

UIRA Membership--FAQs

Who's eligible to join UIRA?

- ◆ UI faculty or staff UI retirees and anyone in phased retirement. Retirees from other universities are welcome.
- ◆ Any spouse or domestic partner of a retired or deceased faculty member or staff member.
- ◆ Anyone with present or previous UI ties can join as an associate member (non-voting, non-office holding, same dues).



What about dues?

The first-year is free for new retirees and for spouses/domestic partners. After that, dues are \$10 for each person each year or \$25 per person for three years.

How do I join UIRA?

Just fill out and submit a membership form and, if required, pay dues.

How do I become an active member?

That's really easy—just participate.

How do I end membership?

Just as easy—send a note to the UIRA treasurer—or just don't pay dues.

Where do I find a membership form?

<http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/>



OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of UIRA is to facilitate support of the University of Iowa by retired faculty and staff members and to promote the interests and welfare of those retirees. We help retired members of the University and their spouses, widows, widowers, or domestic partners keep in touch with each other and with the social and intellectual life of the University. More than 600 retirees and their spouses or domestic partners belong to the UIRA.



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Connected*



**The University of Iowa
Retirees Association**

JOIN TODAY!

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UIRA Connections

UIRA membership offers opportunities to connect to the university and community. For example, Senior College, which offers short-term, low-cost classes taught by emeritus UI faculty, current UI faculty and community experts, is sponsored by the UIRA and the UI Emeritus Faculty Association, with support from the UI Alumni Association.

Dr. Arthur Canter was a key figure in founding UIRA and became first president, 1995-96. At the outset he insisted membership be open to faculty and staff.



Perks, Discounts, Etc.

UIRA's website maintains a comprehensive list of perks and discounts available to UI retirees. Details about each of the following can be found on UIRA's website below:

- ◆ Libraries
- ◆ Recreational Services
- ◆ Information Technology Services
- ◆ Discount Programs
- ◆ National Car Rental Program
- ◆ News about UI
- ◆ Star Registry (for volunteers)

Connecting to University and Community

UIRA arranges a variety of activities for members through most of the year (not during summer), including special programs, tours, lectures by community and university leaders, an annual spring picnic and an annual business meeting and luncheon.

Recent programs have dealt with health, Internet safety, the nation's energy outlook, UI construction, campus archaeological discoveries, an introduction to driver simulation, the Beatles and, a perennial favorite, updating of UI Benefits. The UIRA also sponsors a Travel Photo Contest supported by Hills Bank and Trust Co. and recognizes outstanding service by members to the University and community. Details at our website:

<http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/>



A UIRA tradition—the year-end picnic.

Organizational Details

UIRA elects officers at its annual spring meeting. Officers include: president, president-elect, past president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor and six directors at-large. The Board meets monthly. Meeting minutes—along with a Photo Gallery, News & Announcements, Bylaws, a history of UIRA by **Jean Hood** and much, much more—can be found at:

<http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/>



Staying active through participating

Testing driving ability in virtual setting

A UIRA program at the UI's National Advanced Driving Simulator featured a tour and chance to test driving skills.

UIRA's newsletter is *The Gray Hawk*, and it is available at:

<http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/>

Big Ten Retirees

UIRA belongs to the Big Ten Retirees Association. Since its first meeting in 1992 at Ohio State, the group meets annually at the campus of a member institution. UIRA served as host in 1999 and 2009.