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(Only if you receive a LASERS retirement check)

Call 225-930-0961

Please provide your **Name, Address, and Telephone Number** with **Area Code**.

Check or money order- \$18.00 Yearly
 Retiree/DROP Survivor/Beneficiary
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Visit our website @ RSEALA.org to pay with credit card, or other method- \$19.00

RSEA NINE AREA CHAPTERS



- Acadiana
- Alexandria
- Baton Rouge
- Coastal
- Lake Charles
- Monroe
- New Orleans
- North Shore
- Shreveport

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership includes:

- Legislative Representation on Every Issue Involving Your Benefits.
- Timely and Pertinent Legislative Information
- Annual Chapter Meetings
- Statewide Annual Conference
- Timely and Informative Newsletters
- Additional Benefits and Discount Programs through Our Partner, AMBA (Association Member Benefits Advisors)



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ABOUT RSEA

RSEA was formed in 1966 as an independent, member driven organization that represents employees/retirees of the State of Louisiana.

RSEA is your VOICE! RSEA receives no appropriation, grant or subsidy from any level of government. RSEA depends on its support through donations and your dues. RSEA represents you to keep your hard earned State Benefits.

MISSION

“To advance the quality of life for employees/retirees who have given their time and talents to the State of Louisiana.”

OBJECTIVES

To make a significant difference in the lives and well-being of state employees/retirees by:

- Lobbying to protect LA State Employees benefits, secure COLAS (Cost of Living Adjustments), and fight special interest legislation.
- Lobbying Congress to change Windfall and Government Pension Offset provisions of Social Security laws to enable State Employees/Retirees who have paid into Social Security to draw their full benefit.
- Keeping members informed of retirement and benefit issues as they develop via social networking, Facebook and email.
- Providing unique benefits to members such as additional insurance options, discounts and promotions.

COLLABORATION

RSEA works with the Louisiana State Employees Retirement System (LASERS) and the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) to provide information to the state Legislature and Louisiana Congressional leaders on retirement and health benefit issues. RSEA is able to engage in lobbying efforts that LASERS, OGB, and state employees, legally cannot due to Civil Service Rules.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1) RSEA fought all the way to the Louisiana Supreme Court and defeated establishment of the Cash Balance Retirement Plan for employees, thereby retaining the current defined benefit plan.
- 2) RSEA fought for preservation of the administration of the OGB insurance plan under state control, and helped avoid total privatization of the system.
- 3) RSEA fought to preserve the state income tax exemption for state retirees by lobbying successfully against any changes to the current exemptions.
- 4) RSEA continues to lobby successfully against inclusion of retirement issues in any future calls for a State Constitutional Convention, thereby preserving our benefits in the state constitution.
- 5) RSEA lobbied successfully, along with others, during the 2021 legislative session against an increase in the state minimum retirement age for state employees and teachers to age 67.
- 6) RSEA continues to lobby for a retiree COLA (Permanent Benefit Increase) for all eligible state retirees of LASERS.
- 7) RSEA has fought tirelessly against any and all attempts over the years to establish a defined contribution (DC) retirement system, in lieu of the current defined benefit (DB) plan.

MEMBERSHIP

- Any Louisiana State Employee wanting to maintain the future of our retirement system.
- Any retired Louisiana State Employee (including those in DROP) wanting to work together to keep our hard earned benefits.
- Any other individual who wishes to support the cause of RSEA.

JOIN NOW

- Complete and return the application form contained in this brochure. Annual dues are only \$18.00.

OR

- Go to <https://rseala.org> to pay by debit card, credit card or bank draft (ACH) for \$19.00.

OR

- Retirees can sign up for the Direct Withdrawal pay plan from your LASERS retirement check. The monthly deduction is \$1.50 per month.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **RSEA Foundation** has established an educational scholarship for RSEA members, their children and grandchildren. Go to our website: <https://rseala.org> for full details.

If you would like to donate to the RSEA Scholarship fund, send your check to RSEA Foundation, 9412 Common St. Suite 7, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 and make payable to RSEA Foundation Scholarship Fund.

**** Please note that your donation is tax deductible****

