

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY
RETIREES ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

(Amended, July 5, 2017)

Article I – Name

The name of this non-profit organization is the Youngstown State University Retirees Association (YSURA).

Article II – Purpose

The purposes of this organization are:

- (1) To continue to foster a close relationship with and support of Youngstown State University for any mutual benefits to each.
- (2) To support the students of Youngstown State University by sponsoring a scholarship endowment.
- (3) To protect, safeguard, and enhance the economic and health benefits attained through the State of Ohio's public employee retirement systems and University-granted privileges.
- (4) To monitor proposed federal and state legislation affecting retirees and inform members of pertinent legislation.
- (5) To affiliate with and participate fully in the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees Association (OCHER) and similar organizations which work for the benefit of public employee retirees.
- (6) To facilitate continuing interaction among former Youngstown State University employees by sponsoring social, cultural, recreational, and community service activities.
- (7) To engage in such other activities as may serve the general welfare and add to the quality of life of the retirees of Youngstown State University.

Article III – Membership

Membership is open to all retired Youngstown State University employees. The spouse or partner of a member is welcome to attend all YSURA events. Upon the demise of a retiree, the spouse or partner can assume the retiree's membership by paying the annual dues.

Article IV – Governance of the Association

- (1) The governance of the Association shall rest entirely in the Board of Directors, accountable only to its members. The Board shall be responsible for all relevant

and major decisions, which are necessary to achieve the purposes of the Association.

- (2) The Board shall consist of twelve members designated by the Board from the active membership. Board members shall serve for terms of four years arranged in staggered terms so as to assure continuity. Board members are not limited by the number of terms they may serve. The Board shall elect its President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer annually. The Board may also appoint ex-officio members as appropriate. Terms of officers shall run from November to October of the following year.
- (3) The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint committees from the membership as needed and as appropriate.
- (4) The President shall appoint members to serve on University committees where retiree representation is requested or designated.
- (5) Any action of the Board that is challenged in writing by at least ten YSURA members shall be reviewed by the Board and, if unresolved to the satisfaction of those members, shall be submitted to the membership for a vote.
- (6) The organization's fiscal year shall run from July 1st through June 30th of the following year.

Article V - Dues

Annually, the Board shall determine the dues for the fiscal year.

Article VI - Meetings

- (1) There shall be at least one annual meeting of the membership, designated as the "Annual Meeting and Fall Luncheon". Other meetings may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the Board. Notice of all such meetings shall be sent to all members.
- (2) Robert's Rules of Order is the guide for questions of procedure not otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

Article VII - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the membership by a majority of the members present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted at a preceding meeting or in a notice mailed to all members of YSURA, or posted on the organization's website not less than one month prior to the vote.

Article VIII – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the YSURA, all funds remaining in the Association's bank accounts shall be forwarded to the Youngstown State University Foundation for addition to the YSU Retirees Scholarship Endowment.