



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

FACT SHEET

The mission of the University of Minnesota Retirees Association (UMRA) is to support the interests of U of M retirees and provide opportunities to learn, serve, and connect. UMRA seeks to benefit members, the University, and the community through an array of informational, social, travel, volunteer, and support activities. Membership is open to all retirees from all five campuses in the U of M System and their partners. Incorporated in 1978, UMRA has served, supported, and advocated for the interests of the University for 45 years.

By the numbers

- **Nearly 800.** The number of UMRA members as of July 2023. Includes faculty, staff, partners, and friends.
- **8 x 2.** Excellent programming has been a hallmark of UMRA since its inception. From September 2023 to May 2024, the program schedule includes 8 forums and 8 workshops, to be held in-person or via Zoom.
- **\$34 million.** The total contributed by UMRA members to the U's "Driven" campaign.
- **\$5,000.** Grants of up to \$5,000 each are available to University retirees through UMRA's competitive Professional Development Grants for Retirees program.
- **4 + 8.** The number of print + electronic newsletters UMRA publishes annually (September–May) and distributes by mail, email, and online at umra.umn.edu/newsletters.
- **2022.** The year UMRA and the University Retirees Volunteer Center reconnected as a single organization to broaden and expand service opportunities for U of M retirees.
- **Thousands.** The number of hours our volunteers contribute each year in service to the University and the community.

Programs

In addition to monthly programs, UMRA offers a variety of other opportunities to get involved, including:

- Armchair Traveler
- Book Clubs I and II
- Cabinets of Curiosity
- Family History Interest Group
- Financial & Legal Issues Group
- Hiking Club
- Journal of Opinions, Ideas & Essays (JOIE)
- Photo Club
- Social Activities
- Travel Program
- UMRA Cares
- Volunteer Center

Designated UMRA board liaisons attend and report on the activities of the U of M Age-Friendly University Council, Alumni Association, Benefits Advisory Committee, Board of Regents, Campus Club, P&A Senate, and Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs; and the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, and the Big Ten Retirees Association.

Please visit umra.umn.edu to learn more.