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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) 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 pension recipients.

Membership in the BCRTA provides 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 \$40, which can be deducted from your pension payment at source or paid directly to them.

What do you receive for your \$40?

- Access to the BCRTA insurance programs: MEDOC (out-of-province/country emergency medical insurance); preferred service home insurance plan; life insurance; and long term care 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)
- The Post-Secondary Educators' newsletter *Prime Time*, that is published 2 times a year
- Information on travel and tours
- Attendance at BCRTA branch and general meetings
- Lobbying of governments on behalf of seniors
- Social activities
- Information-sharing

The plan partners, FPSE and the BCGEU, have the responsibility of appointing a trustee to the College Plan Board of Trustees who is retired from service and receiving a pension from the College Pension Plan. In the BCRTA, the partners 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 Jeff McKeil, FPSE Staff Representative, at 604.873.8988.

In solidarity,

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