

Fees

The Association fee is determined at the Annual General Meeting.

You may pay your Provincial and Branch fees either through an annual deduction from your September pension cheque or by remitting to the BCRTA a personal cheque or money order.

The BCRTA strongly recommends the pay-roll deduction method. This will remain in effect until such time as you revoke the authority in writing. This method ensures the lowest possible administrative cost aiding to keep fees low. The fee year is July 1 to June 30.

If you apply for membership after September 1st you may sign the fee deduction authorization form to be effective the following year and your fees may be submitted directly to the office.

Affiliate Membership

Affiliate Membership shall be available, on the basis of individual application to:

- Post-secondary educators (including administrators) who draw a pension from the College Pension Plan of British Columbia and
- Post-secondary educators who draw a pension from a plan other than the College Pension Plan of British Columbia

Social Insurance Numbers

The BCRTA requests your SIN and uses this information when communicating with the B.C. Pension Corporation, Pacific Blue Cross and MSP of B.C. on **your behalf ONLY.**

This information is NOT shared with any outside agency.

*We welcome you
as an Affiliate Member
of the
B.C. Retired Teachers'
Association*



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**The
B.C. RETIRED
TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**
an organization of retired educators

*We invite you
to become an
Affiliate Member
of our Association*

This brochure contains information about our Association and presents an invitation to you to join us in promoting the general interests of all retired educators, their spouses and beneficiaries.



History

The B.C. Retired Teachers' Association was incorporated as a Society in 1955 with its main objective "to guard the interests and to promote the welfare of its members." Through the efforts of many dedicated people, our Association has grown to a large influential organization with Branches throughout the Province.

Provincial Organization

The BCRTA is a group of members with a common background and a common interest. That interest can be served only through the actions of a group.

The Directors are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Their role is to carry out the directions of the AGM and take the initiative in serving the aims of the Association.

Membership in the BCRTA provides a means of protecting the economic interests of its members, as well as keeping in touch with former colleagues and friends, particularly through the Branches of the Association.

Branches

The BCRTA encourages the establishment of Branches.

Each Branch sets its own fee at its Annual General Meeting.

Branches organize their own programs. While social functions are a vital part of the activities, many Branches contribute assistance to the community in educational and other pursuits.

Branch membership is open only to members of the BCRTA.

Bulletin

With your membership in the BCRTA you receive four Bulletins per year to keep you informed on items of current interest and concern such as pension/medical/dental information, travel opportunities and experiences, and other articles of general interest.

Affiliations

One of our elected members is our representative to the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers. In 2000 the BCRTA also joined COSCO (Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations) and has representatives on their Board of Directors. The BCRTA also maintains contact with other seniors' organizations to keep informed on issues affecting retirees.

Services

As our membership grows so does our ability to be of service to all our members.

Our Provincial Office is the service centre of the Association. The Office Administrator and staff give assistance to all retirees and their beneficiaries in the many areas related to their welfare. Toll free lines provide members throughout the province with access to required information.

MEDICAL/DENTAL SERVICES

The BCRTA provides information and assistance to members on medical/dental issues, including the Medical Services Plan of BC (MSP), EHB and dental plans with Pacific Blue Cross (PBC).

TRAVEL (MEDOC), HOME INSURANCE & LIFE INSURANCE

Administered through Johnson Inc., these plans are offered to BCRTA members only and their dependents.

The BCRTA through the exchange of information with the B.C. Pension Corporation is able to keep up-to-date records on all members. This information is for RTA record-keeping purposes ONLY and includes, SIN, addresses, birthdates and deceased dates. It also allows the RTA to deal effectively with Pacific Blue Cross, MSP, and the Pension Corporation on our members' behalf and is NOT SHARED with any outside agency.