



## 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](http://www.ocraretirees.ca));
  - Receiving input from individual retirees or their local associations on important matters.
- ❖ 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.

## MORE ABOUT OCRA .....

**O**OCRA was established on April 21, 2001, by a working group of administrative, support, and academic retirees from several colleges. The membership has now 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. OCRA executive members from across Ontario, serve as volunteers.

Contact the OCRA President ([president@ocraretirees.ca](mailto:president@ocraretirees.ca)) with your questions about becoming part of the team.

**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.

## MORE ABOUT OCRA .....

At present, there are sixteen local college retiree associations and their contact details are listed on the OCRA website ([www.ocraretirees.ca](http://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.



A study has suggested that staying socially active by joining groups may add years to your life after retirement. Join our growing community, and get the support you need to transition to and stay active in retirement!

AGE	LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FEE
70 years or older	\$ 50
68 years	\$ 70
66 years	\$ 90
64 years	\$110
62 years	\$130
60 years or younger	\$150