



# CTA/NEA-Retired

Supporting Retired & Active Members

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## A Little History ....

- The origins of CTA/NEA-Retired go back to 1950 when the NEA Representative Assembly approved a membership category for retirees who had been members of the NEA
- In 1986 a CTA Task Force explored the concept
- In 1995 CTA-Retired became an affiliate of CTA
- CTA-Retired & NEA-Retired unified.

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## Presidents of CTA/NEA-Retired

- Ellen Logue                      President 1996-2000
- Dorothy Moser                President 2000-2004
- Arlene Pavey                  President 2004-2008
- Ed Foglia                        President 2008-2012
- Sharilynn Russo elected 2012 (died before assuming office)
- Alen Ritchie                    President 2012-2016
- Marc Sternberger            President 2016-2019
- Orval Garrison                President 2019-2024
- Dana Dillon                    Current President

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## CTA Retired Officers

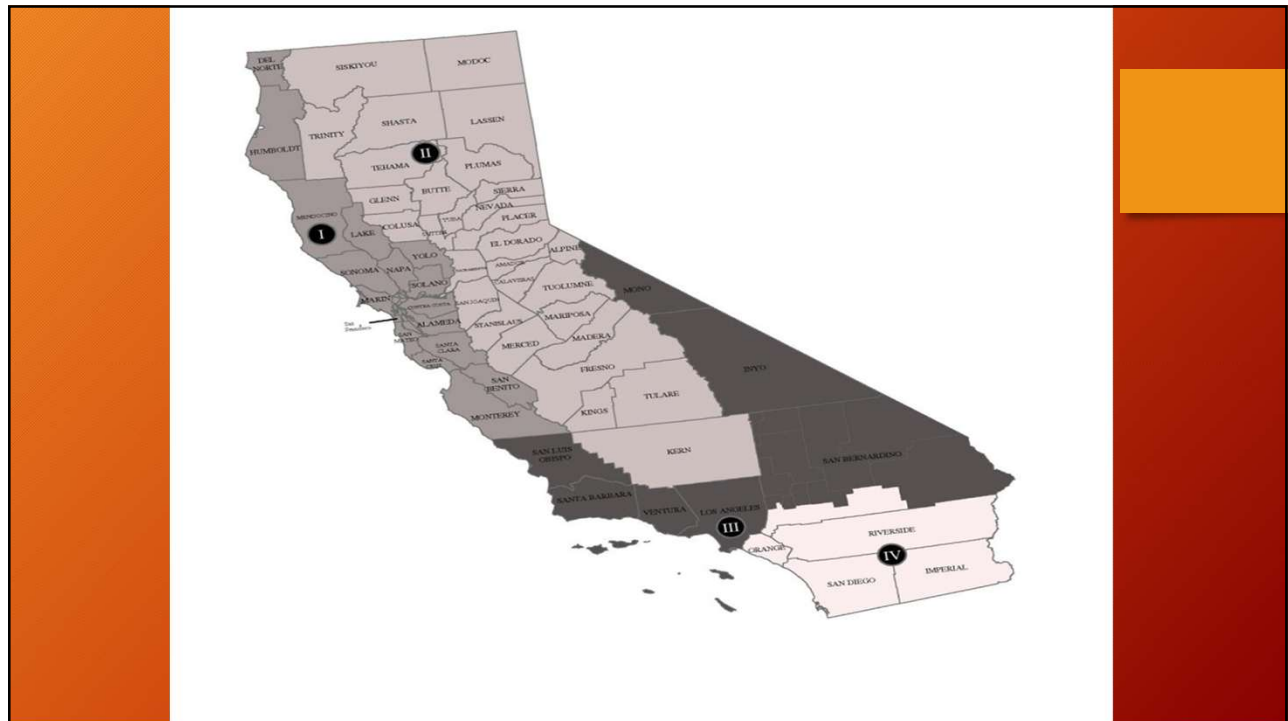
- President - Dana Dillon
- Vice President - Debra Sheehan
- Secretary/Treasurer - Donald Stauffer

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## CTA Retired Board Members/State Council Representatives

- Directors
- Region 1 Kathy Sharp and Lynette Henley
- Region 2 Karen Schuett and Mary Castellanos
- Region 3 Anne Johnson-Curtis and Dr. Sandy Keaton
- Region 4 Patty Blume Taylor and Gerri Gandolfo
- At-Large Mary Rose Ortega

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## CTA/NEA-Retired Membership

- CTA/NEA-Retired membership statewide (as of April 2025) is 20,675 including 13,890 Life Member
- Traditionally, at the end of the spring/summer membership campaign, the membership will reflect an increase.
- CTA/NEA-Retired won the membership growth award at the 2018, 2023, and 2024 NEA-Retired Annual Meetings



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# CTA/NEA-Retired Chapters



- CTA/NEA Retired has a total of 37 chapters, including one virtual chapter.
- There are more chapters in the process of formation
- Some chapters are being revitalized.
- In 2005, CTA/NEA - Retired held its first Annual Retirement Issues Conference and continues to hold it yearly.

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# Retired Newsletter



- The Retiree Advocate, CTA/NEA's Retired award-winning newsletter is sent to all retired and pre-retired members (print).
- In addition, it is sent electronically to all members for whom we have personal email addresses.
- Our editor, Bonnie Shatun does a fabulous job.

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## Social Activities and Field Trips

- Our local chapter members get together to have fun for stimulating social programs and field trips!!!
- Member benefit workshops
- Baseball games
- Descanso and Huntington gardens
- Wine Tasting
- Theatre
- Oktoberfest



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## Protests

Peaceful protests - CTA/NEA-Retired members have participated in various rallies -

April 5<sup>th</sup> Hands Off rally  
 May 1<sup>st</sup> Labor rally  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> Fight for Schools  
 June 14<sup>th</sup> "No Kings"  
 July 17<sup>th</sup> "Good Trouble Lives On"  
 July 26<sup>th</sup> "Families First"



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## Campaigns



- Traditionally CTA/NEA Retired members vote at a higher rate than any other voting block in our state!!!
- Retired chapters present programs on elections and work on campaigns in various ways with active chapters, service centers and on their own.
- Chico CTA/NEA Retired chapter won the CTA small chapter in politics award in 2025 for their work on school board campaigns for three candidates.

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## Coordinating with Service Center Councils

- CTA/NEA-Retired has a CTA/NEA-Retired Liaison in each CTA Service Center Council
- Service Center Councils in return support local CTA/NEA-Retired Chapters



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## CTA/NEA Retired Issues Conference 2024

### **“Retire with Grace and Vigor”**

Stanford Healthy Brain - Tai Chi/ Chair Yoga

Planting with Natives

Travel and Trekking - Canva

CalSTRS CEO Cassandra Litchnock and CalSTRS Actuary David Lameroux

And More!!!

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## Retired Chapters

- Please reach out to CTA/NEA Retired Chapters for help on School Board Elections and Political campaigns
  - We do a great job on writing postcards!!
- CTA/NEA Retired Chapters are available to help your active SCC/Chapters!!

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