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TO: State Affiliate Presidents  
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FROM: Rebecca S. Pringle, President

DATE: September 28, 2023

RE: 2024 NEA-Retired Conference

The 2024 NEA-Retired Conference will be held March 3-5, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL. The conference location will be available on the registration page when registration opens. The theme this year is **“EDUCATION. DEMOCRACY. FREEDOM. OUR RIGHT! OUR RESPONSIBILITY Retired and Powerful. Promoting, Protecting and Strengthening Education.”**

This year’s conference will provide NEA-Retired members and staff a venue to participate in professional learning, networking, and developing skills and dispositions to enhance leadership capacity to continue to build strong, thriving NEA Retired affiliates. In addition, conference attendees will have the opportunity to strategize on ways to engage the retired membership in the priority work of NEA in promoting the mission and vision of our union.

The online early registration opens on **December 14, 2023**. At that time, a link will be available at [www.nea.org/retired](http://www.nea.org/retired) to register for the conference and make hotel reservations. There is a \$120 non-refundable conference registration fee, which covers meals provided, conference materials, and refreshment breaks at the conference.

Please share this information with your state retired presidents and members as soon as possible so they can arrange to attend this valuable and informative conference.

### **NEA SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING**

The state retired president, retired membership chair, and state staff liaison will receive conference funding. The funding formula for all three participants are as follows:

- NEA will waive the **state retired president’s** registration fee (\$120) and will provide three (3) nights of hotel lodging. Reservations will be made by NEA based on arrival and

departure dates selected during your registration. Any additional nights listed on the registration will be the responsibility of the state retired president.

- NEA will waive the **membership chair's** registration fee (\$120) and will provide two (2) nights of hotel lodging. Reservations will be made by NEA based on arrival and departure dates selected during your registration. Any additional nights listed on the registration will be the responsibility of the membership chair.
- NEA will provide two (2) nights lodging for the **state staff liaison** to attend the Retired Conference. The conference registration fee is waived for staff liaisons. Reservations will be made by NEA based on arrival and departure dates selected during your registration. Any additional nights listed on the registration will be the responsibility of the state staff liaison.

\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\*

The Retired President and Membership Chair **MUST**:

1. Register and attend the Retired Conference
2. Stay at the conference hotel (The funded nights will be direct billed to NEA.)

The State staff liaison **MUST**:

1. Stay at the conference hotel (The funded night will be direct billed to NEA.)
2. Register and attend the Retired Conference (The fee will be waived.)

Reimbursements will not be made to NEA-Funded participants for lodging arrangements outside of hotel direct bill. Therefore, NEA will NOT accept travel vouchers in association with the Retired Conference. **If the funded participant receives a "no show" fee for their hotel, the state will be invoiced the fee.**

The state president and executive director should coordinate filling out [THIS FORM](#) with the names and contact information for your member and staff participants **no later than January 3, 2024**. The funded participants will receive an email with registration and lodging information by February 5, 2024.

**If you do not plan to send anyone**, please alert Shola Taylor ([retiredconference@nea.org](mailto:retiredconference@nea.org)) by **December 8, 2023**. **NEA Center for Organizing and State Affiliate Support** staff will alert you if one of your funded participants is a presenter and will subsequently be funded as a presenter.

NOTE: Funded participants are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements and all other costs not covered by the NEA.

The conference is open to all NEA-Retired members and state affiliate staff who work with affiliate retired members.

### **SCHEDULE**

Conference onsite registration begins at 8:00am on March 3, 2024. The conference will conclude by 12:30pm on March 5, 2024. Conference agenda information will be located on the online registration site. Participants are urged to contribute items to be auctioned at either the silent auction or live auctions on site. Remember this is part of the NEA-Retired Council's annual fundraiser!

Thanks in advance for notifying your retired members in a timely fashion so they can attend this conference.

If you have any questions, please contact [retiredconference@nea.org](mailto:retiredconference@nea.org).

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