



Wisconsin Professional Employees Council

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RETIREE OPTIONS

Want to stay involved in your union after you retire? There are a number of options.

1. **WPEC.** You can become an associate member of WPEC for just \$20 a year. You'll receive copies of WPEC's electronic newsletters. Keep in touch with old friends and with what's going on. Now more than ever, it's important to be aware of what's happening at the Capitol. One of the reasons Wisconsin has one of the strongest, most secure pension systems in the country is because unions have kept a close eye on what's happening. For more information and a copy of the enrollment form, go to www.wpec.org and click on "Retirees" under the Membership Menu.

Associate members do not have voting rights in WPEC except where noted in the Constitution. An amendment created District 8, which contains all WPEC associate members. District 8 is entitled to an elected representative to sit on the WPEC Executive Council.

2. **AFT national** (our national affiliate). Your membership in the AFT while you were working has secured you a lifelong retiree membership in the national union. You remain eligible for the AFT members plus benefits program (for a list go to <https://www.aft.org/member-benefits>). You can sign up for an e-newsletter here: <https://www.aft.org/action/subscribe-aft-e-newsletters>. Retiree members do not have voting rights in AFT national.

You are also automatically a member of the Alliance for Retired Americans. The Alliance has been a leader in the recent Medicare and Social Security battles. Go to <http://www.retiredamericans.org/> or <http://www.wisconsinara.org/> for more information about the alliance.

For more information, e-mail retirees@aft.org or call 202/879-4553.

3. **AFT-Wisconsin (our state affiliate).** You can become a member of the AFT-Wisconsin Retirees Chapter. Dues are currently \$20/year. The Chapter has quarterly newsletters and is made up of retired members from various locals affiliated with AFT-W. The AFT-W Retirees Chapter is also allowed to have five voting delegates to the AFT-W annual conventions.

For more information, go to <http://wi.aft.org/retirees/> or contact Kathy Kreul at kreul@aft-wisconsin.org.