

# UAB Retirees Association

## *UABRA Newsletter*

FALL 2021

### *Greetings*

#### From Your New President

I am honored to be named the 2021-2022 UABRA President by our Board of Directors. I am joined by Tim Heaven, Vice President; Pamela Jacobs, Treasurer; Mike Geerts; Recording Secretary; Jan Hofman, Membership Secretary; and Michael Anne Markiewicz, Past President. Other Board Members are Clint Bruess, Leroy Cowan, Suzie Cooper, David Jenkins, Mindy Lalor, Doug Rigney, James Lowery, Harry Mahtani, Earl Sanders, and Tom Talbot.

Due to the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, UABRA meetings shifted to Zoom. We planned to return to in-person meetings this fall, but we are on hold for resuming in-person meetings until Covid-19 has subsided enough for meeting safely again. January and May meetings are planned for Spring 2022. Additional events are being planned and will be announced by email.

See you in September, probably on Zoom!

Laura Atkinson

### **STAY INFORMED - Join UABRA**

Do you wonder why retirees have not received cost of living adjustments? Are you concerned about the security of your retirement? Do you have questions about our PEEHIP insurance?

Are you interested in the latest advances in Alzheimer's Disease research or the latest in cyber security? Do you crave more stories about UAB history or the latest developments on campus? We are planning upcoming events in each of these areas.



UABRA programs are interesting and well attended.

Standing room only in January 2020 for "Save Our RSA" at the Homewood Library.



Early arrivals chat before the March 2020 meeting at the Botanical Gardens.

Our membership year is January through December. Please join or renew by completing the enclosed form. Your membership will begin as soon as you send in your form and dues this fall and will continue through 2022.

There is power in numbers! Help us grow retiree influence in the upcoming election year and in the Spring legislative session. To strengthen your voice even more, consider membership in AERA. AERA represents the interests of retirees from K-12, two-year colleges, and our state universities.

Interested in serving on the Board of Directors? One-third of the Board positions open every year. Terms are three years. Please let a Board Member know if you are interested in being on the 2022-2025 Board. Current Board Members are retirees from across UAB.

### TO LEARN MORE ABOUT UABRA

Check out [UABretirees.org](http://UABretirees.org) for much more information. Learn how to access UAB resources of interest to retirees, check out previous UABRA activities and donations, and read UABRA's past newsletters. Our membership form is also available on the website. **Email asap if you want to Zoom our September 28 meeting!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS in 2021-2022

“RSA Responds to UABRA’S Spring PEEHIP Survey, Provides Updates, and Answers Our Questions,” Erica Thomas, Assistant Director, RSA, Public Education Employees Health Plan. Homewood Public Library, **Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021, 1:00pm.**\* NOTE: Probably Zoom only due to surging COVID-19 cases as this newsletter is going to print.\*\*

“Remembrances of UAB’s Early Years,” Robert Glaze, PhD, Retired VP of Research, shares entertaining insider stories of UAB, Birmingham, and political influence. Homewood Public Library, **Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 1:00pm.**\* See Note below\*\*

“Save Our RSA Retirement” provides critical updates on the latest efforts to undermine the security of RSA retirement. Learn what we can do to help protect RSA’s present and future stability, just in time to plan action before the Spring legislative session. David Harer, Huntsville Fireman, President of Professional Firefighters of Alabama, and Active Local Government Representative on the ERS Board of Control, Position #1; Geoff Statum, Retired Huntsville Firefighter and Lead Administrator of the Save Our RSA Facebook page; and Lisa Statum, Active Local Government Representative on the ERS Board of Control, Position #2. Homewood Public Library, **Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 1:00pm**\* See Note below\*\*

**UABRA Annual Meeting.** Speaker to be announced. Homewood Public Library, **Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 1:00pm.**\* See Note below\*\*

\* **Light snacks and beverages will be served.**  
\*\*NOTE: **Zoom is currently planned for all meetings. In-person will resume when it is deemed safe to meet again in person.**

Contact UABRA by mail at: PO Box 55682, Birmingham, AL 35255.

Email us at: [UABretireesasso@gmail.com](mailto:UABretireesasso@gmail.com)

## UAB Retirees Association Membership Form

To join or renew, please mail this form with a check\* to:

**UABRA**  
**P.O. Box 55682**  
**Birmingham, AL 35255**

**Membership is \$15 for the calendar year.**

Your spouse is a member for no extra fee.

Join anytime!

*\*If you pay directly from the bank, email [UABretireesasso@gmail.com](mailto:UABretireesasso@gmail.com) and let the treasurer know to expect your electronic payment.*

**Date you completed this form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership category:**             New Membership in UAB Retirees Association  
    2022 UABRA Renewal

**UAB Retiree Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note we **email** members to provide meeting updates and reminders.  
If you do not use email, volunteers will call you with event updates if possible.*

Date of Member UAB Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_ UAB Department: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

no spouse, or spouse deceased

spouse is UAB Retiree, date of UAB Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact me about joining the board of directors:   

Contact me about joining the hospitality committee:

Contact me about joining the nomination committee:

Program or event suggestions:

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