

Our purposes include:

- Informing members of current issues;
- Bringing together retired members to discuss their particular problem;
- Formulating recommendations for self-help or for action by the Union;
- Assisting active OPSEU members to prepare for retirement;
- Continuing social action through retirement.

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Who can become an OPSEU retired member?

Membership in the Retired Members Division is open to all OPSEU/CSAO members and staff who leave the workplace by retiring directly to a pension earned in the workplace or by retiring from a bargaining unit without a pension plan.

You can become and remain a retired member by paying \$10. for a lifetime membership.

How can I join OPSEU's Retired Members Division?

Application forms are available from OPSEU at: <http://www.opseu.org/retirees/index.htm>, your Regional Retiree Chairperson, your Regional OPSEU office or OPSEU Head Office in Toronto at 1 800 268-7376.

We encourage locals to honour their retiring members with a lifetime membership.



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Retiring?

*Where do you go
from here?*



**Join OPSEU's
Retired Members
Division.**

We've been around since 1981.

That's when Corrie Barrett, Frank Sherlock-Hubbard, and John Offler, a committee of three retired members asked the Union's Executive Board to create a Retired Members Division. Since then we have grown to thousands of members – and continue to grow.

As long-time active Union members this involvement lets us follow what's going on in our Union. It gives us a way to continue to participate.

Our members receive a quarterly newsletter, Autumn View, reporting on many changes in health matters, benefits, and other timely information. You will also receive other OPSEU mailings.

We have seven Regional Executive Committees. You will be notified about meetings held regularly in your region.

The chairs of those committees form a provincial Divisional Executive Committee.



As a member of the Retired Members Division you will....

1. Regularly receive info to update you on OPSEU issues, campaigns, events;
2. Meet regularly to discuss issues and concerns with fellow retiree members;
3. Propose and discuss Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments to be brought to Convention;
4. Be eligible to become a delegate to Area Councils, either as a delegate from your old local or a delegate from Retired Members Division;
5. Be eligible to become a delegate to District Labour Councils if elected by your local;
6. Be eligible to hold executive positions in both Area Councils or District Labour Councils.
7. Assist in demonstrations and picket lines when there are other groups on strike.

These are some of the things the Retired Members Executive does:

- Produces Autumn View, a quarterly publication with articles on benefits, finances and current issues for retired members;
- Participate in OPSEU area councils and other regional union organizations;
- Provides information to help members with pensions, benefits, and other questions;
- Monitors policy changes affecting retired members;
- Assists in educationals to prepare OPSEU members for retirement;

The Retired Members Division Executive Committee is composed of the seven Regional Chairpersons.

