



# Legislative Committee

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## **Purpose:**

- a. To work for state and federal legislation to improve retirement living for members of the Division.
- b. To monitor meetings of the General Assembly and of the Boards of Trustees of the State Retirement System and of the State Health Plan.
- c. To monitor and speak about other quality of life legislation which affect seniors.
- d. To monitor federal legislative issues affecting seniors.

## **Composition:**

The committee will be composed of a representative selected by each region subject to the approval of the president.

## **Responsibilities of the Committee:**

- a. Plan, develop and implement the annual legislative program, which includes the Retirement System health care, quality of life issues, Social Security, Medicare and other related senior issues.
- b. Present the plan to the Executive Board for approval.
- c. Coordinate the efforts of the state and local leaders in implementing the stated goals of the legislative program.
- d. Develop a grassroots lobbying and organizing plan suitable for seniors.
- e. Act as conduits for information as well as implementers of the legislative program in their regions.
- f. Participate in the NCAE/NEA interview process for local, state and national candidates.
- g. Assist the Division's lobbyists as needed during the meetings of the General Assembly and NEA Government Relations when federal programs relating to seniors are considered.

## **Responsibilities of Chair:**

- h. Monitor state and federal legislative issues that affect seniors.
- i. Communicate regularly with Division's lobbyists.
- j. Collaborate as needed with Membership, Community Service, Communication, and Recognition Committees.
- k. Call meetings of the committee which may be in person, by conference call or virtual.
- l. Represent the committee on the NCRSP Executive Board.



- m. Encourage NCAE and NEA to be more responsive to senior issues.
- n. Submit a column on legislative issues for publication in the *Panorama* and/or website.
- o. Submit a report to the President semi-annually. The report should outline the pertinent activities of the committee during the period