

COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

The Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA)

Rationale

This policy has been developed by the Communications Committee and approved by the OSURA Board as a guide for inclusion of information in the OSURA newsletter, on the web site, and e-mail for the purpose of:

- Assuring that the information included conforms with the mission/policies of the organization (OSURA)
- Promoting the programs/activities of The Ohio State University which supports OSURA through the Department of Human Resources
- Assuring that members of OSURA and others have a consistent guide for the inclusion of information.

Material not covered by this policy statement will be considered by the Communications Committee and, if necessary, submitted to the OSURA Board for final decision.

Policy

Material published in the newsletter and on the web site and sent to members via e-mail will be:

- OSURA-related
 - Events arranged by OSURA
 - Member news
 - Committee and Board activities
- OSU-related
 - University News
 - Retiree benefits
 - Support requested by the University
- Retirement System-related
 - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and State Teachers Retirement System (STRS-Ohio), as well as Alternative Retirement Plans (ARP)
 - Social Security
 - Medicare
 - State and Federal legislation

Since the monthly newsletter provides limited space and the web site offers flexibility with respect to space and updating potential:

- Only events arranged by OSURA will be published in the newsletter.
- Selected OSU-related events having potential wide-spread interest to OSURA members may be listed on the web site; reference will be made to the University calendar.
- Generally, community events will not be publicized by OSURA.
- Links on the web site will be limited to retiree-related agencies and organizations, e.g.,
 - STRS-Ohio and OPERS
 - Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA)
 - Public Employee Retirees Inc. (PERI)
 - OSU
 - Department of Aging
 - Big Ten Retirees Associations
 - Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER)

E-mail to members should be used sparingly.