The Nevada State Education Association-Retired (NSEA-R) has a new website that was constructed this summer!

The website showcases NSEA-R statewide. It includes links to PERS, Social Security, Medicare, NEA Member Benefits, and a senior wellness site sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There is also an area for advocacy, so members can be aware of upcoming legislative hearings and provide input.

Those logging on to the website can view publications for NSEA retirees from throughout Nevada. *The Round-up* is prominently featured, but so are newsletters from the Clark Retired Education Association (CREA), the Washoe Retired Education Association (WREA), and UCN-R.

NSEA's Alexander Marks created the website with input from four retired members representing different areas the state. CREA member Harry Beall chaired the meetings, and he was joined by Susan Kaiser from WREA, Gerri North from CREA, and new retiree Joan Hardin from UCN-R. All meetings were held using Zoom technology.

The new NSEA-Retired website was officially launched on September 1, and it will be updated periodically with more information as time goes by.

**You can find the website at www.nsea-r.org.**
What You Should Know about Voting by Mail This November

By Harry Beall, NSEA-R representative to the NSEA Board of Directors

Most Nevada voters know that this year’s general election will be on November 3, but because voters will be mailing in their ballots this year, many are unsure just how that process is going to work.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic has made it unsafe to congregate with others in enclosed areas like polling locations, Nevada is going to mail ballots to all active registered voters statewide. Voters can fill out their ballots from home, just as they did in the state’s primary election, and not worry about contracting the coronavirus by voting in person.

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump’s campaign and the Republican National Committee have sued Nevada to block the election changes, which were put in place by the state’s Democratically-controlled legislature in a special summer session.

Since individual states, not the federal government, are responsible for their own election policies, legal experts believe the lawsuit will be tossed out. Many voters view the Trump lawsuit as a voter suppression tactic because more Democrats than Republicans want to vote by mail, and if Democratic voters must risk their lives to vote in person, they may decide not vote at all.

Nevada Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske says ballots will be mailed out in late September or early October. By law, all registered voters living in the state must be sent their ballots by October 14, 20 days before the election. Since ballots are planned to be sent out well before that date, if voters have not received their ballots by around October 7 or 8, they are urged to contact their local county clerks’ offices.

Ballots can be filled out and returned immediately, but they must be postmarked by November 3 and received by local election offices by November 10.

If voters would like to vote in person, they can still do that, but they must bring their mail-in ballot with them and give it to election officials before voting. They will also need to show a current Nevada driver license or a state identity card, and they must offer proof-of-residence documents if their current address does not match the driver license address or the one on the state-issued identity card. There will be at least 100 voting locations in Clark county on election day. At least 35 sites will be also designated for in-person early voting. That will start on October 17 and run through October 30.

By law, each county must also have drop boxes where mail-in ballots can be placed. Clark County will have several. You can find their locations other election information by clicking here.

Since Nevada allows same-day voter registration, even previously non-registered voters can go to a polling location on November 3, register to vote, and cast their ballots.

Voters are urged to check their voter registration and the address officials have on file by clicking here. That way, any irregularities can be sorted out well before November 3.

Please remember that voters must sign the outside of the envelope which is sent with the ballot. Those signatures will confirm the voter’s identity. If there is no signature, the ballot will not be counted. If voting officials believe a signature does not match the one they have on file, county officials will contact the voter to help resolve the issue.

Voters are urged to return their ballots as soon as possible to avoid any potential problems.

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September, another new beginning; our Association year begins. I like new beginnings---gives me yet one more fresh start.

This September, however, is unique because we are facing the biggest job we’ve ever had, that of electing a new president in just a few short weeks. That means extra efforts are needed to make calls, get out the vote, talk about our endorsed candidate, Joe Biden, and work the polls or whatever job is calling for our services.

I truly believe we are in a fight for our democracy, for an end to senseless murdering of black lives---true social and racial justice for all, for our schools, and in a nutshell... for all we hold dear to our hearts, including our families and loved ones. What are you willing to do? What is MY responsibility?

As the old hymn goes, “Arise and be doing!” We can and we must succeed!

-Sarah