

BYLAWS
RETIRE FACULTY ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
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Mission: The mission of the Retired Faculty Association of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (hereinafter the "RFA") is to promote the welfare and interests of UNC-CH professional retirees: i.e., retired members of the UNC General Faculty, and retired EPA non-faculty and research associates. The RFA shall therefore provide opportunities for these retirees to maintain both professional and social contacts with each other and with the University.

I. Membership: The RFA shall have three categories of membership: regular, associate, and honorary.

UNC-CH retirees may become "regular members" by paying the dues as specified in Article IV; also, their spouses (or life partners) and widow(er)s if previously (under earlier versions of these Bylaws) they were members in good standing. Regular members are privileged to vote at RFA meetings and to hold office in the RFA.

Retired faculty and professional staff from other accredited institutions of higher education may become "associate members" by paying dues; they are not privileged to vote or hold office in the RFA.

"Honorary members" are persons elected to that status by the regular members, on recommendation of the Executive Committee; nominations shall be submitted to the Executive Committee in writing, with a statement of rationale. Honorary members are not privileged to vote or hold office.

Questions concerning membership shall be settled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

II. Officers: The RFA shall have nine officers: a President and President-elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and four Representatives-at-large, who shall be elected for two-year terms, and the immediate Past President. All officers shall discharge the duties usually associated with the offices to which they are elected. The President-elect shall be responsible for the programs for the Quarterly Meetings. Officers shall be elected at the April Quarterly Meeting, and shall take office immediately. Nominations shall be presented by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President. The list of nominees shall be circulated at least one week in advance of the meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. If the office of President becomes vacant between elections the President-elect shall take over immediately. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by presidential appointment.

III. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall include the nine officers of the RFA and the two representatives of the Division of Retired Faculty to the UNC-CH Faculty Council. It is authorized to transact the affairs of the RFA between general meetings, including the appointment of ad hoc committees. A majority of its members constitutes a quorum.

IV. Dues: Regular and associate members of the RFA shall pay dues for each calendar year, except that on payment of a lump sum equivalent to six years of annual dues, they become members for life, with no further dues payments required. Changes in the dues schedule may be proposed by the Executive Committee, and if, after having been circulated among the members at least one week in advance, they are approved at a Quarterly Meeting, they shall take effect on January 1 following.

V. Funds: Funds of the RFA shall be kept in a local depository, and checks may be drawn thereon over the signature of the Treasurer or the President.

VI. Meetings: The RFA shall hold Quarterly Meetings in the months of September, November, February and April. Other general meetings may be called by the Executive Committee on reasonable notice. A quorum of 10% of the regular members is required for transactions of business at any general meeting.

VII. Amendments: These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the regular members present at any general meeting of the RFA, provided the substance of the proposed changes has been circulated at least one week in advance.

VIII. Relationship with the University: The RFA shall maintain an active relationship with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill through a liaison appointed by the Chancellor. Its Executive Committee shall communicate with the Chancellor through his/her liaison on issues of administrative substance, and produce the slate of nominees for the two representatives elected by the Division of Retired Faculty to the Faculty Council.