

TRTA

Tennessee Retired Teachers Association

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Local Association Assessment

Due: February 1, 2017

This survey is intended as a self-assessment of the local association. The assessment should involve the officers and committee chairs of the association. A copy of the completed assessment should be mailed to TRTA for review by the TRTA Assessment Committee. The purpose of the assessment is to improve and strengthen local associations.

The Assessment Committee encourages local associations to use the results of the assessment for strategic planning. If a local association would like to have input from the Assessment Committee, please contact TRTA. A member of the committee will be assigned to meet with the local association if input is requested. The TRTA Board wants to provide as much help as possible to promote growth and vigor within locals. Please complete this valuable assessment.

Complete the information below and return this cover sheet along with the completed assessment to Tennessee Retired Teachers' Association, 801 Second Ave. North, Nashville, TN 37201

Association Name _____

Name of President _____ Number of Members _____

Number of Meetings per Year _____ Individuals participating in this survey:

Name	Position held in the Local
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You may use the back for additional names

LOCAL ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENT

The Tennessee Retired Teachers’ Association encourages all local associations to adopt and to strive to fulfill the following five goals.

1. Improve membership growth and maintenance.
2. Improve benefits for retired teachers.
3. Increase the level of visibility of and between retired and active educators.
4. Inform and involve all members.
5. Connect the local association with the state and national retired associations.

I. List your programs for the 2016-2017 year.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.
- F.

Please indicate the degree to which your local association meets the goals by responding with 0, 1, 2 or 3 to the following statements.

Rating Scale

0=Not at all 1=Needs improvement 2=Shows improvement 3=Meets local needs

II. Membership Growth and Maintenance

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| A. Your local association maintains up-to-date membership records. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| B. Your local association builds its membership by inviting new retirees, previous retirees who have not joined and previous members to re-join the association. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

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C. Your local association presents programs to attract new members and meet your members' needs. 0 1 2 3

III. Improvement of Benefits

A. Your local association informs and involves the members in political issues that impact education and educators. 0 1 2 3

B. Your local association informs members on issues pertaining to TCRS, insurance benefits, Social Security, Medicare, and other programs. 0 1 2 3

C. Your local association provides a clear plan for participation by individual members in the political process. 0 1 2 3

IV. Greater Visibility of and between Active and Retired Educators

A. Your local association has been helpful to your local active association. 0 1 2 3

B. Your local association provides active teachers nearing retirement with information for membership in your local retired association. 0 1 2 3

C. Your local association communicates information to and about your active and retired educators to the local media, the Director of Schools, School Board members, your legislators, and other community groups interested in education. 0 1 2 3

V. Informed and Involved Members

A. Your local association communicates with your members via newsletters, newspapers, telephone, e-mail, etc. 0 1 2 3

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B. Your local association uses committees with actively involved committee members. 0 1 2 3

C. Your local association actively involves volunteers. 0 1 2 3
(Volunteering is defined as any activity in which the local member/group participates in the name of the association.)

D. Your local association involves members as follows:

1. Elects officers, including a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, from the dues-paying memberships 0 1 2 3

2. Appoint such committees as necessary for the smooth running of the organization 0 1 2 3

3. Plans and adopts a yearly budget 0 1 2 3

4. Adopts a Constitution and Bylaws and revises/updates within 5 years 0 1 2 3

5. Conducts annual self-evaluation. 0 1 2 3

IV. Connection of Local with State and National Retired Associations

A. Your local association provides information to your members from and about TRTA and NEA-Retired. 0 1 2 3

.B. Rate how well your local association communicates with TRTA by:

1. Submits monies and reports on or before the due date 0 1 2 3

2. Send representatives to workshops and the Representative Assembly 0 1 2 3

3. Distributes TRTA materials to members 0 1 2 3

C. Rate the degree to which your local association communicates about NEA-Retired:

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| 1. Educates local members on the make-up and role of NEA-Retired | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2. Supports NEA-Retired to your local members and the community | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 3. Discusses NEA-Retired materials with your local members | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

VII. Briefly, evaluate the degree to which your local association is accomplishing its goals. Include your strengths, weaknesses, and methods for addressing areas of weakness.

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