

What is OCRA?

OCRA, also known as the Ontario Colleges Retirees' Association, is the advocacy association for the retired members of the CAAT Pension Plan.

What advantages does OCRA provide for its members?

- ❖ OCRA is a non-profit association that works exclusively for its retired members.
 - OCRA's mission is to develop and present common positions on behalf of its members on issues such as pensions, health benefits, and government policies.
- ❖ OCRA's priorities include:
 - Relationship building with organizations that have responsibilities for members of the CAAT Pension Plan;
 - Advocacy for its members on issues of concern to all members of the CAAT Pension Plan;
 - Regular communication with its members via newsletters, e-bulletins, and updates on the OCRA website (www.ocraretirees.ca);
 - Receiving input from individual retirees or their local associations on important matters.
- ❖ OCRA is connected to retiree events at the national level through its membership in CURAC (College and University Retiree Associations of Canada);
 - OCRA members are eligible to participate in CURAC conferences at the national and regional level (more details can be found on the CURAC website www.curac.ca).

- ❖ CURAC membership benefits for OCRA members include valuable discounts offered by:
 - Economical Select Insurance home and auto insurance discounted premiums;
 - CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons) membership fee is discounted, which provides discounts to various goods and services (insurance, health, travel, entertainment, lifestyle and games).
- ❖ OCRA has links with benefit administrators at the colleges, the College Employer Council and the CAAT Pension Plan and can refer you to a contact person for assistance.



Lifetime Membership Rate Table	
AGE	LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FEE
70 years or older	\$ 50
69 years	\$ 60
68 years	\$ 70
67 years	\$ 80
66 years	\$ 90
65 years	\$100
64 years	\$110
63 years	\$120
62 years	\$130
61 years	\$140
60 years or younger	\$150

MORE ABOUT OCRA

OCRA was established on April 21, 2001, by a working group of administrative, support, and academic retirees from several colleges. Since that date, the membership has grown to include retirees from 23 of the 24 Ontario colleges as well as the retirees of associated organizations who are members of the CAAT Pension Plan.

A **general meeting** of the membership is held each year hosted by one of the colleges. At this meeting, there is an annual review of activities, and updates are provided for developments in pensions and benefits. Input from members is welcomed, and elections are held for the association's executive. In order to provide continuity, five of the eleven members are elected at each general meeting. Current executive members are retirees from six of the colleges.

Executive meetings and teleconferences take place regularly to identify and review the issues that are important to college retirees. Between meetings, the board's business is conducted by email.

At present, there are sixteen local college retiree associations and their contact details are listed on the OCRA website (www.ocraretirees.ca). New retirees are warmly encouraged to join and participate in their local retiree association. OCRA can help organize a local retiree association where none exists.