

CONSTITUTION
of
THE BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY RETIRED
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
(BARTA)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The Bartholomew County Retired Teachers Association."

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purposes of this organization shall be:

- a. To cooperate with local organizations and the IRTA and NRTA in promoting the welfare of retired teachers.
- b. To promote fellowship among retired teachers.
- c. To serve as an instrument through which retired teachers may lend moral support to their local schools.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

- a. Any retired teacher or school administrator desiring to become a member of BARTA may do so.
- b. Wives or husbands of retired teacher members shall be entitled to all social privileges of the organization, but only retired teachers or school administrators can hold office or act as delegates to state meetings.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

- a. The officers of the association shall be president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer elected by plurality vote of the members at the spring meeting of odd-numbered years.
- b. The term of office shall be two years to start immediately after the election meeting.
- c. The duties shall be those which usually pertain to such offices.
- d. Should a vacancy occur the remaining officers shall be empowered to fill such vacancy until the next regular meeting, at which time an election shall be held.
- e. The BARTA president must be a member of IRTA.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- a. There shall be four regular meetings each year – one each in September, November, March, and May.
- b. Meetings may be called whenever deemed advisable by the president, the exact time and place to be decided by the officers.
- c. Member reserved meals are due and payable at the meeting. Should the member not attend the meeting, nor be excused, a request for payment shall be sent to the member.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP DUES

- a. Each member shall pay annual dues of \$5.00. The dues are to be paid in September.
- b. The association will defray the payment of the first year of dues for all first year retirees.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

- a. Committees shall be appointed by the president as needs arise.
- b. Standing Committees
 1. Membership
 2. Legislative
 3. Community Service
 4. Member Concerns
 5. Communications, i.e. calling
 6. Publicity
 7. Retirement/Financial Planning
 8. Historian
- c. Ad Hoc Committee
A Nominating Committee shall be elected during the last Fall meeting in even-numbered years.

ARTICLE VIII DELEGATES

- a. Selection: The delegates to the Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) shall be the officers and others authorized.
- b. Expenses: The expenses of the delegates to the annual meeting shall be paid by the local unit and mileage by the state.
- c. Expenses of other official meetings shall be paid as authorized.

ARTICLE IX RULES OF ORDER

The business of the association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order and by such by-laws as may be adopted by the association and recorded by the secretary.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Adopted:	October 17, 1966
Amended:	June, 1968 to make the office of secretary-treasurer into two offices.
Amended:	November 17, 1990
Amended:	April 25, 1995
Amended:	September 24, 2002
Amended:	March 23, 2010
Amended:	November 19, 2013

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IRTA

Membership--We have two types of membership, regular membership for the retired educator who receives a pension from the State of Indiana, and an associate one for those who support our cause but don't receive a pension. We especially encourage active teachers to become associate members so they can take advantage of the benefits we offer even before they retire, and so that they will have information about our association and about retirement. Be sure to scroll further down for the information on associate memberships.

Regular Membership

To be eligible for regular membership with the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, you must either be a retired educator from Indiana or be the beneficiary of a retired educator who is receiving a pension from the Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund. Regular memberships are \$35 per year, which are paid annually. Payment can be made by check, money-order or online. You may also have your dues deducted from your pension check by signing up for dues deduction.

Associate Membership

Active educators, spouses of retired teachers and others not receiving an educator's pension are eligible for an associate membership. An associate membership for \$10 entitles a member to all the benefits of a regular membership except the right to vote at our yearly business conference.

<http://www.retiredteachers.org/membership.aspx>