



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. Incorporated in 1978, 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. UMRA will host the 33rd annual Big Ten Retirees Association Conference in 2026 on the U of M Twin Cities campus.

By the numbers

- **Nearly 900.** The number of UMRA members as of July 2024. Includes faculty, staff, partners, and friends.
- **6 + 10.** Excellent programming has been a hallmark of UMRA since its inception. From September 2023 to May 2024, the monthly program schedule included 6 in-person luncheon forums plus 2 forums and 8 living well workshops via Zoom.
- **Nearly \$38 million.** Total giving to the University by current UMRA members since the FY12 start of 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 September to May and distributes by mail, email, and online at umra.umn.edu/newsletter.
- **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.

Opportunities abound

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

- Armchair Traveler
- Book Clubs I and II
- Cabinets of Curiosity
- Committee work
- Family History Interest Group
- Financial & Legal Issues Group
- Hiking Club
- *Journal of Opinions, Ideas & Essays*
- Photo Club
- Silver Gopher Service Corps
- Social activities
- Travel Tours
- 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.