Council of Active Retired Nurses (CARn)

Membership Options for MNA Retirees

Non-Collective Bargaining Unit Membership
RNs who are not covered by an MNA collective bargaining agreement.

Dues rate is 50% of full bargaining unit dues.

As a non-collective bargaining unit member, you are eligible to run for elected MNA office and able to vote in MNA elections.

Honorary Membership
Members who are retired and not working, and who have been an MNA member for 20 years are exempt from paying annual dues.

Honorary members are eligible to run for elected MNA office and able to vote in MNA elections.

Associate Membership
Any non-collective bargaining unit RN, retired RN, or student nurse enrolled in an RN nursing program can become an Associate member. Supervisory or management RNs are ineligible.

Dues are $100 per year.

Associate members are not eligible to run for any MNA elected office or vote in any MNA election, but they can be appointed to MNA Committees.

2022 CARn Meeting Schedule

Retirees are welcome to attend CARn meetings, which are 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the MNA office in St. Paul.

January 12, 2022
February 9, 2022
March 9, 2022 - Leadership Committee
April 13, 2022
May 11, 2022
June 8, 2022
August 11, 2022
September 14, 2022 - Leadership Committee
October 12, 2022*
November 9, 2022
December 14, 2022

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice.

*The October meeting will be held at the MNA Convention (October 2-4, 2022) unless the Convention will not be held in-person. If meeting via Zoom is necessary, the October meeting will occur on October 12, 2022.

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What is the Council of Active Retired Nurses (CARn)?
CARn is the retiree Council of the Minnesota Nurses Association. Any retired MNA member can join. Its objective is to provide an avenue for retired MNA members to continue to promote and support MNA’s goals.

What does CARn do?
Some of the activities CARn is involved in:

- Advocate for upholding the standards of the nursing profession
- Participate in strike lines/informational picketing
- Support organizing initiatives
- Volunteer at CARn endorsed community events
- Work for and support MNA endorsed political candidates
- Educating the public on issues important to the health and well-being of all Minnesotans
- Provide assistance with bargaining unit activities (votes, education sessions, rallies, etc.)
- Assist the MNA Commissions in the mentorship of other nurses

The possibilities are endless!

What does it cost to become a member of CARn?
There is no cost to join CARn, but you do have to maintain your membership in MNA. See “Membership Options for Retirees of the Minnesota Nurses Association” for the options available to retirees for continuing their MNA membership.

How often does CARn meet?
Retirees are welcome to attend monthly CARn meetings at the MNA office in St. Paul (no meeting held in July). CARn also has a Duluth chapter that meets monthly in Duluth.

How do I join CARn?
To join as a Non-Bargaining Unit Member or Honorary Member, please complete the Non-Bargaining Unit Membership Application. To join as an Associate Member, please complete the Associate Membership Application. Please ensure the “Yes” box is checked under the Council of Active Retired Nurses (CARn) Membership section of the application.

Please return your completed and signed application to the MNA office. Once you become a member, you will remain a member of CARn until you notify us in writing you wish to cancel your membership or you are no longer a member in good standing of MNA.

Additional Information/Questions?
For additional CARn information, please go to the MNA website: https://mnnurses.org/resources/council-active-retired-nurses-carn/.

If you have any questions, please contact MNA at 651-414-2800 / 800-536-4662 or retirednurses@mnnurses.org.