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Dear College Pension Plan Recipients,

As plan member partners in the College Pension Plan, the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators (FPSE, formerly the College Institute Educators' Association of BC) and the BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU) have worked with the BC Retired Teachers' Association (BCRTA) to offer affiliate membership in the BCRTA for College Pension Plan recipients.

Membership in the BCRTA would provide College Pension Plan recipients with a number of opportunities and services as well as a chance to meet other retirees. The BCRTA has an annual membership fee of \$35, which can be deducted from your pension payment at source or paid directly to them.

What do you receive for your \$35?

- **Access to the BCRTA insurance programs:** preferred service home insurance plan; MEDOC (out-of-province/country Emergency Medical insurance); life insurance.
- **The RTA Bulletin**, a newsletter for retired educators that comes out 4 times a year
- **Membership in COSCO (Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC) and CART (Canadian Association of Retired Teachers)**
- **Information on travel and tours**
- **Attendance at BCRTA branch and general meetings**
- **Lobbying of governments on behalf of seniors**
- **Social activities**
- **Information sharing**

Currently, College Pension Plan recipients would be able to join the BCRTA as Affiliate Members, but not be able to vote or hold office. This situation could change if a sufficient number of College Pension Plan recipients were to join and indicate a desire to form some kind of branch-like structure within the BCRTA.

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FPSE and the BCGEU have the responsibility of appointing a trustee who is retired from service and receiving a pension from the College Pension Plan.

Another important benefit of membership in the BCRTA is that FPSE and the BCGEU would have a recognized organization with which to consult about issues related to the pension plan, including the appointment of the retired trustee.

Enclosed with this letter is a brochure and membership form for the BCRTA. We invite you to join as soon as possible and to encourage other college retirees to join. The more who join, the more effective this organization can become in meeting your needs as College Pension Plan recipients.

Should you have questions, please contact Barb Brown, FPSE Staff Representative, at 604-873-8988.

In solidarity,



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