

Highlights from KEA-Retired Activities- 2017

KEA R Districts – development of strong retired districts in providing training for all district presidents at the retired board meetings

Awarded two NEA R Grants: Save Our Pensions and Building Strong Affiliates to assist with back home lobbying and to preserve retiree pensions and other activities for increased contributions to pension systems

Engaged KEA-Retired leaders and members in recruiting active members for KEA and provided financial support for their work

Worked to elect candidates favorable to public education

Monitored all meetings of TRS board

Provided up-to-date information regarding health insurance to members (Members are covered by one of three different programs.)

Continued revision of the KEA-Retired constitution and board policies

Monitored meetings of the Governors TRS Funding Workgroup

Increased participation in KEA Day of Learning by lobbying legislators for increased funding for public education, including full funding of retirement liabilities

Expanded ROC, “Retirees on Call” a corps of retired members who can be called into action on short notice to attend meetings or take action that have dramatic impact on public education

Presented two \$1000 Fred Hester Scholarship to KEA Student Program members

Collected funds for the Jack Kinneman Scholarship, the Marnel Moorman Scholarship, and the Fred Hester Scholarship

Sent leaders and members to NEA-Retired Organizing meeting and the NEA-Retired Annual meeting

Solicited contributions for the NEA Fund for Children and Education

2017 Friend of Education Award to John Yarmouth

2017 Lifetime Achievement Award, first time presented to Representative Jody Richards