



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, their spouses and partners. Incorporated in 1978, UMRA has served, supported, and advocated for the interests of the University for more than 40 years.

By the numbers

- **Nearly 800.** The number of UMRA members as of June 2022. Includes faculty, staff, spouses, partners, and friends.
- **8 x 2.** Excellent programming has been a hallmark of UMRA since its inception. During the COVID-19 pandemic, UMRA continued its monthly forums and workshops via Zoom and attendance was consistently high. From September 2022 to May 2023, the program schedule includes 8 forums and 8 workshops, to be held in-person and via Zoom.
- **\$34 million.** The total contributed by UMRA members to the U's "Driven" campaign.
- **20,000+.** The estimated number of volunteer hours contributed in service to the University by UMRA members annually (pre-COVID).
- **50,000+.** The estimated number of volunteer hours contributed in service to the community at large by UMRA members annually (pre-COVID).
- **\$5,000.** Grants of up to \$5,000 each are available to University retirees through UMRA's competitive Professional Development Grants for Retirees program.
- **8.** The number of 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.

Programs

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

- Armchair Traveler
- Book Clubs I and II
- Family History Interest Group
- Financial and Legal Issues Group
- Hiking Club
- Photo Club
- Social Activities
- Travel Program
- UMRA Cares
- Volunteer Center

Designated UMRA board liaisons attend and report on the activities of the Board of Regents, the Alumni Association, the Senate Committee on Faculty Affairs, the Benefits Advisory Committee, the University Retirees Volunteer Center, and the Campus Club.

Please visit umra.umn.edu to learn more.