The University of Arizona Retirees Association (UARA) monitors the activities of the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) on a regular basis, as a service to its members, as well as a service to the active faculty and staff. Here are some examples of the services provided to the UA community by the UARA:

* Legislative actions to preserve the pension and health benefits of retirees.
* Advocacy for retirees benefits on the UA campus.
* Scholarships for UA students.
* Social activities (Forums, Luncheons, Tours) for retirees and the UA community.

**ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FACTS** (As of June 30, 2014)

* Fiscal year 2013-14 rate of return on investments: 18.6%
* Total Fund value as of June 30, 2014: $35.6 billion
* Total Plan funded status (actuarial value): 76.9%
* Contribution rate for FY 2015-2016 active employees (effective July 1, 2015): 11.47% (actually down for first time)

**ASRS (State-Wide) Membership facts (as of June 30, 2014)**

* Active members (currently employed): 207,556    Retired members: 127,881
* Average age: 45.7                                 Average age: 70.1
* Average salary: $43,841                            Average monthly benefit: $1,639

The newly elected UARA President 2015-2016 will be Ruth Eskesen, Assistant Dean of the College of Nursing- retired