

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FREDERICK
COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION**
Revised May 2022

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association(FCRSPA).

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this association shall be:

1. To work for the general welfare of retired school personnel.
2. To promote good fellowship among its members.
3. To keep its members informed of the activities of the association and news in general pertaining to the profession and retirement life.
4. To initiate and support any legislation for the benefit of retired school personnel.
5. To cooperate with the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, Inc. and the NRTA: AARP's Educator Community in their efforts to be of service to retired persons.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Section I

All persons who are receiving retirement allowances from the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System and who have been actively associated with public education are eligible for active membership upon payment of annual dues. Effective January 1, 2011, new memberships shall include enrollment in FCRSPA (Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association) and MRSPA (Maryland Retired School Personnel Association).

Section II

Emeritus membership shall be awarded to those members who have reached the age of ninety and therefore shall be exempt from further payment of FCRSPA dues.

Section III

Honorary membership may be accorded to any person who has distinguished him/herself in work related to the association or to all retired personnel. Honorary members shall be entitled to participate in all activities of the association except voting and holding elective office.

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ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATION

This association shall be associated with the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, Inc. and the NRTA: AARP's Educator Community.

ARTICLE V - FINANCE

Section I

The fiscal year of the Association shall be July 1 to June 30.

Section II

Annual dues for FCRSPA shall be recommended by the Board of Directors, at the annual March meeting and shall be approved by the membership. Dues for MRSPA will be adopted at the May MRSPA Annual Meeting. Dues shall be payable annually.

Section III

A budget shall be prepared by the officers of the association (see Article VII, Section I) and presented at the March meeting for action by the membership.

ARTICLE VI - MEETING (S)

Section I

There shall be at least four (4) membership meetings per year. Additional meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Meetings may be held in a variety of ways including traditional face-to-face, conference call, or virtual. Accommodations will be made to ensure membership participation in any meeting.

Section II

A majority of members registered for a membership meeting in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS AND ELECTION

Section I

The officers of this association shall be President, President-elect, Immediate-past president, Secretary, and Treasurer

Section II

The President-elect shall automatically become President when that office becomes vacant.

Section III

The President-elect shall be installed as President for a two-year term at the May meeting (in odd-numbered years). The Secretary and Treasurer shall be installed for a two-year term at the May meeting (in odd-numbered years). A new President-elect shall be elected and installed for a one-year term at the May meeting (in even-numbered years). The outgoing President shall serve as Immediate-past president for a one-year term.

Section IV

Nominations for the office (s) shall be made by a Nominating Committee and presented at the March meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor providing previous consent has been received from the nominees.

Section V

A vacancy occurring in an office shall be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors. This vacancy shall be for the un-expired term.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I

The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and the Board of Directors and shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and shall appoint all committees. The President shall receive and disburse funds in the absence of the Treasurer.

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Section II

The President-elect shall act as assistant to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. The President-elect shall receive and disburse funds in the absence of the Treasurer and President.

Section III

The Immediate-past president shall act in an advisory capacity, and, in the absence of the President and the President-elect, shall perform the duties of said officers.

Section IV

The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all meetings of the association and the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated.

Section V

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies upon approval by the President of the association, shall keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements, and shall present a statement of account at each meeting of the association.

ARTICLE IX-COMMITTEES

Section I

The Board of Directors, consisting of the officers of the association and chairpersons of all standing committees, shall transact all business between the regular meetings of the association. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at the discretion of the President.

Section II

There shall be such standing committees as the following: (1) AARP Liaison, (2) Archives, (3) Auditing, (4) Community Service, (5) FCPS Liaison/Health Advocacy, (6) Legislative, (7) Membership, (8) Remembrance and Sunshine, (9) Nominating, (10) Publications, (11) Communications/E-mail, (12) Website/Media

Section III

Other committees shall be appointed as authorized by the association for the promotion of the objectives and interests of the association.

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ARTICLE X - RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised)" shall govern the operation of this association.

ARTICLE XI -AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of the qualified members present, providing notice of the proposed amendment was given in writing on or before the previous regular meeting.

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October 13, 1997
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