-Retired Facebook Page.

Access to the Members-Only areas of KNEA.org, NEA.org, NEAMB.com and NEA-Retired Magazine.



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