



## WVARSE Annual Council 2022

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

### REGISTRATION

Convention Center Lobby - 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Region I – Martha Dean, Director

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Karen Nicholson, Membership Clerk  
John Riddle, Membership Chair

### FIRST GENERAL SESSION

1:00 PM - Conference Rooms D & E  
Please turn off cell phones

Presiding ..... Irvin Scarberry, President  
Devotions & Pledge of Allegiance ..... Anna Lou Stemple  
Welcome & Introductions ..... Irvin Scarberry  
Remarks ..... Bill Milam, Executive Director  
AMBA ..... Joe Maddalon  
Humana ..... Joel Thacker  
Keynote Speaker ..... Joe White, Executive Director  
WVSSPA

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#### Banquet Menu

Tender Grilled Italian Chicken Breast  
Loaded Potato Casserole  
Green Beans  
Salad - Assorted Desserts - Bread

## Keynote Speaker at Annual Council



James Joseph White

James Joseph "Joe" White was born in Parkersburg, WV. He was raised in Clothier, WV. Joe graduated from Sharples High School in Logan County, WV. Joe currently resides in Chapmanville, WV, with his wife Brenda, his family and two beloved dogs Muffin and Sissy, and his Green Cheek Conure, Baby. He is the father of

two sons, Joe II and Tyler, and a daughter, Andrea. He has three grandchildren, McKenzie, Tyler and Rowan.

Immediately after high school graduation Joe moved to Florida to start his family. For nearly 10 years he worked as a district manager for Baron Oil Company. In the early nineties, Joe returned to his home

## From Your President

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President for the past two years. I consider it a great privilege to have been afforded this opportunity for service. For an individual, such as me, with an introverted personality, this has been a remarkable experience.

During these two years, a multitude of challenges have been presented to us individually and collectively. Covid robbed us of any semblance of normalcy, but somehow each of us learned to cope and make the necessary adaptations to survive and thrive. I am somewhat uncertain as to how we overcame these trying circumstances, but we most certainly have. Perhaps, it was our faith, our past life experiences or our determined mountaineer spirit that helped us to overcome. Whatever the reason, I am glad that we managed to cope with these stresses and continue to move forward.

In some of my past communications, I shared with you some of the adaptations that your WVARSE Executive Board engaged in during this time. I am very pleased that we were able to continue the work of the organization without significant disruption. Our Executive Director and each member of the WVARSE Executive Board are to be commended for their dedication and determination to the task of serving our organization.

Many of us have acquired some new technology skills to aid in our ability to communicate in the twenty-first century. If we could identify a positive form our Covid experience, it possibly would be an increased comfort level in our use of technology. As my son so often stated, "Dad, you're finally beginning to be a part of the twenty-first century."

The major downside to us, as an organization, has been our inability to grow our membership. We were unable to meet with our fellow retirees and encourage them to join us in our efforts. In spite our determination to meet via Zoom, or by other means, we were unable to make the personal contacts necessary to accomplish membership growth. Since the situation has eased somewhat, I am hoping that we can once again make those

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IRVIN SCARBERRY  
WVARSE President

state and began working for Logan County Schools. In 1994, Joe became a member of the WVSSPA, and has served the association in many different roles. In 2007, Joe

worked as a Field Staff representative for the WVSSPA, recruiting new members all over the state. He served as Vice President of the state executive committee from

2007-2010. In January 2014, Joe served as the Political Director for the WVSSPA. In March 2014, he was hired as the association's Executive Director.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S COLUMN



William G. ‘Bill’ Milam  
Executive Director

Many of you have been making an effort to normalize your activities and it is evidenced by the number of Gold and Silver certificates which will be awarded at the 2022 Annual Council – August 24 and 25, 2022. I encourage as many of you as can to attend the Annual Council. We plan to have a banquet (menu is in another part of this newsletter). There will be an election of officers. Candidate for president elect is John Moyers (Grant County); candidate for region II Director is Marie Schimmel

(Gilmer County); candidate for Region IV Director is Irvin Scarberry (Cabell); and candidate for Region VI Director is Dave Adkins (Grant County). Come out and show your support for these candidates. We will also be voting on a proposed change in the WVARSE Constitution (change in Life Membership). Due to the stipulations of WV Code **\$5-10D-6**, the authorization granted the Consolidated Public Retirement Board (CPRB) to withhold voluntary deductions for recipients of monthly

retirement benefits expired July 1, 2022. We were successful in getting about 178 memberships continued by this method with some renewing after years of not being a member. Letters were sent to all members enrolled in Dues Deduction telling them that we can no longer take membership dues this way and 47 have responded. 14 members converted to life membership. Some may have paid directly to their counties. Having your email and phone number on our membership file is an asset. We have sent emails

to members using this several times. An email concerning contacting the Governor’s office and a reminder to pay 2023 dues was recently sent. The email that John Taylor sent concerning calling the Governor was posted to both my personal facebook and the WVARSE facebook page. I have received many comments from this.

We must continue to increase our membership. It is the responsibility of each member to do his/her best to enroll new members and retain old members. We still

accept the old enrollment forms and members can enroll on the website. **You are now able to pay your membership dues online by using a credit card or a check draft. Go to [www.WVARSE.org](http://www.WVARSE.org) click on *membership* and then click on *join online*.**

Your sharing of email addresses with us would be most helpful. Many of my email addresses are not valid. If you have changed your email address, please send me an email at [bmilam@suddenlink.net](mailto:bmilam@suddenlink.net) so that I can update my files.

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President

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contacts needed to grow our membership.

I commend our local units that continued to meet via Zoom, Go to Meeting or whatever available means. I also commend the efforts of many of our members who maintained telephone or internet communications with their fellow retirees. Many of our members are to be commended

for extending TLC to our most senior members. Your service to your colleagues was, and continues to be, outstanding examples of who we are as an organization.

I hope that you are making plans to join us in our 2022 Annual Council Meeting at the Days Inn, Flatwoods, West Virginia. This meeting is scheduled for August 24 and 25, 2022. Registration begins at 10:00 AM, and the first General Session begins at 1:00 PM on

August 24. Barring any further barriers or complications, this will be our first two day, in person meeting since the Fall of 2019. I look forward to seeing representatives from each of our local units at this meeting. PS – We are not planning to have baked steak on the banquet menu.

In closing, thank you again for allowing me to serve in this role. I am truly honored for having had this privilege. Your President-elect, Charmel

Radcliff, will be installed as WVARSE President at the Annual Council. She will do an outstanding job in this position, but she needs your dedicated support during her term.

With your support and cooperation, the sky is the limit as to what we can accomplish in this great organization – the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees.

KEEP ON SMILING!

Legislative News

By John Taylor, WVARSE State Legislative Chair

Currently WVARSE is working with AARP State Advocacy Team to try to promote a one-time supplement for state retirees and retired school employees. We are asking that this supplement be considered in a special legislative session. We recently met with Brian Abraham, the Governor’s Chief of

staff to ask for consideration. Now, the ball is in your court. Grass roots contact may well make a difference. Inflation is taking its toll. We need at least some relief.

Thanks to all of you who have called the Governor’s office. We will continue those efforts!! And if YOU haven’t

called yet, or want to call again, or have your Aunts, Uncles, and cousins, call please do so! You will hear AARP first as the call is answered. This is because we can track the numbers of calls going through this number and being able to do so is a good negotiating point. We KNOW how many people have called!

Just follow the instructions and your call will be transferred to the Governor’s office.

Call Governor Jim Justice at 844-489-1348, urge him to support a one-time \$1,500 supplement for state retirees. Again, urge Governor Justice to support a one-time supplement now.

Proposed LEGISLATIVE GOALS for 2023

State Goals

- That WVARSE will promote legislation to continue and maintain the quality of PEIA coverage, without increases in premiums, copays or reduction in benefits.
- That WVARSE will promote legislation to increase the pension of those who retired 20 or more years ago by two dollars per month per year of service.
- That WVARSE will support legislation to provide a one-time supplement of \$1,500 for retirees 70 and over who had at least 20 years of service.
- That WVARSE will support legislation to provide a Cost-of-Living-Adjustment or COLA for state pensions.
- That WVARSE will support AARP efforts at the legislature.

National Goals

- WVARSE proposes that Congress:
- Increase funding for Social Security by eliminating the cap on earnings taxed
- Increase funding to Medicare
- Add coverage in Medicare for Optical, Dental, and Hearing Aids
- Allow Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices

## BARBOUR COUNTY

### BCARSE Holds 2022 Spring Banquet



Members of the Barbour County Association of Retired School Employees held their 2022 Spring Banquet at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Philippi on the evening of Friday, April 22, 2022. It was the first major banquet conducted by the group following a two-year pause due to virus restrictions. The organization had returned last summer to a full slate of regular meetings throughout the 2021-22 term.

With more than 40 in attendance, the members socialized and shared information, committee reports and a review of the previous year's activities during the evening. The group then enjoyed a delicious meal featuring baked steak and turkey as prepared by the church cooks and helpers, with keyboard entertainment provided by T.J. Dalton.

A candlelight and bell memorial service was held following the meal as BCARSE remembered the 45 colleagues who had passed since the last banquet held in 2019. The program concluded with the installation of officers for 2022-23 with Past BCARSE and WVARSE State President, Betty Daugherty (second from left in photo above) conducting the ceremony. Accepting Barbour County's leadership roles for the next year were: Doug Schiefelbein, President; Sandra Lantz, Vice-President; Anna Lou Stemple, Secretary and Carolyn Davis, Treasurer.

## KANAWHA COUNTY



KCARSE (Kanawha County Association of Retired School Employees) executive board had a planning session June 28. The following were in attendance: Pat Schillings, Dayton Beard, Sandi Huff, Brenda Thacker, Bill Milam, Darlene Milam, Barbara Tabaretti, Yvonne Martin, and Sally Adkins. The task of the meeting was planning membership meetings for 2022-2023 year. Plans for 2022 were finalized and a meeting was scheduled on February 14 at Panera Breads in Southridge at 11:30 to plan the March and April meetings. **September 13, Tuesday at 11:30** will be the annual picnic at the Columbia Shelter at Coonskin Park. Bill Milam will invite legislators to speak. **October 4, Tuesday at 11:00** will be Pizza, salad, and bingo. Shanklin Center residents will be invited to attend. An AMBA representative will be present to enlighten members of membership benefits. **November 9, Wednesday at 11:30** Kanawha County Schools Superintendent, Tom Williams, will speak. Members will fill blizzard bags for 50 Hansford Center and 30 South Charleston Community Center people. **December 7, Wednesday at 11:00** Christmas will be celebrated with a craft, Christmas music, food and drink. The annual luncheon was planned for May 16, 2023. WVARSE president, Charmel Radcliff will be invited to attend as a guest speaker.

## BERKELEY COUNTY



Emma Higgins from Musselman High school is the 2022 Patsy and Jim Smith Scholarship recipient from Berkeley County Association Retired School Employees. She will attend WVU majoring in marketing and communications. She will begin in the fall as an academic sophistication since she has already completed classes at Blue Ridge Community college while attending high school. Such a deserving individual. She has received \$550.00 from BCARSE.

## GRANT COUNTY



Paisley Hawk and Emma Franz with President Patty Adkins.

The Grant County Association of Retired School Employees met Sunday, June 5th at the First Baptist Church. GCARSE Scholarships were awarded to Paisley Hawk and Emma Franz 2022 Petersburg High School graduates who are both planning to pursue degrees in education. A Memorial Service was led by JoAnn Harman to honor members who have passed since 2021. A candle was lit as those in attendance shared fond memories of Jean DiGuistino, Mary Faye Wilkinson, Reginald Feaster, Delores Secrist, Leona Dawson, Janet Weatherholt, Suenette Sites, and Ruth Ann Columbia.

It was announced that John Moyers will serve as the next GCARSE President and is also President Elect for the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees. David Adkins will be the next Region VI area director.

On July 28th at 5 pm, GCARSE met at the Petersburg City Park. Suzanne Park with the Potomac Valley Transit Authority discussed the authority services available to residents. Membership attended the Workshop and Showroom of local artisan, John Garton.

## WIRT COUNTY



Wirt County ARSE reached their goal again this year to fund a scholarship for a Wirt County Class of '23 graduate. Much fun was had by all during the bag auction at the first meeting July 11th.

## MORGAN COUNTY



**Morgan County Partnership Melody Stotler and Crystal Michael, and member Pete Gordon**

Morgan County has had a very busy spring. Meetings resumed after the winter by having Joe Maddalon with AMBA during a virtual meeting in March. In April, representatives from the Morgan County Partnership, Melody Stotler and Crystal Michael, shared their mission, as well as member Pete Gordon expressing the importance of voting for the excess levy. In May, they met at Cacapon Resort State Park with members Kathy Yost and Jay Russell presenting a program on "Flower Gardening on the Cheap." In June, 4 members traveled to Hampshire County for the Region VI meeting. Shown are Larry Sarti, Vicki Jenkins, Rachel Sarti (our NEW president) and Kathy Yost in the one-room schoolhouse toured after the meeting. The next meeting will be a picnic in August with the scholarship awardee's (Corinne Mellott) family, the Teacher of the Year and the Service Personnel of the Year.

## WEBSTER COUNTY



Webster County members from the Cowen area present an annual donation to Cowen Public Librarian Naomi Hagerman at the April meeting held in the southern end of the county at Trinity United Methodist Church. Each year, the group meets once in the northern and once in the southern reaches of Webster County, with the remainder taking place in centrally-located Webster Springs.

## RANDOLPH COUNTY



On April 22, 2022, Randolph County ARSE met at the Steer Steakhouse in Elkins, WV, for a regular monthly meeting. During the meeting, Mr. Ed Pamish from AMBA, spoke to the group about the benefits of AMBA. He provided information regarding Insurance available for Home Care and Long-Term Care for members. Also during the meeting, a slate of officers was presented from the Election Committee, which were unanimously approved. New officers elected for RCARSE were: President, Lorraine Corley; Vice President, Mary Snelson, Secretary, Rosemary Markley; and Treasurer, Sandra DiBacco. Following the meeting Mrs. Snelson had to resign as Vice President so Donna Auvil has been appointed to the position.

To end the meeting, a drawing was held for the winner of the WVU basketball which had been signed by Coach Bob Huggins. (Pictured are Donna Auvil and Lorraine Corley). After expenses, approximately \$700.00 was raised in ticket sales which, added to monies raised from silent auctions and private donations, the Randolph County ARSE was able to give three \$300.00 cash scholarships to graduating seniors from Randolph County, sponsor one girl to Rhododendron Girls State, and pay for one Apprentice to attend the Old Brick Playhouse. The group also delivers "Goodie Baskets" to all Randolph County Schools sites, including the Bus Garage, County Office, and Maintenance Shop, during American Education Week and continues to donate nonperishable foods and personal hygiene items to Tyrand Parish as their Service Project.

## GILMER COUNTY



Hostesses Brenda McCartney & Arleta Davis greeted GCARSE members at the Senior Center on May 17, 2022. A summer atmosphere was created with brightly colored tablecloths topped with arrangements of pansies and sunflowers.

Officers for the upcoming year were inducted by Region II Director Martha Dean followed by a memorial service honoring deceased GCARSE members. Thanks to the members' generosity, three scholarships of 500.00 each were awarded to Gunner Allison, Emma Taylor and Adam Stewart.



GCARSE vice president Marie Schimmel presented \$500.00 scholarships to Emma Taylor, Gunner Allison, and Adam Stewart at the Gilmer County High School awards assembly. Emma plans to attend GSU and major in nursing; Gunner will attend GSU with Criminal Justice being his field of interest; and Adam will pursue Health and Human Performance: Exercise Science.

The retired employees gathered at the First Baptist Church on July 12 to observe their annual covered dish picnic. The stormy weather did not dampen the retirees' fellowship nor hearty appreciation of the delectable dishes available.

## MERCER COUNTY

On May 16, 2022 the MCARSE, was honored to have Mercer County Schools Superintendent Ed Toman and Board Member Jacenda Santon Smith serve as Presenters of the Names of 61 retired employees lost during 2021-2022. Rev Jason Spade, First Baptist Church, performed the Benediction. MCARSE President, Ann Pauley, served as Bell Ringer. Poetry was read by several members. The program and presentation of roses was done by Vice President Peggy Johnson.



Pausing for a photo not taken in a long time due to COVID are the 2022-2023 MCARSE Unit Officers. Left to Right, Robin Dalton Beamer, Community Service Chair. Peggy Johnson, Vice President. Jan Williams, Treasurer. Lynne Gilpin, Secretary. Ann Pauley, President. JoAnna Fredeking, Membership Chair. Missing from the photo are Steve Bailey, Legislative Chair, and Kay Monohan, I&P Chair.

## ROANE COUNTY

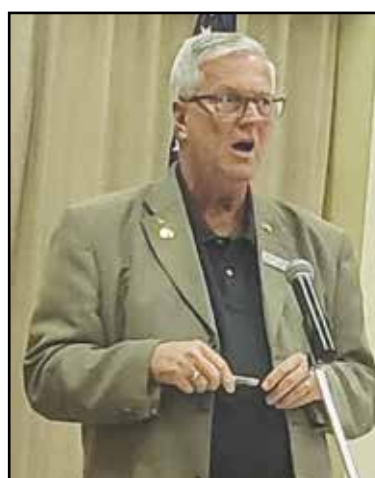


RCARSE had two special guests at the May meeting. Joe McDonald from A&M Technologies spoke to the group about phone scams, online scams, social media scams, and what to do if you think you have been hacked. Senator Richard Lindsay also attended the meeting and gave an update on bills concerning education and PEIA funding; followed by a question and answer session. The annual picnic was held at the Terry & Carol Williams farm in June. Members were able to renew their membership and a new retiree, John Gray, was welcomed to the group. Members enjoyed the evening visiting with each other.

# 2022 Regional Meetings



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## JACKSON COUNTY



The main focus of the article is that JCARSE reached its growth goal of 10% increase in the Each One, Reach One campaign by adding 13 new members this year! Members were excited to offer a welcoming community of retirees and good programming to benefit our members.

Members reached out to nonmembers to invite them to have lunch at Cedar Lakes. Many opted for lifetime membership.

One of the more informative and helpful programs this year was a presentation on Wills and Estate Planning by Ceason Ranson (pictured here with senior attorney Rob Fisher of Ripley).

Nancy Cipoletti presented a multitude of information on services and programs available through the WV Bureau of Senior Services. Her PowerPoint and pamphlets were very helpful in keeping up with the variety of ways that seniors can find support and help.

## LEWIS COUNTY



Lewis County Association of Retired School Employees gives Two \$500 Scholarships each year.

On May 20, Liz Bradford, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, presented two \$500 Scholarships at Lewis County High School. The first went to Priscilla Weese who will be pursuing an Accountant Degree at Glenville State University and the second went to Clarre Lattea who will be going to West Virginia University and working toward a Prepharmacy Degree. Lewis County Association of Retired School Employees has been giving Scholarships for the past ten years. In the last five years, two \$500 Scholarships been awarded.

## JACKSON COUNTY



## BRAXTON COUNTY



On June 7th BCARSE welcomed new retirees into the fold at a Retiree Reception sponsored by Braxton County Association of Retired School Employees. Several members donated goodies and/or served cake and other delectables to attending 2022 retiring school employees, board of education members. Members spoke individually to retirees about the benefits of joining the association. Congratulations to school retirees across the state on completing a career of service to our children.



## BOONE COUNTY



Boone County Association of Retired School Employee news: Dan and Jenny Light entertained with Appalachian Christmas songs for the December meeting. Also children's books were collected to be donated to area elementary school libraries. Kathy Hill, Nurse Practitioner and Director of Boone Memorial Health's "Healthy Lifestyle Program" along with Karlie Bell Price, Public Relations Director, presented highlights and information about many of the Hospital's programs and investments in Boone County's surrounding communities.

## KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



### Irvin Scarberry – WVARSE President

I am a native West Virginian and the oldest of the six children in my family. We lived in Huntington and were educated in Cabell County Public Schools. Three of us became educators. My Bachelors and Masters Degrees, as well as additional credit hours, were earned at Marshall University—Huntington Campus. My last years of working in education were also at Marshall. I worked as a Clinical Experience Supervisor in the Col-

lege of Education and Professional Development for several years after my retirement from Cabell County Schools. I worked in Cabell County Schools for thirty-six and a half years. During those years, I served in several positions. I served as an elementary classroom teacher, Title I math teacher, elementary principal and Supervisor of Title I Programs. Of these varied positions, my most memorable and favorite role was that

of an elementary classroom teacher. My wife and I have been married for forty-seven years. We have one son, who we adopted from Korea when he was six months old. Our son is in his early forties and now works and resides in the Chicago area. I have been a member of the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees since 2005. During my years of membership, I have been privileged to work in several roles. I served as

President of the Cabell County Association of Retired School Employees for several years. At the state level, I have been in several positions: Region IV Director, Recording Secretary, I & P Chair, President-elect and President. I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to meet and work alongside so many wonderful retirees in the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees.

# MEMBERSHIP

By John Riddle

All organizations have a reason to exist and work to do-having active members is crucial to accomplishing our goals. The West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees (WVARSE) was established ( 1957) to give ALL retired school employees a voice after retirement. It is the only organized group that welcomes membership, no matter what your role in education, before retirement! WVARSE is the largest organized association of retired public employees with about 7300 members. There are over 32,000 WV retired school employees. We have the potential of a much larger membership due to our constitution, permitting associate membership, i.e. spouses, etc.!

We all know those members are the “life blood” of any organization. They are also the people needed to do the work of the organization. As we begin a new year of recruitment we need to remember “getting new members is one process and keeping them” is another. State and local leaders must give the member a reason

to continue to join and be active. Recruitment should begin at the place future members are now working, i.e. bus garage, maintenance, shop, schools, board office. These are the people who are interested in our mission-to serve them and give them a unified voice on issues concerning their pension and health benefits, etc.. We must “grow” our membership through getting existing members to become committed activists and these activists to become leaders. We must plan and conduct programs that focus on leadership and future growth of WVARSE. The larger our organization becomes the more our voice will be heard related to goals of WVARSE.

Why does an organization not grow? It is kind of like selling a product, does it taste good, is it good for me or what does it do for me? We must “get the word out”! What is our mission and goals and how will it help the members? They must see a benefit to belonging to WVARSE. **DECIDE ON THE MESSAGE WE WANT TO COMMUNICATE TO**

**POTENTIAL MEMBERS AND THEN GET THIS INFORMATION OUT!** The role of increasing membership must be a united effort from the officers of the unit to each member. Everyone must “look after the garden” and seek out new members, while keeping the existing members active. A key factor here is creating a “feeling that they are valued and making a contribution”.

Finally, encourage community projects that expose WVARSE in many areas of community assistance. Let the community know about the number of volunteer hours WVARSE members contribute to the community. Structure your meetings to be interesting and open to all members being involved-having fun. We must “grow” our membership if we are truly the “voice” of all retired school employees. Recruitment and keeping active members is a must as we move forward in accomplishing our goals for a sound organization that truly represents the feeling of its members!

## WVARSE 2021-2022 Volunteer hours

**Patty Adkins. State Community Service Chair**

This year we fell short of our goal of one and a half million volunteer hours. Our total was **836,754**.

We received no report from 16 counties, sadly, deaths from COVID and other causes, have taken many of our most faithful volunteers. It is our task to encourage the younger retirees to keep and report their volunteer hours.

Reporting volunteer hours is only one way we can show the value of our retirees and that we are saving the state of West Virginia many millions of dollars.

Siri reports that the average wage in West Virginia is Twenty- nine dollars (\$29.00) per hour. Based on this number, our members saved and donated to the state a grand total of **\$24,265,886**. Perhaps next year, all 55 counties will report their hours and we can surpass our goal of one and a half million.

**Thank you** to all members who volunteer your time and talents and take the time to report your hours. We appreciate all that you do.

| Region | Youth   | Other   | Total   |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| I      | 6,103   | 43,276  | 49,379  |
| II     | 66,517  | 162,337 | 228,854 |
| III    |         | 181,946 | 181,946 |
| IV     | 29,185  | 33,074  | 62,259  |
| V      | 7,374   | 40,931  | 48,305  |
| VI     | 72,582  | 193,469 | 266,011 |
| Total  | 181,761 | 654,993 | 836,754 |

## Proposed changes to the WVARSE State Constitution Change in Life dues

The WVARSE state budget is written each year based on the services provided and the income from membership dues. In order to balance the budget, the Executive Board voted at their November 7, 2018 meeting to increase life dues from \$100 to \$150.

### ARTICLE I DUES

B. Life membership (State Active and Associate): \$100.00

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

c. LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Any person eligible for membership may become a Life Member upon payment of the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

### ARTICLE VIII - FUNDS

Section 2. Funds not immediately required for annual expenses shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts. A sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) shall be held in reserve for Life Membership with only the interest earned being available for disbursement.

### PROPOSED CHANGE

#### ARTICLE I DUES

Section 1. Beginning July 1, 2018 2023, the annual dues of the Association shall be as follows:

B. Life membership (State Active and Associate): ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

c. LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Any person eligible for membership may become a Life Member upon payment of the sum of ~~one hundred (\$100.00)~~ one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars

### PROPOSED CHANGE

#### ARTICLE I DUES

Section 1. Beginning July 1, 2018 2023, the annual dues of the Association shall be as follows:

**B. Eliminate Life membership**

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

c. LIFE MEMBERSHIP: **Eliminate Life Membership**

### ARTICLE VIII - FUNDS

Section 2. Funds not immediately required for annual expenses shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts. ~~A sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) shall be held in reserve for Life Membership with only the interest earned being available for disbursement.~~ **All Lifetime Membership dues shall be placed in a sustaining fund. One twentieth of this fund shall be used each year in lieu of dues for life members.**

## WVARSE needs a treasurer

Martha Dean recently resigned as WVARSE Treasurer. Judy Staubly continues working as treasurer but wants to retire from that position. WVARSE needs a replacement. Anyone interested in the position, please contact a board member. If you refer a name, we will check it out.

## CONTACT US

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# ~ In Memoriam ~

**BARBOUR**  
Alda Poling Hammack\*

Hugh Manly\*  
Karen Tate\*

**MINERAL**  
Norma Ellifritz\*

**BERKELEY**  
C. David Miller\*\*  
Charlotte VanMetre\*  
Mary Fae Byrd\*\*

**HARRISON**  
Dorothy "Jean" Quinones\*  
Tony Arthur Audia\*

**PENDLETON**  
Lula Belle Kline\*  
Sadie Belle Propst\*\*

**BOONE**  
Gary Sumpter\*

**HARDY**  
Orpha Orndorff\*\*

**PUTNAM**  
Janet Rosalie Purdy\*

**BRAXTON**  
French Stephen Beane\*\*  
Jerald David Hoover\*  
Thomas Martzall\*

**JACKSON**  
Mary L. Fast\*\*

**RANDOLPH**  
Doris Baker\*\*  
Robert Bright\*  
Faye Maynard\*

**JEFFERSON**  
Charles Freeland\*\*  
Linda McLaughlin\*

**CABELL**  
Debby Canady\*\*  
Robert Childers\*\*  
David Forinash\*  
Beatrice Kreke\*\*  
Matilda Robinson\*

**KANAWHA**  
Sue Carol Blake\*\*  
Maxine H. Calhoun\*\*

**ROANE**  
Phyllis Counts\*\*  
Reva Paxton\*\*

**FAYETTE**  
Martha J. Aliff\*

Maxine A. Cook\*  
Dorothy Dye\*  
Nancy M. Lince\*  
Rachel S. Smith\*\*  
Reba C. Wade\*\*  
Linda Winter\*

**TAYLOR**  
Ruth L. Malone\*\*

**GLENVILLE**  
Margaret Kay Curry  
Chico\*  
Maggie Stump\*\*

**MASON**  
Carol Susie Miller\*\*  
Marybeth Pyles\*\*

**SUMMERS**  
Barbara M Farley\*  
Tona R. Kirkham\*  
Margaret J. McLaughlin\*  
Thomas Stacklin\*\*

**GILMER**  
Marilyn Phillips\*

**MCDOWELL**  
Jaunita Hale\*\*  
Helen Kiser\*\*

**UPSHUR**  
Willis Darius Craven\*\*  
Inis L. Evans\*\*  
William Lee O'Brien\*  
Mary Tenney\*

**HAMSHIRE**  
Dot Robey\*\*

**MERCER**  
Christopher H. Hatcher\*

**WIRT**  
Anna Exline\*

**HANCOCK**  
Louise Fletcher\*\*  
Tom Lebec\*

**NICHOLAS**  
Nila Forren\*  
Robert Ward II\*\*

\*means Annual Member  
\*\* means Life Member

## Members may change membership

At the November WVARSE Executive Board meeting a motion was made to allow members to change their membership to any county of their choosing. *A person may be a WVARSE member in the county where they retired or in a county of their choice but can't be a member in both.* If a member desires to change their state membership to a different county they need to submit a request to membership clerk Karen Nicholson in writing.

## WVARSE Membership Report

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Processed for Year Ending 6/30/2022

|              | Last Yr  | Current  |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| UTA          | 0        | 1        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> |

| REGION I     | Last Yr     | Current     |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| BROOKE       | 169         | 158         |
| FAIRMONT     | 17          | 12          |
| HANCOCK      | 224         | 147         |
| MARION       | 239         | 194         |
| MARSHALL     | 193         | 89          |
| MONONGALIA   | 156         | 100         |
| OHIO         | 314         | 269         |
| PLEASANTS    | 86          | 79          |
| TYLER        | 60          | 49          |
| WETZEL       | 65          | 45          |
| WVU          | 27          | 23          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1550</b> | <b>1165</b> |

| REGION II    | Last Yr     | Current     |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| BARBOUR      | 105         | 83          |
| BRAXTON      | 83          | 50          |
| DODDRIDGE    | 20          | 8           |
| GILMER       | 42          | 41          |
| GLENVILLE    | 13          | 15          |
| HARRISON     | 338         | 276         |
| LEWIS        | 107         | 84          |
| PRESTON      | 161         | 120         |
| RANDOLPH     | 181         | 134         |
| TAYLOR       | 144         | 113         |
| TUCKER       | 57          | 57          |
| UPSHUR       | 262         | 232         |
| WEBSTER      | 69          | 53          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1582</b> | <b>1266</b> |

| REGION III   | Last Yr     | Current     |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| BOONE        | 228         | 181         |
| CALHOUN      | 21          | 7           |
| CLAY         | 15          | 18          |
| JACKSON      | 137         | 148         |
| KANAWHA      | 388         | 374         |
| RITCHIE      | 30          | 28          |
| ROANE        | 57          | 57          |
| STATE DEPT   | 36          | 28          |
| WIRT         | 61          | 63          |
| WOOD         | 343         | 246         |
| WVS          | 5           | 5           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1321</b> | <b>1155</b> |

| REGION IV    | Last Yr    | Current    |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| CABELL       | 183        | 151        |
| LINCOLN      | 114        | 91         |
| LOGAN        | 33         | 38         |
| MASON        | 58         | 44         |
| MINGO        | 28         | 27         |
| MU           | 6          | 6          |
| PUTNAM       | 151        | 113        |
| WAYNE        | 150        | 102        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>723</b> | <b>572</b> |

| REGION V     | Last Yr     | Current    |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| CONCORD      | 3           | 1          |
| FAYETTE      | 159         | 102        |
| GREENBRIER   | 132         | 109        |
| MCDOWELL     | 153         | 90         |
| MERCER       | 241         | 205        |
| MONROE       | 16          | 12         |
| NICHOLAS     | 110         | 97         |
| POCAHONTAS   | 100         | 97         |
| RALEIGH      | 172         | 114        |
| SUMMERS      | 110         | 68         |
| WVIT         | 3           | 3          |
| WYOMING      | 95          | 85         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>1294</b> | <b>983</b> |

| REGION VI    | Last Yr    | Current    |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| BERKELEY     | 174        | 156        |
| DEAF & BLIND | 35         | 23         |
| GRANT        | 63         | 110        |
| HAMPSHIRE    | 69         | 71         |
| HARDY        | 33         | 32         |
| JEFFERSON    | 123        | 94         |
| MINERAL      | 125        | 134        |
| MORGAN       | 82         | 73         |
| PENDLETON    | 54         | 42         |
| POTOMAC      | 5          | 2          |
| SHEPHERD     | 5          | 3          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>768</b> | <b>740</b> |

**Total Members 7138 5882**

Annual payment for membership. Must sign up annually.

## WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ENROLLMENT FORM

DUES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 20 22 - JUNE 30, 20 23

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| STATE LIFE MEMBER PAYING |         |
| COUNTY DUES ONLY         | \$ 5.00 |
| EXTRA COUNTY DUES        | \$      |
| TOTAL LIFE/COUNTY DUES   | \$      |

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| STATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP   | \$ 100.00 |
| PLUS ANNUAL COUNTY DUES | \$ 5.00   |
| EXTRA COUNTY DUES       | \$        |
| TOTAL LIFE/COUNTY DUES  | \$        |
| COUNTY LIFE MEMBERSHIP  | \$        |

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| ANNUAL STATE DUES  | \$ 15.00 |
| ANNUAL COUNTY DUES | \$ 5.00  |
| EXTRA COUNTY DUES  | \$       |
| TOTAL ANNUAL DUES  | \$       |

PLEASE PRINT: (Name as it appears on your retirement check)

Associate ( ) Life ( )

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal ( ) New ( )

Last

First

Middle

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ OLD ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

IF CHANGED

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

RETIRED FROM \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME OF COUNTY, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OTHER)

Send to YOUR COUNTY MEMBERSHIP CHM.  
both forms & check payable to your unit.

For info: contact [www.WVARSE.org](http://www.WVARSE.org) for County Membership Chairman  
Or call: Karen Nicholson, WVARSE Membership Clerk 304-488-2860

Members receive Newsletters, Travel Opportunities & representation at the legislature.

"Dues are not tax deductible"

## COUNTY PRESIDENTS 2022-2023

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## Thanks for support for Medicare Advantage



President Elect Charmel Radcliff and Executive Director Bill Milam met with Congresswoman Carol Miller at Tamrack to present her with a certificate of thanks for her support for Medicare Advantage which helps to reduce costs to PEIA retirees. Bill met with Senator Joe Manchin at his office to present a certificate of thanks. Senator Shelly Capito was also acknowledged and thanked for her support. Pictured with Bill and Senator Manchin is Jim Wallace who is on Medicare Advantage and lives in Sissonville.

## HUMANA/ PEIA

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of these open enrollment meetings.

### Open Enrollment Meeting schedule for the upcoming fall

| DATE       | TIME                | CITY          | LOCATION  |
|------------|---------------------|---------------|---|
| 10/5/2022  | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Parkersburg   | Grand Pointe Conference & Reception Center 1500 Grand Central Ave. Suite 118 Vienna, WV |
| 10/11/2022 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am  | Bluefield     | Quality Hotel 3350 Big Laurel Highway   |
| 10/11/2022 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm   | Beckley       | Tamarack 1 Tamarack Park  |
| 10/12/2022 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Lewisburg     | Fairfield Inn & Suites 273 Coleman Dr.  |
| 10/13/2022 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am  | Barboursville | Delta Hotel 3551 Route 60 E   |
| 10/13/2022 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm   | Logan         | Chief Logan Lodge 1000 Conference Center Dr.  |
| 10/18/2022 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am  | Martinsburg   | Holiday Inn Express 301 Foxcroft Ave.   |
| 10/18/2022 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm   | Romney        | South Branch Inn 64 Heritage Circle   |
| 10/19/2022 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am  | Morgantown    | Erickson Alumni Center 1 Alumni Drive   |
| 10/19/2022 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm   | Clarksburg    | Bridgeport Conference Center 300 Conference Center Way                                  |
| 10/25/2022 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am  | Weirton       | Holiday Inn 350 Three Springs Drive   |
| 10/25/2022 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm   | Wheeling      | Oglebay Resort & Conference Center  |
| 10/26/2022 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am  | Weston        | Hampton Inn 76 Hospitality Way  |
| 10/26/2022 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm   | Flatwoods     | Days Inn 350 Days Drive   |
| 10/27/2022 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am  | Charleston    | Holiday Inn 400 2nd Ave   |
| 10/27/2022 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm   | Charleston    | Holiday Inn 400 2nd Ave   |

## What did you do this Summer?

Please send a pic (preferably a JPEG) to [bmilam@suddenlink.net](mailto:bmilam@suddenlink.net) with your name, and location of pic (any comments you wish to make)